

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on August 13th, 2019 at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, Kenneth Barber, and Shane Tuller, and appointed member Kelly Evans were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. 5 property owners attended.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Barber.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Public Works**

- Carey had been hauling gravel, and was up to 125 loads at this point. They were currently working on secondary roads in Unit 5.
- The transmission had gone out in the gravel truck and would need to be replaced. There was some discussion about line items in the budget and if the district could afford it. Jame would check with the accountant to verify.
- Kelly made a motion to approve the transmission replacement if the money was in the budget, Shane seconded, all in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jame: The district had \$360,070 in cash assets, and \$1,740,744 in total assets and property as of the end of July. Total income for July was \$29,174, with year to date income of \$311,915, which is 82% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$180,169, which is 89% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$12,255 which is 53% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for July were \$38,069, and YTD of \$249,692, which is 58% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for July were to Desert Mountain Corp, Brennan Oil, and CTSI in the amounts of \$10,279, \$5,975 and \$2,848 respectively.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, Kelly seconded; all in favor.

### **Old Business**

- Pam said that the Lookaway Place and Ute Lane road blockages had been resolved.
- Jame had looked at Jason Bane's road, and was OK with closing it. This had been discussed at the prior months meeting: the road dead ends in the middle of Mr. Bane's property and the previous owner had petitioned the county to have it closed in 1996. Pam thought the county had approved the closure at that time. There was some discussion about a culvert on the roadway which had been damaged.
- Kelly made a motion not to assist Mr. Bane with closing the road until the culvert damage was repaired. Pam seconded; all in favor.
- Ken said the part committee had the grant application put together for the playground and would be presenting it at the next meeting.
- Peggy Andrews, a real estate agent, presented the board with an issue on a house she had listed for sale. The septic leech field had been installed in the 70's, and was located within the southern edge of the platted road right of way, although the road was physically located out of the right of way to the north. San Juan Basin Health required either an easement be granted for the leech field or the owners would have to move it onto the property in order to sell. There was some discussion from the board; everyone agreed that it would not be detrimental to the district for the septic to remain in its location.
- Shane Tuller made a motion to draft a letter to the BOCC recommending that they grant an easement for the septic system field located at 227 E. Stollsteimer, in its present location and form, with no changes to boundaries or expansions. Kelly Evans seconded; all in favor.

## **New Business**

- Ronnie Zaday said that the county was looking at different chemicals to apply to the roads instead of mag chloride. The main chemical they were looking at was Lignate Sulphate, which had much better adhesion and could be paved over after a few applications, however it was considerably more expensive than mag. Dick Warring said that the Metro should try and get in on the County's bid for the new chemical if they were interested.
- Kelly said that piggybacking an election for a Mill Levy increase on the county's ballot in November would cost \$3-5000. There was some discussion on costs, it seemed that a single mail in election in May for both the director's seats and Tabor increase would be more economical.

## **Property Owner's Concerns**

- Tom had a question about meeting times, and wanted clarification on Jason Bane's road closure. He asked about herbicide spraying, and if he could be put on a no-spray list. Ken clarified that the district is mandated to spray, and due to people not maintaining their roadsides when the district did have a no spray list, was no longer exempting properties from spraying.
- Dick asked for an update on the Oak Ridge road blockage. Pam said that she and Shane had met with the county attorney and Tim Hatch from Road and Bridge. Tim and Carey were supposed to meet at the location to determine if it was at all feasible to

move the turn around south of the blockage. If not, the county attorney would be taking the case to court.

**Kenneth Barber adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM**