

**TOWN OF SIMLA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 7, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Mayor Fulmer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll

Town Clerk Taunton called roll. Members of the Board present: Trustee's: Jason Kohring, Shawn Nehl, Maarten vanZooeren, Sasa Ivanovic and Janette Nipple, Absent: Trustee Jeb Billmire, 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 Stegmaier & Town Attorney Kunal Parikh (via zoom).

Additions to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Nipple moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025, regular meeting, Trustee Nehl seconded, motion passed.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Public Hearing: Non-scheduled

Audience to Visitors

Patrick Taylor, representative for the Simla Locker Plant, came before the Board to request a set-back variance for the new locker plant being built east of the current plant. Town Attorney Parikh stated that a variance request must be made per the Town's setback ordinance. Town Clerk Taunton will email Land Use Variance packet to the Simla Locker Plant.

Attorney Report

Mr. Parikh informed the Board that he is reviewing the Police Departments Policy and Procedures Manual submitted by Chief Kissam.

Clerks Report

- Included in Board packets was the annual property survey conducted by the Town's insurance carrier CIRSA
- Hope Community Center fee and/or deposit for use of Community Room – Board stated there will be no fee or deposit required for use of the Community Room. Just need to get name and number for use. Clerk Taunton stated the Town needs to add more handicap parking for the Hope Community Center. Clerk Taunton brought up installing speed limit signs as there will be more foot traffic crossing Pueblo going over to the HCC. The Board set the speed limit at 15 mph for Pueblo between Hwy 24 and Deer St and then 25 mph south of Deer St.
- Gebhart Property – Stan Kimble has been in contact with Town Hall regarding the Sheriff Sale for the Gebhart Property. Mr. Kimble will be contacting the Elbert County Sheriff's Department to

get a date set for the sale.

- Town employees' children in Town vehicles – Clerk Taunton asked the Board where they stood on allowing Town employees to have their children in Town vehicles. The Town Attorney requested that Clerk Taunton send him the Town's Volunteer Agreement, that has been used by employees when children have been in Town vehicles. Attorney Parikh will review the current Volunteer Agreement to make sure it applies to children in Town vehicles and will research other liabilities to the Town.
- A digital map of the Cemetery has been created cross referencing the current hard copy of map, burial records sent to the State, and the Town's Cemetery book. Cemetery will need to be walked to verify.
- Chief Kissam would like a portion of the police surcharge to go to courts. The Board would like to address this for the 2026 budget.

Building Inspector – in packet –

- 106 Buffalo – This property has livestock that has been approved by previous Boards. The Board requested the property owner come before the Board to get current approval.
- 1101 Liptrap – Board voted to approve to allow 1 horse and 1 donkey. Trustee Ivanovic moved to allow 1 horse and 1 donkey at 1101 Liptrap, Trustee Nipple seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Police Department – in packet

Trustee Nehl thanked the Police Department for increased patrols. The revised Off Highway Vehicle ordinance will be reviewed and voted on at the next Board meeting, revised ordinance was not provided in advance for the Board to review.

Public Works – in packet

Director McCune went over items included in the report he submitted to the Board.

Vendor quotes for new water meters will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Nipple asked Director McCune about the bi-annual inspection of the water towers.

Municipal Court – in packet

Mayor's Report -

Mayor Fulmer stated that the grand opening of the Hope Community Center went very well. The Board discussed moving the Simla Day's meal that is sponsored by the Town to Sunday night with possibly a dance. The Board discussed putting out on Simla's Facebook page that the Town was looking for a band for the opening night of Simla. Possible hold Cornhole tournament Sunday and Monday. Clerk Taunton informed that Board that the Town does not meet the State's definition of nonprofit to be able to obtain a gaming license to conduct a raffle at Simla Days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 394-2025 – Appointment of Police Chief

Trustee Ivanovic moved to appoint Andrew Kissam as the Simla Police Chief; Trustee Kohring seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Mayor Fulmer administered Oath of Office for Chief Kissam.

Treasurer's Report

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Claims and Vouchers

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Other

Agenda set for next meeting May 13, 2025


Adjourned at 8:13 pm

Submitted:



Megan Taunton, Town Clerk

Approved by the Simla Town Board of Trustee's



Ryan Fulmer, Mayor

