

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Board members Glenn Robinson, Dick Warring, Kelly Evans, Al Gardner, and Pam Wallis were in attendance. District employees Carey Brown and Roy Stevens were at the meeting as were thirteen property owners.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by appointed Board Chairperson, Glenn Robinson. Introduction to newest appointed board member, Al Gardner, was made and he was sworn in, as well.

PUBLIC WORKS

Carey Brown: They've been hauling gravel and grading roads and cleaning ditches. Most attention has been put on the lower roads as the highway project will begin soon, then working on the other roads (week or so).

MINUTES:

Dick brought up corrections: 1) someone CAN run for a seat on the board if they're a felon, as long as they're not on probation or in custody and 2) the spelling of Zhena's name. Kelly made a motion to approve with corrections; seconded by Dick Warring; all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

District treasurer Kelly Evans reported the following information: Mike Branch completed the audit and we got it back and approval will be tabled until next month so board members can review it. The District had \$216,606 in cash assets, and \$1,418,758 in total assets and property (excluding the value of the new water fill station) as of the end of the month of February. Total income for the month of February was \$12,746 with year to date income of \$18,627. The total income YTD is 5% of budget for 2014. Total property tax income YTD is \$1,346 which is approximately .74% of budget for 2014 of \$182,470. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$2,711 which is 11.3% of total budgeted of \$24,000. Total expenses for February is \$33,169 and YTD of \$67,708 which is 19% of budget. Primary expenses for February were \$3,000 to Mike Branch (auditor), \$2,858 to Rocky Mountain Health, and \$3,094 to C&J Gravel. Discussion on vehicle registration increase: Glenn attempted to meet with Clifford Lucero unsuccessfully. He spoke with June and Noreen and we're out of luck at this point getting the fees reduced; fees are calculated by weight and how much they're used on the road. Also suggestion was made to lump all of the registrations into the same time period so that the renewals don't get overlooked throughout the year. Dick also spoke with June and they determined that these additional fees should have been charged all along and the State just recently caught it. We will have to keep records of our mileage

per vehicle so that the State's estimates can be accurately calculated which should lower the rates. Dick: Due to the audit going over the limit, there WILL be a full blown audit. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dick Warring; seconded by Al Gardner; all in favor.

ELECTION INFORMATION

There will be seven candidates for the two-year term and nine candidates for the four-year term. The two-year candidates are as follows: Steve Keno, Doug Roberts, Kelly Evans, Janet Jones, Sharon Parker, Kyle Keelan, and Todd Shelton. The four-year candidates are as follows: Sara Anderson, Loretta Thomas, Dickie Warring, Zhen, JoAnn Mihotz, Pam Wallis, Patrick Burschinger, Elizabeth Mieritz, and Al Gardner. They are in the previous order due to a drawing that was done the previous Friday. A motion to accept the candidates as read was made by Dickie Warring; seconded by Kelly Evans; all in favor. Loretta Thomas was not notified of the drawing, however upon research, the email that we had was incorrect and corrected at this time.

PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS

Steve Keno formally requested permission to drive his sheep across the greenbelt as advisement from his attorney. It was decided since that was an attorney advisement, we should consult our attorney, as well. Zhen asked about the weed spraying. If residents do not want the spray at their properties, they need to post it or call and make arrangements. If so, the responsibility for keeping the weeds down then falls on the property owner. Loretta mentioned she also does not want her property sprayed. Moe stated that we're overrun with prairie dogs. Many options have been made trying to deal with these animals. Smoke bombs were used, however they didn't do as good of a job that was anticipated. Poisons have been tried, however we're hesitant due to neighbor dogs and such. Last year approximate 500 bombs were set off with the assistance of local volunteers. Shooting them, due to the houses, is not recommended. The only way they can completely be eliminated is a plague. Steve requested a copy of the audit, however it needs to be read and approved by the board first. Jeff on Stollsteimer wants more signs due to blind corners and drives; inquired about putting up his own sign. Also the destruction of road signs costs the property owners/district a couple hundred dollars per sign (custom made). Since unit 6 has quite a bit of vandalism on the signs, suggestion was made to report anyone damaging the signs. Ricky suggested putting up wildlife cameras (approximately \$170.00 each). Loretta inquired on how to notify individuals about the election. We're doing everything required, in addition putting out the newsletter with election information. Dick brought up the fact that being on the board is not just showing up for the monthly meetings, but putting in hours of time throughout the month on research, filings, notifications, contacts, etc. Dick brought up the \$20.00 campaigning limit (at which time you have to file a report) which has, once again, been changed back to the prior \$200.00. Glenn brought up information on the upcoming newsletter. All candidates will be allowed up to 150 words about themselves, along with a picture. Also, articles will be done by other publications about our election, just getting the word out. Ronnie explained about the ballots being mailed are to be a return mail-in, however it CAN be dropped off on the day of the Election (May 6, 2014) at the Metro District building to the DEO between 7am and 7pm. Ron inquired if funds were in budget for the newsletter mailing (yes).

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussion on the water station: The "bugs" are getting worked out and the production is good (approximately 600,000 gallons so far); business is picking up; and testing is showing better results. The water station will be shut down for two hours every three months for flushing the tank. Notice will be posted. No decision on filtration has been made as yet. A coating with color is to be done on the outside of the building. Insulation on the inside of the building is in the plan, as well. Occasional discoloration (primarily iron) in the water is present and generally when the water is running and stirred up so if you arrive at these times, your water could be cloudy, however nothing that could harm you. Possibly a timer could be installed to have the filling only at night.
- Ronnie spoke about the newsletter. Each candidate will have an "article" about themselves, along with a picture. The newsletter will be eight pages and sent to every property address as well as property owners at alternate addresses. It will have photos of park, gazebo, and water station. Also stacks of the newsletter will be available at several other locations (Turkey Springs Trading Post, Aspen Springs Bar and Grill, kiosks, website, available by email, etc.) They should be mailed by April 4th. Complete cost (printing, postage) is estimated at approximately \$2,800. Also, it was mentioned that anyone can contribute an article for consideration to be printed in the newsletter.
- Steve Keno was concerned of the mention of a committee (Kelly Evans, Pam Wallis and Ronnie Zaday) to complete the newsletter. He was under the impression that Pat Ullrich was taking care of it, however it *WAS* voted on and noted in the prior meeting minutes.
- 7:11 pm: Kelly made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dick; all in favor.