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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on June 14th, at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Dick Warring, Pam Wallis, and Jame Venturini were in attendance, as were appointed members Kenneth Barber and Shane Tuller, and employee Carey Brown. Four property owners attended.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by elected Chairperson, Dick Warring.

#### Minutes

Pam made a motion to approve the May minutes as read, seconded by Jame; all in favor.

## **Public Works**

- Carey and Shane have been grading roads, and hauling gravel. He said they
  were about halfway through the gravel budget for the year. Carey said he'd
  ordered a 10th load of Mag Chloride, which was one load over budget.
- Carey said he'd hauled 54 loads of gravel, but the accountant's statement showed an outlay of over \$24,000 in gravel payments, which amounted to more than twice what the 54 loads should have cost. There was some discussion about price per load and accounting, and the board determined there must have been a typo on the accountant's statement. Jame said he'd look into it and verify that it was just an error.
- Shane asked about weed spraying; Dick said that the price of weed spray had been raised to the point where the district couldn't afford it, and that there were so many property owners who didn't want their properties sprayed that it was unfeasible to continue spraying. He stated that it was the individual property owner's responsibilities to clear their own noxious weeds.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Jame: The district had \$397,895 in cash assets, and \$1,752,395 in total

assets and property as of the end of May. Total income for May was \$121,350, which was 70% of the budget, with year to date income of \$157,382. Total property tax income YTD is \$121,350, which is 70% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$7,504, which is 32% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for May are \$41,074, and YTD of \$157,700. The primary expense for May was to Western Refining, and to the health insurance.

- Pam made a motion to approve the payment to Desert Mountain Corporation for \$27,648 for Mag Chloride. Ken seconded; all in favor.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Ken; all in favor.

### **Old Business**

- Dick mentioned the 107 Hollow Place property that was owned by ASMD and then sold by the County Commissioners. He had signed the quit-claim deed, and that the county was reimbursing ASMD for the full purchase price of the property.
- Shane asked if there had been any enforcement action on any of the nuisance properties; Dick said that the process had begun on at least one.
- Pam said that Blair Griggs would be taking over the testing at the water station, and introduced him to the board.
- Jame said that he had been called late in the evening about the water station not taking dollar bills, and the bill collector wasn't full. He asked if there was some sort of reset that needed to be done. Carey said that this often happens when very wrinkled or torn bills are put in, and that sometimes the machine needs to be cleaned.

## **New Business**

- Pam said that Walter had mowed around the water station and the green belt.
- Ronnie said that the defunct Aspen Springs Property Owner's Association had closed out their last account, and wanted to donate the remaining balance of \$634.28 for park equipment. The stipulation was it couldn't be used for maintenance; equipment only.
- Pam made a motion to approve the cashier's check from ASPOA, to be used exclusively for park equipment, seconded by Shane; all in favor.

# **Property Owner's Concerns**

 A property owner, Steve, had a concern about the machine at the water station, and he wanted the board to place a sign at the station with a contact number for when the machine wasn't working. Dick stated that there was the Metro building phone number at the station, but that there wasn't an employee around all the time to answer the phone. He said that the phone was checked in the morning, at lunch, and then again at the end of the day. If a property owner leaves a message, they will be called back the next time the messages are checked. The property owner was adamant that there be some method of contacting somebody whenever there was an issue at the water station. Pam suggested that individuals come down and talk to her at the Aspen Springs Bar if there were any issues and she could pass the information along. There was also some discussion about installing a dollar to quarter changing machine, but the cost was unfeasible.

- The issue of weed spraying was brought up again, and Dick reiterated that it was too costly and ineffective since a lot of property owners refused to have their roadsides sprayed.
- Dick said that he'd received a letter from a property owner stating that they were having a company coming out the next day to to prairie dog mitigation on their property, and said that if the District ever decided to exterminate prairie dogs on the green belt that they'd love to help. There was much discussion about the best ways to kill prairie dogs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM