

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FAIRPLAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 20, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Fairplay was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Level of Fairplay Town Hall, 901 Main Street, by Mayor Gabby Lane who proceeded with the pledge of allegiance, followed by the roll call which was answered by Trustees Scott Dodge, Eve Stapp, Ray Douglas and Frank Just. Also in attendance were Town Administrator/ Clerk Tina Darrah, Town Attorney Lee Phillips, Town Treasurer Kim Wittbrodt, Public Works Director Vaughn Mead and Police Chief Joel Vice.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Just, seconded by Trustee Douglas, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA (*The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board Members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.*)

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 6, 2017
- B. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES** – Approval of bills of various Town Funds in the amount of \$31,549.53.

Motion #2 by Trustee Douglas, seconded by Trustee Stapp, that the consent agenda be adopted as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Dodge- yes, Stapp – yes, Lane – yes, Douglas – yes and Just - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Stimson offered a brief comment explaining that she was interested in Item A under Unfinished Business and further asked whether or not the Town Ditch would be running this year and if there was a plan for maintenance of it. Public Works Director Mead stated that creating a maintenance plan for the Town Ditch is in his work plan for 2017 and that he would be happy to speak with Nancy about the issues surrounding the ditch and its easements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update on Status of Storage Containers in Town

Town Planner Newman and Police Chief Vice both offered staff comment referring to the written report provided to the Board in regards to the steps that have been taken to address the out of compliance storage containers in Fairplay, commonly referred to as “conex containers”. Mr. Newman informed the Board that Chief Vice had sent a letter to those properties in the commercial zone district that have containers that are eligible for a Special Use Permits and that subsequently he has had contact with four of those six properties, including receipt of one complete application. He went on to explain that the deadline to either remove the container(s) or apply for a permit is the end of April. It was noted that there are several allowed containers in the Industrial Zone District. Chief Vice explained that those containers in the Town Center or Residential Zone Districts are being dealt with in a different manner as they are not an allowed use under any circumstance.

- B. Other discussion items

No other discussion items offered.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Regarding Gold Panning Permit Process

Mayor Lane introduced this topic going through the information provided by staff in regards to current pricing and rules and regulations, whereby it was noted that staff has placed this on the agenda for discussion due to the increased interest and potential panning traffic due to the Gold Rush reality TV show being filmed near Fairplay.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board in regards to the proposed fees, rules and regulations, and potential impacts of any proposed changes to those items.

Direction was given to staff to bring back an updated Fee Schedule reflecting Gold Panning permit fees at the rate of \$10/per day permit and \$100/per seasonal permit and to also bring back an updated ordinance reflecting the discussion above.

B. Discussion Regarding Public Works Staffing

Public Works Director Mead offered staff comment informing the Board that he is requesting an additional full-time employee in the Public Works Department on a permanent basis. He referenced his staff report on the subject to explain his motivations and reasoning. A brief discussion took place with the Board asking several questions about the position and offering their support to Mr. Mead for this request. It was noted by several Trustees that this item had been discussed at length during the budget process with the Board encouraging the addition of Public Works staff at that time.

Motion #3 by Trustee Just, seconded by Trustee Stapp, that the Board authorize an additional full-time staff person in the Public Works Department as requested by Public Works Director Mead. A roll call vote was taken: Dodge- yes, Stapp – yes, Lane – yes, Douglas – yes and Just - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Other New Business

No other new business offered.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Administrator/ Clerk Darrah offered a brief report updating the Board on the land purchase with TBK Bank, the ongoing water rights purchase for the Fairplay Beach Reservoir, and the upcoming meeting with the BOCC on health care issues.

Police Chief Vice updated the Board on the status of the Police Department remodel and offered to get the Board a full report from the new solar speed signs at the April meeting.

Public Works Director Mead offered to answer any questions in regards to his written report. Trustee Just noted that he had been asked about the ph balance of the Town's water and that Mr. Mead had provided that information.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lane, noting that there being no further business before the Board, declared that the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Gabby Lane, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Darrah, Town Clerk