

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on August 11th, 2020 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, Shane Tuller and Kelly Evans were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. Five property owners attended.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Barber.

### **Minutes**

Pam made a motion to approve the previous months minutes as written, Jame seconded; all in favor.

### **Public Works**

- Carey said that the asphalt at the entrance to Buttercup was badly cracking and would not last through the winter. He had purchased some sealer, but would have to close off the road one lane at a time for the sealer to cure. Pam would try to provide as much advance notice as possible via the Facebook groups and possibly signage.
- Carey estimated that it would take about \$21,000 to bring Indian Land Road up to a decent state. There was some discussion; there was simply no money left in the budget to repair Indian Land. Possibly money could be set aside in next years budget for it.
- The issue of the fence bordering the green belt was brought up. Pam stated that she had talked to the surveyor who had done the pin locate on the property, and that the fourth pin was never found. She and Kelly had eyeballed the property lines, and it appeared the fence was within the homeowners lot, but the disk golf basket was only a couple feet off of the property line. It was agreed that it would be best to move the basket away from the homeowners lot, but the property would need a true survey and the missing pin officially reset before the owner could move their fence onto the property line.
- Ken made a motion to move the basket further away from the property line, on the condition that the homeowner not move their fence without an official survey, Kelly seconded; all in favor.
- Carey had finished the gravel on the remaining 100 yards to Dennis' house in Unit 6; the road blockage had been removed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jame: The district had \$409,485 in cash assets, and \$1,762,336 in total assets and property as of the end of July. Total income for July was \$45,904, with year to date income of \$311,111, which is 76% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$191,497, which is 84% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$14,406, which is 65% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for July were \$27,231, and YTD of \$268,853, which is 62% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for July were to GMCO (Mag Chloride), Crossfire (Gravel), and CHP (Health Insurance) in the amounts of \$30,807, \$10,256, and \$3,018 respectively.
- Shane made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, Pam seconded; all in favor.

## Old Business

- Jame said that he'd received a collections notice for \$2,000 from the previous Health Insurance provider, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, for the month of January, 2016. However, CTSI had provided health insurance for that month, and RMHP should have been canceled prior to that. Kelly and Dick Warring were both on the board at that time; they would look to see if they had any documentation of a cancellation notice.

## New Business

- Kelly gave a brief rundown of the election schedule. She had talked to the county, an election lawyer, and found a candidate for Designated Election Officer.
- Kelly made a motion to make Ronnie Zaday DEO for the Milly Levy Election, for the fee of \$300. Ken seconded; all in favor.
- Kelly made a motion to accept Theresa Williams ATTY at Law's bid of \$125 p/h to write the ballot language. Pam seconded; all in favor.
- Kelly made a motion to accept the IGA with the county for the coordinated election, and allow the DEO to fill it out and submit it. Ken seconded; all in favor.
- Kelly gave a presentation on the various mill levy increase options, along with projected revenue increases, and also property tax increases per \$100k dollars of value. There was some discussion; the district needed at least \$60,000 more per year to maintain the roads in a decent manner. A 5 mill increase would raise the average \$100k house tax approximately \$24 per year, and bring in an addition \$84k to the district.
- Shane made a motion to ask for a 5 mill increase on the ballot question. Pam seconded; all in favor.
- Kelly said that while the county had not given her an official estimate of costs for the election, there was \$8,500 set aside in the budget for elections, and the board member election in May had not used any of that money since it was canceled, and previous estimates from the county were well under that amount.
- Ronnie noted that the board would need to get several pro and con statements and

- compile them for the ballot handbook.
- Shane noted that the election timeline required the ballot language to be certified to the county clerk before the next regular board meeting.
  - Kelly made a motion to have Kenneth Barber approve and sign the ballot language when received from the lawyer, provided it met all the wishes expressed in this meeting by the other board members. Jame seconded; all in favor.
  - Ronnie noted that the current mill levy was TABOR exempted – the district could keep whatever they received in revenue over what they budgeted. The new mill levy might not retain that exemption.
  - Kelly made a motion to have Theresa Williams look into a TABOR exemption for the mill levy increase. Shane seconded; all in favor.

### **Property Owner's Concerns**

- There were no property owner's concerns.

**Kenneth Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM**