

**TOWN OF SIMLA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**

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

**Roll**

Town Clerk Jackie L. Zion called roll. Members of the Board present: Mayor vanZoeren Trustees Dominick Black, Cody Deanne, Andrew Easler, Ryan Fulmer Trustee Chad Thieman present, Trustee Scott Smith arrived after roll at 7:07pm, mayor declared a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Staff**

Staff Present Public Works Director Leo Baril maintenance employee Kenneth Gray, Town Clerk Zion, Interim Chief Dan Huston arrived at 7:07pm. Attorney Stan Kimble Absent.

**Addition to Agenda**

Leo Baril asked for an executive Session and Interim Chief Huston asked for an executive session also. Executive Sessions add to 8f

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Easler moved to approve minutes from the February 14, 2017 and February 22, 2017 Trustee Thieman seconded, Trustee Fulmer abstained, roll call vote, motion passed.

**Audience to Visitors**

Ken Rogers spoke about the condition of property and junk cars at an address in Simla, Mr. Rogers is to meet with interim Chief Huston.

Sally Cromwell spoke to the Board about and Emergency Preparedness Grant she is working with the American Red Cross. She has also had contact with the Elbert County O E M coordinator, Clerk is to set up a workshop with Sally, OEM coordinator and board of Trustees. Sally will contact Fire Department to set up an area to put First Aide Kits together.

**Reports**

**Attorney Stan Kimble**

Attorney Stan Kimble was absent but he had sent word that the contract with GMS was good to go.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor vanZoeren reported that he would attend the Master Plan meeting.

**Public Works Director/Leo Baril ( in packet)**

In addition to information in packet Leo informed the board that an aerator had burned up and that it would take \$2400.00 to repair it. He informed the board that there would be a highway project to repave Hwy 24 through Simla, and that Simmon wants to purchase water from the town of Simla Leo informed the Board that the town could sell up to \$7500.00 worth of water, Leo will do more research and get back with the board. Leo informed the Board that John Riley with Wind Energy Group had been in touch with the town to rent a spot on one of the towns water tanks to put a repeater on it

for Rush Creek Wind Farm, they are willing to pay \$150.00 per month and they will pay electricity. Trustee Fulmer moved to allow the wind energy repeater on a water tower for 150.00 a month from date of installation for two (2) years, Trustee Smith seconded motion passed unanimously.

**Contract with GMS** for water study Trustee Smith moved to accept the contract with GMS and Trustee Easler seconded, motion passed unanimously. At the meeting Mayor van Zoeren asked Dave Frisch with GMS, Inc to look into aerators and Dave gave his report to the board.

**Interim Police Chief Huston (in packet)**

Interim Chief Huston read his report into record. Interim Chief Huston asked the board to approve for him to go to a class on the DUI grant. Trustee Thieman move and Trustee Black seconded to approve Interim Chief Huston to attend class. Interim Chief Huston informed the Board that he needs a certified firearms instructor, Board instructed him to contact and may contract with Calhan Police Department.

**Building Inspector Report no permits issued for February 2017.**

**Clerks Report (in packet)**

Clerk informed the Board that a Board member needs to be appoint to head Simla Day, and the Christmas Festival Trustee Thieman moved that Trustee Easler be head of Simla Day, and Trustee Smith head of Christmas Festival, Trustee Fulmer seconded motion passed unanimously.

Clerk asked the Board to proceed forward with the Oral Boards for Police Chief, Trustee Easler moved and Trustee Smith seconded to have Trustee's Deanne and Trustee Thieman represent the board on the Oral Board, motion passed unanimously. Clerk will select board, and date for Oral Boards.

**Treasurer's Report (in Packet)**

Trustee Easler moved to accept the Treasurers report Trustee Smith seconded, roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Lori Denson – 4-H Goat** – did not appear has made other arrangements.

**b Resolution 257-2017 annexation of Big Sandy School District**

Trustee Thieman moved and Trustee Fulmer and Smith Seconded to accept Resolution 257-2017.

Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Easler seconded to have the Public Hearing for the annexation of Big Sandy School District Property set for May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm, motion passed unanimously.

**c. GMS contract for Water Study**

Trustee Smith moved to accept the GMS Contract Trustee Easler seconded motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Fleet gas credit cards from Farmers State Bank**

Clerk asked board to approve getting fleet gas cards from Farmers State Bank in Calhan, Trustee Thieman moved and Trustee Fulmer seconded to have the Clerk get Fleet Gas Cards from Farmers State Bank in Calhan, roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

### **b. John Riley Project Manager Wind Energy Group**

Covered during Public Works Director's Time.

### **c. Mountain View Solar Field**

Trustee Smith had discussion of the Mountain View Solar Filed, Clerk Zion and Trustee Easler will contact Mountain View Electric and see if they have a power point presentation to the board.

