

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A special meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on June 12, 2018 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 Andrew Hickman were in attendance, and employee Carey Brown. 20 property owners attended.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Barber.

Minutes

- Ken made a motion to approve the previous months minutes, Pam seconded; all in favor.

Public Works

- Ken asked Carey about the tree removal on Indian Land Road. Apparently the trees may be located on an easement and the district should not sell them to the mill as they would be considered private property. Carey had cut the trees and would leave them for the property owner.
- Pam mentioned that there had been several large water storage tanks placed throughout Aspen Springs by the fire district in 2002. They were repurposed fuel tanks from gas stations, and hold approximately 15,000 galls. The fire marshall said they would need to be inspected by the fire department before they would be willing to use them as fill sources for fire trucks. There was some discussion; Pam said that more research into these tanks would be necessary as this was unknown to the board previously.
- Carey said that Shane White was trying to sell his semi tractor, which the district had been using for the past several months. He wanted to offer it to the district for \$20,000, and was willing to take payments of \$5k per month. Carey said that the district did need a new truck, as he was currently having to take the mag chloride tank on and off the current semi in between gravel loads, and that the old semi was inadequate. The board agreed that this would have to be looked into and discussed further at the next meeting, since they just approved the purchase of a new backhoe and amended the budget due to gravel price increases.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$328,312 in cash assets, and \$1,692,406 in total assets and

property as of the end of May. Total income for May was \$61,512, with year to date income of \$212,084, which is 55% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$129,329, which is 65% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$8,272, which is 36% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for May were \$35,968, and YTD of \$195,774, which is 46% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for May was for to GMCO Corp, and to CTSI, in the amounts of \$21,164, and \$2,700 respectively.

- Jame noted that the primary expenses listed in the treasurer's report were the same as the previous months due to the late meeting the prior month, and that they weren't a double payment.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as amended, seconded by Ken; all in favor.

Old Business

- Jame stated that the total election costs were \$734.01. He noted that the last mail in was around \$3,500, and that holding a polling place election saved the district a large amount of money, especially considering there was virtually the same voter turnout.
- Ronnie noted that this amount should be included in the budget for following years as a line item for administrative costs so that election years would be covered.
- Dick had filed all the director's oaths and forms with DOLA as his last act as Director and Chairman.
- Linda Barber spoke about the emergency planning team that she was coordinating to assist with the county for Aspen Springs. She listed a group of volunteers who were willing to help. Doug Schmid said that he had two 1500 gallon water tanks that he would be willing to provide if there was an emergency. Ken mentioned that it would be of great benefit to have a call network for each unit in case of emergency. The group was hoping to get FireWise involved. They would be working with the Fire Department, the Sheriff, and Mike LeRoux with emergency management to create a community plan.
- Shane asked about Karen needing a substitute for the water station testing. Pam said that she would coordinate with Karen and have her show Shane and whomever else was interested in how to do the water testing in case Karen took a vacation.
- Andrew asked if the district was able to restrict who was able to use the water station, in situations where people from other areas would come and use the water if their respective stations were shut down. Ken and Shane noted that this was a public water station, and as such was open to the public at large.

New Business

- Ken asked Shane if he would be willing to let someone help with the website, as Kimberly Sanchez had offered to help since she was experienced with web building, and the website was fairly out of date. Shane stated he would be happy to let Kimberly help as he was not up to date on websites and didn't really know how to upgrade it.
- Ken said that the BOCC had asked the Metro Board as a whole attend a BOCC work session on June 19th regarding road issues, and code enforcement. Shane asked Ronnie about posting statutes, and Ronnie clarified. It would be posted to the website, water station, and the bus stop at least 48 hours in advance.
- Ken asked Carey if he would be interested in allowing community service hours to be

served in the Metro district. There was some discussion by the board and Carey; no one saw an issue. The workers would be supervised by Carey and vetted by Carey or the board.

Property Owner's Concerns

- A property owner had some questions about the election. She asked about eligibility requirements, and about the polling place vs. mail in ballot election. Kelly noted that there were 142 voters in the last mail in ballot election, and 103 voters in this polling place election, out of roughly 2000 registered voters.
- Jerry Evans was concerned that no drinks were offered at the metro meetings.
- Cindy, on Forest Place had a complaint about a trailer that has been parked in the right-of-way for a long time, and was blocking the road. The board explained that they had no law enforcement powers, but were trying to pressure the county into removing this trailer. They recommended that she attend the work session with the BOCC the following Tuesday.
- Ricky White spoke about the Bill's Place property issue. He said that the reason that the offending property was finally being addressed was because all the neighbors had been calling dispatch repeatedly for a long time. He stressed that the 'squeaky wheel gets the grease', and that if someone has a problem, they need to call repeatedly until the issue is addressed. He recommended that anyone with a complaint call non-emergency dispatch at 970-731-2160.
- Linda Barber talked about the Park and Playground committee, and that they were still searching for more participants before they could proceed. They were looking into grant opportunities for the park and water station.
- There was some discussion about the water station and how to mitigate the slip hazard issues. Ken, Carey, and Andrew would meet at the station to look at possible remedies.
- Ronnie reiterated that anyone with concerns about property complaints or nuisance concerns should attend the BOCC work session on June 19th.
- Wayne Bryant, from Oak Ridge, noted that due to the stage 3 forest restrictions the Burns Canyon route would be closed as an evacuation route.

Kenneth Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.