

Board Minutes

Monday, November 11, 2024

The regular October meeting of the Town Board convened in the Peetz Town Hall at 6:28 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem Dani Rennewanz, Clerk Evelyn Gardiner, Trustees Jared Burns, Brenda Segelke, Ashley Toft, Zach Wood, and Maintenance Manager Ron Gentry were present. Trustee Paul Mansfield and ORC Lydia Kiser were on Zoom.

Consent Agenda: No Action

Minutes of the regular September 2024 meeting were reviewed. Brenda Segelke moved and Ashley Toft seconded the motion to approve the Minutes. **Burns-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Treasurer's Report. Brenda Segelke moved and Jared Burns seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Burns-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Claims Report. Ashley Toft moved and Jared Burns seconded the motion to approve the Claims Report. **Burns-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Mayor Traci Davenport entered the meeting at 6:45 and presided over the rest of the meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Ron Gentry

- Ron will be taking his Class D Wastewater test in Cheyenne tomorrow, Oct. 15. He plans to study for and schedule wastewater and water testing over the next several months, with completion in early 2025.
- Kochia weeds at the WWTF are difficult to control. Ron contacted a vendor with goats for rent but deemed it too costly. He will mow around the WWTF building and let winter-kill take down the weeds around the ponds.
- Ron checked on the cost of steel (\$400) vs. shingle roof (\$300) for the RR wellhouse. Due to concerns over the future of the RR well, Ron will do just a quick fix for now.
- M & S Drilling was called to repair the flowmeter at the Main Well. M & S will check to see if the meter is still under warranty. M & S also cleared the Murphy switch line of silt. This is what was causing the water tower to overflow.
- M & S Drilling has submitted a bid of \$11,500 to replace 3 valves, if needed, as soon as parts come in. This work will be done over a weekend while school is not in session.
- Ron reported seeing water in the middle of the Logan Street in front of the Community Church. He will keep an eye on it for further developments.
- Ron showed the Board a bottle of water flushed from the RR Well. Heavy usage by the school is pulling more water than usual from this well. The arsenic vessels will have to be flushed and tested monthly.
- The Town pickup truck is showing signs of brake wear. Ron will check on this and repair the breaks if needed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Lydia Kiser

- Lydia addressed the recent lack of water pressure experienced all over the Town. Peetz School went into session September 4, and then the school began twice-a-day watering of the newly laid sod and landscaping about mid-September. Engineers installed a pressure pump in the water service line to the school to maximize this large amount of usage. The football field and practice field were also being watered at this same time. The pressure pump is literally sucking the Town water lines dry. Lydia has met with school officials and the engineers to discuss how to fix the problem. Changing the time for watering and alternating watering zones seems to have alleviated the problem somewhat; however, because the school is requiring more gallons per minute than originally requested, **Paul Mansfield moved and Dani Rennewanz seconded a motion to require the school to place a Restrictor on the pressure pump, allowing for a flow rate of only 70 GPM. Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye.**
- On Monday, October 7, the Town received a certified letter from the Colorado Division of Water Resources issuing an Order to the Town to do one of the following:
 1. Provide evidence that the RR well meets the statutory definition of a non-tributary to the South Platte River; or
 2. Obtain a decree from the water court confirming or determining that the RR well is a non-tributary; or

3. Submit A SWSP request to the State Engineer's Office consistent with a Water Court Application to replace all depletions from pumping of the RR well (Augmentation); or
4. Provide evidence the well is currently included in an augmentation plan decreed by the Water Court or a SWSP approved by the State Engineer's Office.

Failure to comply with this order and the notification to our office of such compliance by December 31, 2024, may result in the issuance of an Order to Cease and Desist all diversion from the RR Well.

Discussion led to the conclusion that the Town's options are the following:

- Seek one of the county water districts that will allow the Town to enter into its augmentation plan; or
- The Town develop its own augmentation plan, which requires costly water court time, or
- Drill a new well outside of the South Platte tributary table.

Ron Gentry has started some preliminary inquiries into seeking the boundary between the two water tables and drilling a new well. He will follow up on permitting, pricing, and details.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **LEAD & COPPER ASSESSMENT:** WSP updated the Service Line Inventory (SLI) information to include Logan Street, which was left off the initial report. Lydia has updated the Town's population to the Public Water System Monitoring Plan and submitted the updated report to CDPHE. The Town will now be contacting those residents who did not complete a service line survey. They will also be serving Galvanized Required Replacement notices to those residents who have been determined to have been downstream at some time from a potential lead line. Deadline for notifications is November 15, 2024.
- 2) **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2024: PEETZ LAND USE ORDINANCE:** The Board heard the first reading of the proposed ordinance and made various additions and deletions. **Jared Burns moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1-2024 on first reading with the proposed changes. Motion carried. Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.** The Ordinance will now be published in the five locations required by Resolution #2024-1. Public comment will be entertained at the November 11, 2024, meeting.
- 3) **RCAC WATER RATE ANALYSIS PRESENTATION:** Ty Leydig was scheduled to present his water rate analysis via Zoom but was not present. Evelyn will follow up with RCAC.

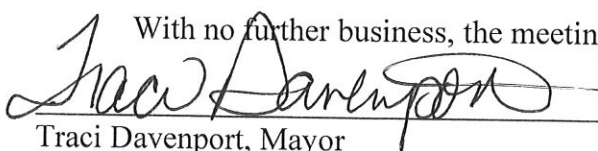
NEW BUSINESS

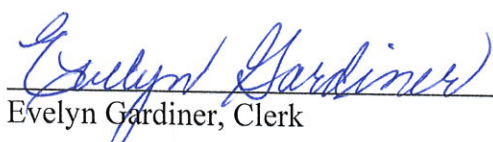
- 1) **MAIN STREET GRANT:** Attempts to contact Greg Etl from DOLA by email and telephone to secure a date in October or early November to present to the Main Street Committee have gone unanswered. Evelyn will follow up.
- 2) **RAILROAD WELL-AUGMENTATION:** Covered in Maintenance Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **STREETS:** Potholes near both railroad crossings have been filled.
- **WATER/SEWER:** Covered in Maintenance Report.
- **PERSONNEL:** Nothing to report.
- **CEMETERY:** In the past month, August Buss and Vern Koester were interred.
- **FINANCE:** The SLF loan payment of \$7281.58 is due November 1. The 2025 Budget Workbook arrived via email today. Evelyn will contact the Finance Committee when to meet to review the budget.
- **PARKS AND RECREATION:** Barre Ground has been contacted to blow out the sprinkler lines.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Nothing to report.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you-card from CIRSA for 2025 renewal.
- **PERMITS:** Commercial auto repair shop-Cooper
- **SANITATION:** Evelyn will contact Marick's Waste Disposal regarding their 2025 contract.
- **ORDINANCE NO. 1:** Nothing to report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.


Traci Davenport, Mayor


Evelyn Gardiner, Clerk

10/14/2024

