

**TOWN OF SIMLA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 14,2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Mayor Fulmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll

Town Clerk Taunton called roll. Members of the Board present: Trustee's: Jason Kohring, Shawn Nehl, Janette Nipple and Jeb Billmire. Trustees Maarten vanZoeren. Trustee: Sasa Ivanovic, Mayor Fulmer declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Staff

Staff Present: Town Clerk Taunton, Public Works Director Myke McCune, Police Chief Andrew Kissam, Building Inspector Ricky Stegmeier & Kunal Parikh (via zoom).

Additions to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Jeb Billmire moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024, regular meeting, Trustee Nipple seconded, motion passed.

Public Hearing: Canyon Schroder – splitting of lot located at 420 Navajo Ave.

Entered public hearing at 7:02 pm, there were no public comments

Trustee Billmire moved to approve splitting of lot located at 420 Navajo Ave, Trustee Nehl second, motion passed unanimously.

Audience to Visitors

Brenda Atwell

Mrs. Atwell spoke to the Board of Trustees regarding the lack of police presence on the east end of Highway 24. Mrs. Atwell's read statement is made an official part of the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes. (Attached)

Mike Hager w/Element Engineering

Mr. Hager spoke to the Board regarding increased regulations coming from the State of Colorado regarding wastewater. Mr. Hager the Towns ORC, Public Works Director Myke McCune, will be required to obtain a higher certification with upcoming requirements regarding sewer testing. The timeline from a projects conception to funding was discussed. Mr. Hager stated he believes the State will element the option of a sewer lagoon for treatment. Other options were discussed. Element Engineering would help the Town obtain grants. Mr. Hager stated he felt the Town would have to replace the current sewer lagoon within 5 years, based on State regulation.

Motion to hire Element Engineering as the Town's official sewer engineering firm was made by Trustee Ivanovic, seconded by Trustee Kohring, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report

No Report

Trustee Ivanovic asked if a vehicle owned by the Town needs to go to bid to be sold. The attorney stated he would investigate it and let the Board know.

Clerks Report

2023 audit has been completed by Logan and Associates. Board requested Auditor present to the Board the 2023 audit at the February 11, 2025, meeting.

Building Inspector in packet

Chief Kissam requested that the Building Department and Code Enforcement be combined into one. Chief Kissam stated issues on Dakota are being worked on. Building Inspector Stegmeier is paid for 8 hours per week and volunteers 8 hours of code enforcement.

Police Department in packet

Chief Kissam introduced the new full-time officer. The Simla Police Department is working with the Elbert County Sheriff's Office to purchase a Dodge Ram, from them for \$10,000. Chief Kissam will be providing the Board with a CAD call for service report, which reflects a more accurate representation of calls for service than the report that was being provided by the previous Chief.

Trustee Ivanovic asked the status of the property located to the north of the Fire Station. The board instructed Town Clerk Taunton to contact previous Town Attorney Stan Kimble on the status of case.

Public Works – in packet

PW Director McCune reported that the geothermal furnace at the Hope Community Center is not working. Working to find a contractor that can see if it can be fixed. There was discussion regarding how many spots the RV park is being charged for sewer usage. Trustee Nehl stated that the Brown family would like to move the memorial stone that was donated to the Good Samaritan Home to the cemetery. Need to get permission from the property owner Brad Harr. School will be replacing the chain link fence at the football field, Town will discuss at a later date how much the Town would contribute to cost sharing if any.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fulmer notified the Board that the last space at the Hope Community Center has been rented out. The restaurant is having issues with new kitchen equipment being on backorder and is hoping to open in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution – 383-2025 – Appointment of Town Clerk Megan Taunton** – Trustee Billmire moved to appoint Megan Taunton as Town Clerk, Trustee Nipple second, discussion, motioned passed unanimously
- b. **Resolution – 384-2025 – Acknowledgement Official Posting Place for Notices for 2025** – Trustee Nipple moved to approved resolution 384, Trustee Billmire second, discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Resolution – 385-2025 – Rod Webb Lease** – Trustee Billmire moved to approve resolution 385, Trustee Ivanovic second, discussion, motion passed unanimously
- d. **Resolution – 386-2025 – Establish Rates and Fees for Building Permits for 2025** – Trustee Nipple moved to approved resolution 386, Trustee Billmire second, discussion, motion passed unanimously
- e. **Resolution – 387-2025 – Increase in water and wastewater rates for 2025** – Trustee Nipple brought discussion to the floor to increase sewer rates, in anticipation of future sewer project. Trustee Nipple moved to approve resolution 387 to include the sewer rate at \$ 47.80, Trustee Kohring second, discussion, approval passed with Trustee vanZoeren voting against.
- f. **Resolution – 388-2025 – Acknowledgment of Trash Rates Contracted with HBS for 2025**- Trustee Billmire moved to approved resolution 388, Trustee Nipple seconded, discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- g. **Resolution – 389-2025 – Establish cost of Transient Sales Permit for 2025** – Trustee Billmire moved to approve resolution 389, Trustee Nehl seconded, discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Lease Agreement – 320 Pueblo – Rindy Orcutt d/b/a Rindy’s Tax and Accounting**
- i. **Resolution – 390-2025 – Lease Agreement – 320 Pueblo – Rindy Orcutt** – Trustee Ivanovic moved to approve resolution 390, Trustee Nipple seconded, discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Billmire moved to accept the Treasure's report; Trustee Nipple seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Claims and Vouchers

Trustee Billmire moved to pay claims and vouchers; Trustee Kohring seconded motion passed unanimously.

Other

The Board requested Clerk Taunton to request from TextMyGov about enrollment numbers and how enrollees are being captured.

Set agenda for February 11, 2025

Adjourned at 8:35 pm

Submitted:

Megan Taunton
Megan Taunton, Town Clerk

Approved by the Simla Town Board of Trustee's

Ryan Fulmer
Ryan Fulmer, Mayor