### **d. Economic Development**

Trustee Smith had discussion on creating a Economic Development Committee. Mayor vanZoeren would like to know who's interested to be on the Economic Development Committee and what Trustee's would be interested in serving on the committee. Trustee Thieman and Trustee Smith will work on Economic Development Committee.

### **e. Certificate of Participation in the IGA for Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning ( Eastern Transportation Planning Region)**

Trustee Easler moved and Trustee Smith seconded to enter into IGA for Regional Planning Commission, Trustee Smith Seconded roll call vote motion passed unanimously.

### **f. Executive Sessions called by Interim Chief Huston and Public Works Director Leo Baril**

Clerk asked Board if they could do payment of Claims and Vouchers before going into Executive Sessions and to discuss Simla Day. Board was in agreement.

## **9. Other:**

### **Simla Day Discussion**

The Board discussed keeping the Dinner going, there was discussion about having a Volleyball tournament. Discussion on having a church service on Sunday in the park followed by a pot luck lunch. Board was in favor.

## **10. Payment of Claims and Vouchers:**

Trustee Thieman moved and Trustee Smith seconded to pay all Claims and Vouchers, roll call vote, one nay, motion passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **f. Executive Sessions requested by Interim Chief Huston**

**f(a) Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the mater in open session: any member of this body or any elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees;**

Mayor Pro Tem Easler moved and Trustee Thieman seconded to go into Executive Session to Discuss personnel matter per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f).

The time is now 9:23 pm the following persons are included in the executive session, Maarten vanZoeren, Andrew Easler, Chad Thieman, Dominick Black, Cody Deanne, Scott Smith, Jackie L. Zion, Interim Chief Dan Huston.

The time is now 9:58 pm and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were Maarten vanZoeren, Andrew Easler, Chad Thieman, Dominick black, Cody Deanne, Scott Smith, Jackie L. Zion and Interim Chief Huston.

If any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session violation of the Open Meetings Law, I ask that you state your concerns now.

Hearing none, a motion was made to come out of executive session. The time is 9:58 pm.

Trustee Fulmer moved to allow Interim Chief Huston to use 47.5 hours for pay period 03/04/17 – 3/17/17 in exchange for 32.5 hours of holiday time from 2016 Trustee Black seconded motion passed unanimously. Trustee Thieman inform Interim Chief Huston to Communicate. Correction needs to be made and clarified in the handbook.

### **g. Executive Sessions requested by Public Works Director Leo Baril.**

**g(a) Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the mater in open session: any member of this body or any elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees;**

Trustee Thieman moved and Trustee Fulmer seconded to go into Executive Session to Discuss personnel matter per C.R..S. 24-6-402 (4)(f)

The time is 10:06 pm the following persons are included in the executive session, Maarten vanZoeren, Andrew Easler, Chad Thieman, Dominick Black, Cody Deanne, Scott Smith, Jackie L. Zion, Public Works Director Leo Baril, and Maintenance employee Kenneth Gray.

If any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session violation of the Open Meetings Law, I ask that you state your concerns now.

Hearing none, a motion was made to come out of executive session. The time is 10:46 pm.

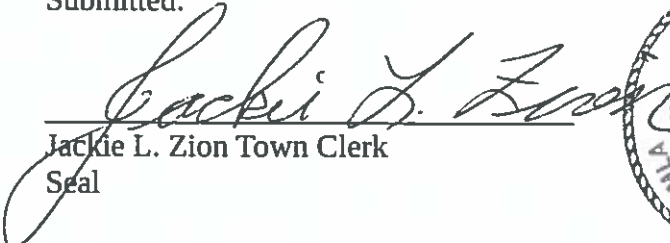
Back to record 10:47 pm Trustee Smith moved to allow \$5.00 per hour to come out of the water and sewer salary to be distributed between Leo Baril Public Works Director and Maintenance Kenneth Gray, when Kenneth Gray completes certifications he will get a \$1.00 per hour increase in hourly wage per Leo's discretion, Trustee Black seconded motion passed unanimously.

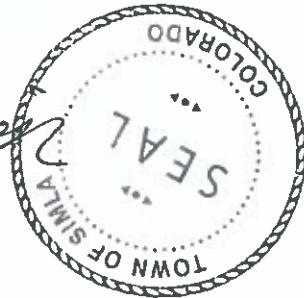
Trustee Smith moved to allow \$4.00 per hour for administration and utility clerk salaries to be paid out of water and sewer, Trustee Black seconded motion passed unanimously,

**Adjourn**

Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Fulmer seconded to adjourn meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm

Submitted:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie L. Zion Town Clerk  
Seal



**Approved by the Simla Board of Trustee's**

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Maarten vanZoeren, Mayor  
Date Approved: April 11, 2017