

**TOWN OF SIMLA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
December 12 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

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

**Roll**

Town Clerk Zion called roll. Members of the Board present: Trustee's: Shawn Nehl, Chad Thieman, Janette Nipple, Sasa Ivanovic and Jeb Billmire. Trustee Paul Warnecke absent. Mayor Fulmer declared a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Staff**

Staff Present: Town Clerk Zion, Chief Schiefelbein, Andrew Kissam, Public Works Director Myke McCune.

**Additions to Agenda**

speed enforcement east side of town under new business f.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Nipple moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 regular meeting, Trustee Billmire seconded motion passed.

**Audience to Visitors**

**Jessica Fulmer -Mountain View Electric**

Jessica came before the board regarding services up at the Simla Cemetery. The town pays 34.50 a month for electricity to the directory at the cemetery, only about .30 is actually used. If Mountain View would upgrade the electricity to the directory it would require trenching. It is suggested that the town use another form of information at the directory, beings only one (1) cylinder out of four (4) work. If the Town chooses to keep electricity to the directory it will cost around 38.00 a month. Also the services to the wells and wastewater plant needs to be upgraded to a three (3) phase, this will require engineering plans. The lift station pump is not working, Myke is to contact an electrician to upgrade. Board will discuss the cemetery at the January 9, 2024 meeting.

**Donald Rivera – 202 Washington**

Donald Rivera came before the board to discuss the handling and cost to him for the demolition of a shed on his property at 202 Washington. Attorney Kimble explained the procedure and that everything had been handled legal. Donald Rivera informed the board he was not notified properly. Chief Schiefelbein informed Mr. Rivera he had refused certified mail, and that information had been left at his property at Yoder, Colorado. The Board and Town Attorney Kimble informed Donald Rivera that he needed to go before the Municipal Judge and discuss the amount he owes to the town for demolition.

**Report:**

**Attorney Kimble**

Informed the board he had looked over the contract from Hoffman, Parker, Wilson & Carberry, P.C. and that it looked good. The law firm is willing to do meetings by Zoom in order to save costs, and willing to work with the town of Calhan regarding court. Attorney Kimble addressed the Hamacher Minor Plat, a public hearing needs to be conducted at the January 9, 2024 meeting and notice of the Public hearing needs to be published two (2) weeks in the legal paper prior to the Public Hearing. Trustee Nipple moved to approve Hamacher Minor Plat, Trustee Nehl seconded, five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays motion passed.

**Clerks Report**

Clerk Zion informed the board the town hall office would be closed Wednesday December 13, 2023 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be attending a workshop regarding the upcoming April 2024 election.

Clerk Zion informed the board that dog tags for 2024 have been ordered so forget visting the issuing of dog tags. Elbert County has notified Clerk that they could and would do drug testing for the town. Board decided to go with Elbert County to do drug testing for the town.

**Building Inspector – in packet**

**Police Department – in packet – Chief Schiefelbein**

Chief Schiefelbin has requested purchasing a new vehicle for the Simla Police Department with the money received from CIRSA for hail damage to the vehicles. The amount from CIRSA is \$36,735.63 Chief Schiefelbein informed the board that Calhan Police Department would be interested in purchasing the 2015 Charger. Chief Schiefelbein would like to purchase a new Blazer around \$50,000.00. Board tabled this till January 9, 2024 meeting.

**Public Works Director ( in packet)– Myke McCune**

Myke would like to sell the aerators that was removed from the sewer, Clerk Zion informed the board and Myke they would need to be declared salvage. Myke will get information to the clerk. Trustee Billmire moved to declare aerators salvage, Trustee Nipple seconded, motion passed. Myke informed the board of the increase in rereads regarding the water meters, new meters were bought 5 years ago. He would like to in future purchase new meters. He brought before the board regarding the SCADA system, that Cyber attack protection could be purchased for \$2400.00 a year. Myke and the Board will look into this beings the SCADA system still is not working correctly.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fulmer requested a motion to approve the appointment of Hoffman, Parker, Wilson and Carberry, P.C. as the legal law firm to represent the town until appointments in April 2024. Trustee Nipple moved, Trustee Billmire seconded motion passed.. Mayor Fulmer and Myke McCune are still working with FEMA.

**Treasure's Report**

Trustee Billmire moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Trustee Nehl seconded motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Dog Tags**  
covered in clerks report
- b. **Sales Tax**  
Tabled to January 9, 2024 meeting.
- c. **Public Bathrooms**  
Myke is to get solid numbers for new bathrooms.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Resolution 348-2023 – Resolution adopting 2024 Budget**  
Trustee Nipple moved to adopt 2024 budget Trustee Thieman seconded motion passed.( No visitors present.)
- b. **Certification of Tax Levy**  
Trustee Billmire moved to pass the Certification of Tax Levy, Trustee Ivanovic seconded motion passed.
- c. **Resolution 349-2023 – resolution levying general property taxes 2023**  
Trustee Billmire moved to adopt Resolution 349-2023 Trustee Nipple seconded motion passed.
- d. **Ordinance 336 – Ordinance Appropriating sums**  
Trustee Thieman moved to adopt Ordinance 336, Trustee Billmire seconded motion passed.
- e. **Omitting THC from our personnel policy**  
Failed no action taken.
- f. **speed enforcement east side of town**  
covered under Police Department.

**Claims and Vouchers**

Trustee Billmire moved to pay claims and vouchers, Trustee Nipple seconded motion passed unanimously.

**Other**

set agenda for January 9, 2024

Sakes Tax

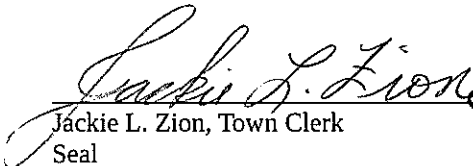
Public Bathroom

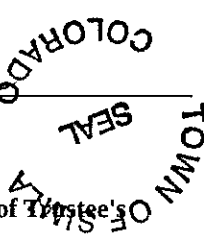
Police vehicles

Electricity at Cemetery

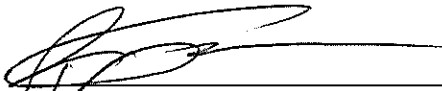
Adjourned at 9:00 pm

**Submitted:**

  
 Jackie L. Zion, Town Clerk  
 Seal



Approved by the Simla Town Board of Trustees

  
 Ryan Fulmer, Mayor  
 Date Approved January 9, 2024