



**Minutes
Town of Blue River
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

****The Trustees Meeting will be open to the public via the GoToMeeting link only. All citizens wishing to attend are asked to log into the virtual meeting.**** Please also refer to our website for information on participating in the virtual meeting <https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/town-info/meetings/guidelines-for-public-participation-in-virtual-public-hearings>

I. WORK SESSION, 2021 BUDGET, 5:00 p.m.

Conferencing Access Information: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322162453>

Join via phone at +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 322-162-453

- Mayor Babich called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.
- Discussion of data pulled and background. Noted that report includes growth comparisons over the last several years.
- Discussion of revenue versus expense and the budget is reflected to be very lean.
- Discussion of salary ranges and reason for jump increase. Discussion that perhaps to be moved incrementally versus all at once. Discussion that ranges makes sense but overall concern of the increase with unknown certainty of future. Suggestion to increase over 3 years to reach proposed ranges and perhaps to take merit into consideration as well.

II. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 6:00 p.m.

Conferencing Access Information: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/650980989>

Join via phone at 1-571-317-3116 Access Code: 650-980-989

Mayor Babich called the regular meeting of the Town of Blue River Board of Trustees to order at 6:06 p.m.

III. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Toby Babich, Mayor
Dan Cleary
Joel Dixon
Kelly Finley
Mark Fossett
Ted Pilling
Ken Robertson

Town Manager, Michelle Eddy. Town Attorney, Bob Widner also present via GoToMeeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- **MINUTES, August 18, 2020**
- **Approval of Bills-\$21,100.25**

- Trustee Cleary moved and Trustee Fossett seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

- Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)-none received.
- Citizen Communications (letters & emails)-none received.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Coley Campbell, Timberline Trash Request
 - Coley Campbell with Timberline Trash had asked to the Trustees regarding winter trash removal. Coley was not present on the call.
 - Town Manager Eddy explained conversation with Mr. Campbell. It was noted the Town doesn't have land, there is a concern with snow removal and concern of excess trash.
 - Noted to have him submit a request for the next meeting.
- Public Hearing/Second Reading, Ordinance 2020-16 Repeal 16-5-40(b)
 - Mayor Babich opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.
 - No comments were received.
 - Mayor Babich closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.
 - Trustee Cleary asked about leaving the reference in zoning. Town Attorney Widner explained the need to remove it from Chapter 16 and to wrap it all together with short term rentals. He noted that there will be a new occupancy rule developed for Chapter 16.
 - Trustee Fossett moved and Trustee Cleary seconded to approve Ordinance 2020-16 Repeal 16-5-40(b). Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Hearing/Second Reading Ordinance 2020-15 Short Term Rental Regulations
 - Mayor Babich opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.
 - Manager Eddy noted previous communications received.
 - Chris Daly, Lakeshore Loop-noted no large concerns with ordinance as presented. Asked what the process would be to suggest additions to postings and additions to regulations.
 - Town Attorney Widner reviewed the regulations and the flexibility by the Town Manager to expand posting requirements.
 - Mr. Daly noted that perhaps to remove specifics of postings and leave up to the administration to determine. Attorney Widner noted the reasoning for having specific requirements for all and then adding as necessary by property.
 - Mr. Daly asked about the definition of bedrooms. His concern is with bedrooms that have been created versus legally built. Attorney Widner noted that there are several definitions for bedrooms. He noted that the definition in the ordinance is tailored to short-term rentals and ties back to the International Building Code.
 - Martie Semmer, Blue Grouse noted that everything cannot be addressed by the ordinance and suggested adding an educational component. She also noted to have

recommendations of items to be included in the posting be emailed to the Town Manager. Recommended including notes on outdoor lighting, respecting property boundaries and use of trails. Town Attorney Widner noted some items are good for the community and not just short-term renters and should be addressed as such.

- Ms. Semmer noted many short-term rentals have noxious weeds that should be addressed as well by suspending license for not addressing the weeds on their property.
- Mayor Babich closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.
- Trustee Cleary asked about lawfully created rooms and spaces. Noted that it would appear on building permits but could also be inspected. The self-certification forms verify that they meet these requirements and “x” bedrooms. If there is a question, the Town has the ability to conduct a safety inspection. Town Manager Eddy noted that much of the cross referencing will happen this first year and then as new applications are received.
- Discussion of local contact requirement.
- Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Robertson seconded to approve Ordinance 2020-15 Short Term Rental Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

- Mayor
 - Mayor Babich reported on the Recovery/Resiliency Committee continues to meet. Noted that the State shuffled process for variances and reset the stages of infections in areas to current levels. Currently at Level 2 Safer At Home. Will be submitting a variance to allow to go to Level 1 if we continue at current levels. Provides for more local control.
- Trustees
 - Trails Committee-Trustee Fossett
 - Trustee Fossett reported the committee is working on plan to present in October.
 - Transit Authority-Trustee Pilling
 - Trustee Pilling reported the bus stop safety discussion has been added to the September agenda.
 - Trustee Pilling reported the it is being recommended to the County Commissioners to allow the Town of Blue River to have a permanent seat on the Authority and the Upper Blue Representative will be appointed separately to represent Boreas Pass and unincorporated Summit County. He asked if the Trustees would be interested in making a recommendation for the Upper Blue Representative seat.
 - Wildfire Council-Trustee Dixon
 - Trustee Dixon reported chipping is going on. He reported the Strong Futures Funding is being discussed and asked if the Trustees have any requests.
 - Discussion of cisterns and fire breaks.

- Trustee Pilling noted that Timber Creek Estates is wishing to have a fire break and help subsidize the effort.
 - Mayor Babich noted support for efforts on a fire break.
 - Planning & Zoning-Trustee Robertson
 - Trustee Robertson reported Mike Costello resigned.
 - Citizen Advisory Committee-Trustee Finley
 - Trustee Finley deferred to Town Manager Eddy.
 - Manager Eddy noted finalizing plan and a possible Blue River Weed Day.
- Attorney's Report
 - No report
- Other Trustees
 - Trustee Cleary clarified revenue reports and commented on Police reports.
 - Discussion of emergency plans being developed cooperatively with the County. An internal plan will be developed by Town staff.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Fossett moved and Trustee Finley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

IX. Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, Town Clerk