

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on July 9th, 2024 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, Pam Wallis, Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance. Two employees attended. Property owners attended – 2 from Aspen Springs, 2 from Oak Hills POA, & 2 from Friendly Forest POA

Call to Order

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

Approval of previous Minutes

- June's minutes were approved. – **Motion**: Kelly, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous
- These minutes (July) will reflect the normal agenda sequence, but the actual meeting was taken out of sequence for the sake of attendee input & Executive Session discussion.

Public Works / Well

- Carey: We purchased a plow truck and 2 plows and saved \$12k from the approved amount in the process.
- Received quotes for new asphalt at the highway approaches. Just two of them (Buttercup & Oak Ridge Drive) quoted at \$17k. Only one of three companies responded, and seemed unusually eager to drop the initial quote from \$4/ft² to \$3/ft².
 - **Motion**: Eric – Allocate \$17,006 for the asphalt approaches to Oak Ridge Drive and Buttercup. Chris – 2nd Passed unanimous
 - We need an “asphalt repair” line added back to the budget. It can be classified as a ‘capital outlay’ as the service life exceeds the requirements.
- Hurt Bridge has a tunneling pocket that looks like it may be undermining the bridge supports. Contacted County Road & Bridge with no response. They have an 18-24 month inspection interval, but we do not know the date of last inspection.
 - **Board: It is derelict not to do anything now. Chris & Dan Harper will meet tomorrow morning (7/10) at the bridge to discuss**
- Received a quote for a new motor grader: \$479k, or \$7k/month financed at the low low rate of 6.99%.
- Board approved the rental of a shredder for two days to use in Green Belt, etc.
- Pam: Century Link – no word
- Eric: Lois Ct. and Metro Dr. – request for a driveway/help with said driveway. Reply – get the proper permit first
- Complaint of standing water @ Franklin & Collette's Pl on July 02
- Complaint of herbicide spraying on roadside by a property owner. While the District does not have a policy regarding not spraying (we are required to do so by the county & state), if a property owner has “Do Not Spray” posted at the side of the road, the operator will turn off the sprayer and resume spraying after

passing the property.

- New computer is working well. Email & other functionality working

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:34 by Kenneth Barber

Executive Session Called to Order at 6:35 by Kenneth Barber

The purpose is to discuss ongoing activities with the District's attorney.

Executive Session Adjourned at 6:51 by Kenneth Barber

Regular Meeting called back into session at 6:51 by Kenneth Barber

Notes on Executive Session recorded in New Business as appropriate

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly presented June's financial report
- Checks/deposits from the county from property taxes are at 72% of expected YTD
- Our 'address forwarding' has expired and some business partners have been confused.
 - Kelly to forward accounting firm's address to rest of Board and **Eric to post on ASMD's website**
- No invoices received yet from Gemco (MgCl supplier)
- **Motion** to approve June's Treasurer's Report Eric, 2nd Pam, Passed unanimous

June	2024		
Total Cash (Beginning):	\$384,008	Total Cash (Ending):	\$563,499
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		455,821	73
Property tax income		300,980	72
Water Depot Income		11,415	57
HUTF income		90,512	62
Total Expenses		274,765	46
Primary/Major expenses for the month:		Crossfire Aggregate	13,141
		FNBO	2,089
		CRS – Accounting firm	1,893

Review SDA calendar

- No SDA-type activities until September.

Budget / Election

- No new info

Park / Fire

- Requested Carey to use Diatomaceous Earth (DE) instead of Sevin dust if safety is a concern. DE comes in food-grade quality and is safe for human consumption (but avoid breathing the dust).
- We must get better signage at the park to avoid unnecessary liability questions, such as "Play at your own risk", "Park Rules ...", "No Overnight Parking", "Open Dawn to Dusk", or similar signs which can come out of the safety budget and the safety pool funds.

- Wildfire Adapted Update by Stephanie Davidson: We had our home audited by WFA and have an action list to work from – focusing up to 150’ from the house.
- “Chipperpalooza” was a great success. We received 20 pick-up and trailer loads of material, nothing outside of the permissible list, and 7 property owners participated. The WFA reimbursement has been applied for, and ASMD will be billed for the balance after the refund is received.

Old Business

- No new information from Oak Hills board of directors
- It has been discovered that Oak Hills residents do not pay any property taxes toward Pagosa Fire Protection District!
- One OHPOA board member resigned due to confrontational actions taken

New Business

- The Cul-de-sac at King’s Court is fenced off. We need to understand why, correct the situation, and close off the road that doesn’t exist (off of Ute and through the Green Belt) before winter.
- **Eric to contact County Weed & Pest Dept. regarding thistles off Hurt**
- **Eric to contact Desert Mountain and give them an update on the latest developments**
- **Our attorney to contact Oak Hills’ attorney and discuss next step(s)**
- **Our attorney to compose a response to and have a telephone conversation with Reid Kelly regarding ASMD’s response to Kelly’s statements of past agreement with WRB & Assoc.**

Lot Consolidations

- Lot Consolidation Requests this month.
 - None received
 - No Notice of Property at Tax Lien Sale received

Property Owners’ Concerns

- Representatives from Friendly Forest POA wanted to make sure a few things are clearly understood:
 - Friendly Forest pays 28% of the Operating expense for OHPOA
 - FF composed of 12 lots, 10 owners, 2 homes, and one couple as full time residents
 - FF has no vote in OHPOA affairs, and have been barred from attending meetings
 - The road to Tara Mandala is gated & locked from the Tara side, and Forest Road 649A is not maintained despite being an ‘established road’.
 - FF is willing to develop a relationship with ASMD, but geography prevents it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 by Kenneth Barber