

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on November 08th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kenneth Barber, Kelly Evans (via conference call), Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, and appointee Eric Davidson were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. One property owner also attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Kenneth Barber

Reading & approval of previous Minutes

October's minutes were approved – **Motion**: Jame, 2nd: Kelly, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey - New 367 Tractor ECM: After moving truck to Inland Kenworth, problem re-diagnosed as two sensors (replaced) and the turbocharger. Once replaced, no further problems. Will protest \$1.3K bill from Peterbilt for alleged diagnostic services.
- Aspen 3, Panorama Place: Campers parked in County Right-of-Way.
 - Ken: This is a County/Sheriff thing.
 - Eric & Pam: Working with county entities to address these & other issues (see Old Business).
 - **Regardless of the efforts, the 60' Right-of-Way must be honored (30' either side of the platted road's centerline)**
- Need to contact O'Reily's Tank Service to get quote on re-sealing water storage tank at Buttercup.
- Pam – Had a long call with new Code Enforcement Officer, Errol Lord. He will look into reported issues at Raccoon & Hilltop, and will be in regular contact! (See Old Business)
- Putting together a comprehensive list of Right-of-Way violations (both vehicles parked in the roadway {short term} and structures/RV's/etc. impinging on the roadway {long term}). Sheriff's office has been very responsive lately, and tagging cars within the hour.
- San Juan Sanitation District will also be contacted regarding septic issues.
 - **Kelly to get with Carey to finalize updated list of all capital items.**

Treasurer's Report

- Jame presented October's financial data:

October	2022		
Total Cash Assets: \$398,810		Total Assets: \$2,125,292	
	MTD (\$)	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	20,293	432,060	93
Property tax income		261,409	94.30
Water Depot Income		16,387	65.55
HUTF income		129,381	89.23
Total Expenses	19,917	359,458	73
Primary/Major monthly expenses:	Brennan Oil	\$2,665.79	
	First Bank Card	\$2,083.84	
	Wagner CAT	\$1,734.44	

Motion to approve August's Treasurer's Report: Eric, 2nd: Pam,
Passed unanimous

Well

- See PW above regarding tank sealing

Park

- Shade to remain in place
- County has conservation trust fund money available for park equipment. Contact person is Cindy Salambota. Need to clarify exactly what to include in the proposal such as: Disc Golf Signs at each basket, a large sign signifying the location of the course, more baskets (space available for another 9 holes), Green Belt markers, and a map of the park including green belt areas.

Review SDA calendar

- Next major event is Budget Approval at Dec. meeting before the 12/15 deadline.

Budget / Election

- Kelly presented the proposed 2023 Budget with the \$2.5k added for Parks
- Ken: Question: When can Mil Levies be adjusted? Only in the November election of even-numbered years. The last attempt at an overall increase of \$75k was defeated. Lack of proper education contributed. Need to improve communication to the district in the rise of actual costs.
 - **Ken & Kelly to work on a simple chart showing the increases over time of Mag, Fuel, and Gravel costs.**
- Election: Jame & Pam are both ineligible to run (term limit)

- **Kelly is running; Eric is running; have room for two more!**
- **Need to determine who Election Officer will be to run the election.**

Old Business

- Kelly: No luck finding good, durable security camera system. Will contact Mountain Home Security for assistance.
- Courtesy notice of Non-Compliance for 911 Ute Drive (ie the park and green belt areas?) for noxious weeds population. Will ask for clarification of specific location(s).
- Eric: Pam & I spoke with Todd Weaver, County Attorney. He voiced approval and support in what we were trying to accomplish.
- Eric spoke with Dan Harper at Public Works (Driveway permitting), but his only point of possible interdiction is during the installation. Otherwise, it is Code Enforcement for any repercussions.
- Errol Lord is the new Enforcement Officer. “New patrols going out this week”, focus will be on trash & debris removal. He is looking for opportunities to reduce the financial impact of compliance to property owners by utilizing an automobile recycling service, metal recycling, and possibly dump box donation as opposed to simple fines. He is motivated to do something quickly in a positive direction.
 - **Eric & Pam to continue to work with Errol**
 - **Eric to meet with Pamela Flowers on Thursday, Nov. 10, to discuss these same issues and get further buy-in.**

New Business

- No variance nor lot consolidation requests this month.

Property Owners’ Concerns

- An observation that the issues discussed during the meeting were largely the same issues as discussed during board meetings ~20 years ago. Let us work together with the County authorities to change that.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 18:50 by Ken Barber