# ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT PO Box 488 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on September 14th, 2021 at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kenneth Barber, Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, Shane Tuller, and Kelly Evans were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. 4 property owners attended.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Barber.

### **Minutes**

Kelly made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes as amended, Jame seconded; all in favor.

### **Public Works**

- Carey said there had been a breakdown on the new grader, it needed a new left hub and batteries, the total repair bill would be \$17,000. He was 90% done with gravel, the rest would go to Unit 6.
- Pam said that the district should let the Colorado Division of Water Resources handle the well that was leaking down the ditch at the end of Buttercup.
- Pam said that Carey was still adjusting the coin machine and chlorinator at the well, the adjustments would take some fine tuning to get dialed in.

# Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$534,817 in cash assets, and \$2,003,837 in total assets and property as of the end of August. Total income for August was \$25,197, with year to date income of \$389,960, which is 94% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$213,263, which is 92% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$0 which is 0% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for August were \$23,257, and YTD of \$362,781, which is 91% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for August were to Brennan Oil amCompany and CHP Health Insurance, in the amounts of \$6,760 and \$2,007 respectively.
- Kelly made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, Kelly seconded; all in favor.

### **Old Business**

- Ken: The park still needs and ADA compliant parking spot, and still had to do dirt work and prairie dog removal before the equipment is delivered, which should be fairly soon.
- Pam made a motion to have the district reimburse any willing participants in helping gas the prairie dogs out for a tank of gas, also anyone with a valid small game license was welcome to shoot the prairie dogs on the Metro property. Ken seconded; all in favor.
- Ken said that Pam should send letters to all the neighbors around Keno asking for pictures of sheep on the greenbelt and roadways with date and time stamps.
- Pam had talked to the realtor listing the Farview property, and suggested lowering the asking price.
- Kelly made a motion to lower the asking price for the Farview lot to \$25,000, Pam seconded; all in favor.
- Pam talked about the Oak Ridge lawsuit. Nicholas Kazarinoff had refused to wear a mask in the courthouse, so the judge did not allow him in. The judge ruled in favor of the county, and Kazarinoff has 30 days to remove his fence blocking the roadway.
- Kelly said that the grant from the chamber of commerce should be coming soon, which was \$2,500 gifted for the well construction.

### **New Business**

- Kelly presented a preliminary budget to the board to review before October.
- Jame had a letter for a lot consolidation request for lots 15 and 16, Subdivision 1, Elk Drive. There were no objections.
- Ken said there was an issue with a couple property owners and their children riding dirt bikes on the green belt. The sheriff had been called, and spoke with the offenders. They were still riding on the greenbelt. There was some discussion from the board on how to address the issue.
- Shane made a motion to post 'No motorized Vehicles' signs on the greenbelt, Jame seconded. Pam and Kelly voted Aye, Ken voted Nay.
- Kelly said that the district should receive about \$46,000 more property tax income than in prior years due to property valuations, and should remain there for at least 2 years. She said that the board could put that money directly into the savings account, or use some or all of it for deferred maintenance.

# **Property Owner's Concerns**

- Shane said that he'd received an email from Ron Sutcliffe asking for testing results from the water station, Ron was setting up a water treatment system for his own well and the engineer needed information on the local water. Pam said that she'd email the testing results.
- Jim Petty had concerns about the vehicles being driven on the green belt.

Ken Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM