

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on November 14, 2017 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. One property owner attended.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

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

Public Works

- Carey said that he'd had to have some maintenance done on several of the Metro vehicles and equipment. The snowplow for the backhoe should be in on the following Monday; the new backhoe was being built and should arrive in December.
- Carey mentioned two roads which were being blocked off by property owners; one at the end of Oakridge Drive, and the other at the end of Stollsteimer Lane. The cul-de-sac at the end of Oakridge was being blocked by a chain across the road that a property owner had installed. The property at the end of Stollsteimer was also being blocked by a property owner; this portion is not a platted road, but has been used by the Metro for the road crew to turn around while plowing and performing road maintenance, and without the turn-around they would be unable to service the whole of Stollsteimer Lane. The board discussed the issue. Pam would mail a letter to the properties in question, and inform them that if the road blockages remained that the effected roads would not be plowed, as the road crew would be unable to turn around.
- Carey mentioned that the price of gravel was increasing, and was projected to increase further in 2018. He would be unable to maintain the same level of road maintenance with the current budget. The option of putting forth a mill levy increase to the voters at the next election was discussed.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$390,540 in cash assets, and \$1,568,874 in total assets and property as of the end of October. Total income for October was \$22,025, with year to

date income of \$362,479, which is 98% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$173,820, which is 99.8% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$19,619, which is 85% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for October are \$20,201, and YTD of \$299,719, which is 81% of the yearly budget.. The primary expense for October was for CHP, and to Trinity Land Consultants, in the amounts of \$2,621 and \$2,078 respectively.

- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Shane; all in favor.

Old Business

- Dick asked if anyone had located a person to take over the testing at the water station. Pam said that Karen who works for Pam at the bar had expressed an interest. She had suggested \$5 per day as fair compensation. The board agreed to hire Karen as a private consultant at \$5 per day to perform the water station testing.
- Dick said that the Utes had filed an adverse claim on the Buttercup well; this shouldn't be an issue as the well is much deeper than the Stollsteimer Creek watershed that they hold claim to. This issue would be going to the Water Court for arbitration. The issue of a lawyer to represent the district was discussed. Jame made a motion to allow Pam to enter into a contract with a water rights lawyer on behalf of the district, Shane seconded; all in favor.
- Ken brought up the issue of the prairie dog holes at the park and on the green belt, and asked about legal liability if someone were injured due to the holes. Carey said that all avenues of rodent removal had been tried to little avail. The board agreed that it would be in the best interest to have some signs installed at the park and green belt. Pam said she would have some signs made stating, "Aspen Springs Metro District is not responsible for any injuries incurred on public land. Please enjoy at your own risk."
- Jame said that he'd spoken with the District Water Office about the Metro District's water rights on Tiday Springs. The office said that the board did not own rights to Tiday Springs number 2. Shane had received an email from the Durango office indicating that the district might still own rights to Tiday Springs #2; he would forward the email to the rest of the board.

New Business

- Shane said that he'd been contacted by a property owner who wanted audio copies of past meetings, and wanted to know the official procedure and regulations. It was apparent that executive session meeting recordings must be saved for 90 days, but maintenance of regular meeting recordings was unclear. There was some discussion about the matter; Dick would look into the legal requirements for maintaining audio records and disbursement.
- Kenneth introduced the budget. Resolution 11-14-17-1, a Resolution to Adopt a Budget was read. Pam made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Jame; all in favor. Kenneth read Resolution 11-14-17-2, a Resolution to Adopt a Budget Part B. Pam made a motion to approve the resolution, Ken seconded; all in favor. Ken read Resolution 11-14-17-3, a Resolution for Budgetary Transfers. Ken made a motion to approve the resolution, Jame seconded; all in favor. Ken read Resolution 11-14-17-4, a Lease Schedule Resolution regarding the purchase of the new backhoe. Jame made

a motion to approve the resolution, Pam seconded; all in favor. Ken read Resolution 11-14-17-5, a Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Jame made a motion to approve the resolution, Shane seconded; all in favor. Ken read Resolution 11-14-17-6, a Resolution to Set Mill Levies. Shane asked to clarify that the mill levy was remaining unchanged. Dick said that there were no changes. Shane made a motion to approve the resolution, Ken seconded; all in favor.

- Dick mentioned that there would be an election coming up in 2018 for his seat, and Ken and Shane's. The board would have to start the process in January.

Property Owner's Concerns

- Kelly asked if anything had been done about the vandalism at the water station that had occurred over the summer. Carey said that he hadn't been able to contact the individual yet, but asked that he have a little more time before the board proceeded with prosecuting the offense.
- Kelly wanted to know if the District had billed Oakhill Ranch Estates for their yearly road usage fees. Dick said that the accountant had received the yearly payment.

Dick Warring adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.