

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A special meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on July 10, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, Kenneth Barber, Shane Tuller, and Andrew Hickman were in attendance, and employee Carey Brown. 9 property owners attended.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Barber.

Minutes

- Shane noted that Pam had found an error in the minutes that showed the meeting as a special meeting; this was due to Shane using the same template for the minutes and had forgotten to reset it. This would be corrected.
- Pam made a motion to approve the previous months minutes as amended, Andrew seconded; all in favor.

Public Works

- Carey had been hauling gravel, and noted that some roads in Unit 6 needed attention, and that this was due to the large increase in traffic and residents.
- A property owner, Robert Evans, had some some complaints about speeders in Aspen Springs. Andrew noted that anyone observing people violating traffic rules and driving recklessly should report each instance to the Sheriff.
- Pam talked about the road blockages, and said that the county was the authority that should be removing the blockages. She mentioned that property owners could file individual lawsuits if they so chose. She gave a recap of the road issues.
- There was disussion about the semi that Shane White was selling, and Carey wanted to purchase for the district.
- Pam made a motion to purchase the semi tractor from Mark Shane White, on a four payment purchase plan, at \$5,000 per payment, for a total of \$20,000; Jame seconded; all in favor.
- Pam noted that the suit filed in the state water court had resulted in absolute water rights for the Buttercup well for Aspen Springs Metro.
- Carey said that the water station machine had been down, and that this was

due to the replacement bill taker that he had ordered having the wrong circuit board. A new board was already ordered, and the incorrect unit would be sent in to be properly repaired. Carey had reinstalled an old unit in the meantime.

- Pam said that Karen was no longer able to do the water station testing, and that Randy Dodson would be taking over the testing.
- Andrew spoke about the water station, and that he had been looking into grants and various filtration systems that might be approved by the state. There was some discussion on this; Andrew would continue researching the issue.
- Shane asked about the water storage tanks that the fire district had placed throughout Aspen Springs that was discussed at the last meeting. There was no update at this point.
- Andrew asked about the slip hazard issue at the water station. Carey was going to try some gripping paint for the concrete and see how it worked.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$297,503 in cash assets, and \$1,637,333 in total assets and property as of the end of June. Total income for June was \$37,319, with year to date income of \$249,403, which is 64% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$199,854, which is 73% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$11,618, which is 51% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for June were \$60,249, and YTD of \$256,023, which is 60% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for June was for to Crossfire LLC, and to GMCO Corp, in the amounts of \$28,584, and \$10,010 respectively.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Ken; all in favor.

Old Business

- Ken mentioned the public service workers and asked if Carey had recieved any applicants. There were a couple people whom Carey should be hearing from shortly.
- Ken asked if any board members had anything to say about the BOCC meeting that they had all attended. Shane and Ken both said that their main take-away from the meeting was that none of the questions the Metro Board brought to the BOCC were answered. Ken said that it would be prudent for 2 of the board members to attend every BOCC meeting to keep the issue at the front of the Comissioners' minds; this duty would rotate throughout the board.
- Ronnie Zaday noted that the county had a recent turnover in County Manager and Lawyer positions; at the moment it appeared that former manager Greg Shulte would be temporary county manager.
- Ken spoke about the Aspen Springs Firewise Team; formerly the Aspen Springs Emergency Planning Team. Linda Barber gave a short presentation

on what the Firewise Team was doing and had accomplished up to this point. They were mostly concerned with possible fireworks or fires by 4th of July celebrations. They had created fire awareness and restriction signs, and placed them at each entrance to the district, and on the mailboxes, water station, Turkey Springs Store, etc. Elk Park subdivision and Oak Ridge subdivision had expressed interest in using the signs created by the team. Linda wanted to reiterate that this team was not tasked with creating emergency plans or routes, that their primary goal was to promote fire awareness, to propagate useage of the county Nixel alert system, and to create phone chains to be activated in emergency situations.

- Ronnie reminded the board that they needed an MOU with the county for instances where Metro District equipment were needed for fire useage, in case that any equipment were damaged or destroyed in such use.
- Linda said that the fire chief had stated that the tanks located in Aspen Springs were not needed by the department. There was some discussion by the board. Carey said that they were a safety hazard, as they could cave in. The board agreed that if the tanks were not going to be used by the fire department that they should be decomissioned and filled in.
- Linda gave an update on the Park Committee. She had some questions on procedure and technicalities. Kelly asked if anyone had contacted the District's liablity carrier about safety grants.

New Business

- Pam talked about the special BOCC meeting that she and Shane had attended regarding the road issues. They were limited in what they could discuss since this had been a private meeting regarding legal issues. Pam did say that hopefully the Oak Ridge Drive issue should be resolved in the near future.

Property Owner's Concerns

- Wayne had some complaints about washboards and other road problems in Unit 6.
- Ronnie noted that the county had a new code enforcement officer and that hopefully some of the issues residents had been dealing with would be dealt with more promptly.
- Ken mentioned that the board needed to be more active in alerting residents of issues with the Buttercup Well via Facebook and the website.

Kenneth Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.