

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on August 8th, 2023 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 Ken Barber (Chair), Pam Wallis, Kelly Evans, Eric Davidson & appointee Chris deVries were in attendance, as were employees Carey Brown & Ryan Keifer. No owners attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 17:59 by Ken Barber

Approval of previous Minutes

- July's minutes were approved. – **Motion:** Kelly, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey – 125 of budgeted 166 loads of gravel have been received thus far, but could use more for bare roads (ie Evergreen Hill in Unit 6). Approximately \$8,000 remaining in budget for gravel.
- Our gravel deliveries have stopped. All $\frac{3}{4}$ - is taken by Archuleta County trucks, as crusher is currently down.
 - **Ken:** We need to get a memorandum of understanding with the County Commissioners to acknowledge Aspen Springs roads are county roads, and we are entitled to the same treatment at vendor sites as County resources.
- We need one more truckload of Magnesium Chloride (Mag). Nine loads is usually enough, but a tenth is occasionally required. Our vendor is Desert Mountain (see issue below in Treasurer's report) but a second vendor exists – Carey to enquire from both vendors and go with the best price, regardless of the current kerfuffle with Desert Mountain.
- Pam – Received a few responses regarding clean-up & epoxy re-coating of the Buttercup water tank. Should have new quote(s) by next month's meeting.
- Ryan needs a phone provided to facilitate work with Carey and other employees. **Pam to call Verizon to get information and add another line to the Verizon account.**
- The issue with Notice of Non-Conformance regarding thistles in the Green Belt/Park area has been addressed and is now listed as "Resolved"
- Oak Ridge turnaround access is not resolved. More posts have been mounted and Carey (understandably) will not go there without a Deputy.

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly presented last month's financial data:

July	2023		
Total Cash Assets: \$469,787		Total Assets: \$2,207,921	
	MTD (\$)	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	63,122	358,798	62
Property tax income		240,202	73.56
Water Depot Income		13,363	36.9
HUTF income		88,404	50.4
Total Expenses	45,139	265,717	52
Primary/Major monthly expenses:	Crossfire	\$10,267.09	
	Brennan Oil	\$6,496.20	

- **Kelly reported further information on the internet fraud situation with Desert Mountain. Our insurance covers only \$5,000 – which after a 20% deductible is only \$4,000 – and we have as much as \$8k exposure. For insurance to pay out, they require an iron tight “Subrogation Agreement”. Before that is done, our carrier is writing inquiries to Wilson, Rea, Beckle & Associates, and Attorney's General of CO, NM, and AZ. Desert Mountain is investigating, but the breach may be an internal issue. It is not known if they have filed a police report yet.
 - Ken reiterated “no invoice, no check” – we will not agree to any financial payout without a verifiable invoice.
 - Motion** to approve June's Treasurer's Report: Eric, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

Review SDA calendar

- We should receive preliminary tax assessment estimate by next month to assist in the budgeting process – draft due in October.

Budget / Election

- Chris is working with the spreadsheet provided by Kelly to develop the 2024 budget.
- Kelly & Chris to determine if an addendum may be required for the 2023 budget year.
- Chris: Money Market account earning interest? With short-term rates where they are, they could offset interest payments on outstanding loans.

Park

- No new information

Old Business

- Chris investigated security cameras at Buttercup, Metro building, & the Park. Proceeding at Buttercup first
 - Any electronics at Buttercup station must be positively vented to reduce the incidence of corrosion.

- Eric reported on inquiries of ‘number of active voters’ and ‘number of property owners’ in Aspen Springs for future reference:
- Total Number of Active Voters in Aspen Springs Metro: **1,246**
- Property Owner Accounts by Unit:

Aspen Springs Unit	Number of Accounts	% of Overall
1	298	11.7
2	428	16.7
3	284	11.1
4	459	18.0
5	331	12.9
6	756	29.6
Total	2,556	

Lot Consolidations

- No Lot Consolidation Requests this month.

New Business

- Chris talked to Errol with the county, and he is willing to coordinate a pick-up of 500 tires for free.
 - Clean-up will be planned soon, not date set yet
 - Same agreement as earlier activities: Leave the park and lot area as clean as you found it, if not cleaner.

Property Owners’ Concerns

- No property owners’ concerns were raised.

Meeting adjourned at 18:58 by Ken Barber