

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on November 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 Al Gardner, Dick Warring, Kelly Evans, and Sara Anderson were in attendance. District employees Roy Stevens and Carey Brown were in attendance, as were thirteen property owners.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by elected Board Chairperson, Al Gardner.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the October minutes as submitted was made by Dick; seconded by Kelly; all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Carey: They've been cleaning culverts and grading roads, as well as drainage work, until the first freeze comes; same as last meeting. The issue of the gravel on Navajo was brought up; the amount of gravel Carey quoted to the phone company was approximately 27 tons short to do it right so we'll have to absorb that cost. ASMD billed the phone company \$3,100 for the loss of gravel and equipment time.

Sara spoke to the USPS postmaster to find out the status on the mailboxes that had been hit and offered some manpower hours, however they indicated they had it under control. Pam Wallis also called and spoke with them and received the same information. All costs would be theirs, not ASMD.

TREASURER'S REPORT

District treasurer Kelly Evans reported the following information: the District had \$216,937 in cash assets, and \$1,571,486 in total assets and property (including the value of the new water fill station) as of the end of the month of October. Total income for the month of October was \$5,380 (not including any HUTF funds) with year to date income of \$298,799. The total income YTD is 85% of budget for 2014. Total property tax income YTD is \$174,211 which is approximately 95.47% of budget for 2014 of \$182,470. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$19,207 which is 80.03% of total budgeted of \$24,000. Total expenses for October is \$20,561 and YTD of \$310,569 which is 88% of budget. Primary expenses for October were \$2,576 to Colorado Animal Law, \$2,371 to Green Analytical Lab, \$2,858 to Rocky Mountain Health and \$1,994 to Strohecker SAsphalt. HUTF funds still not received; unable to get information from the County Treasurer's office however Kelly contacted the State. They haven't sent it, but they ARE sending three months worth shortly (approximately \$40,000 to ASMD). There was a special meeting which budget issues were discussed. Looking how to increase income and decrease

costs. Porta-potty has been picked up, so there will not be any charges until it's delivered back, come springtime. Dick made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read; seconded by Al; all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Candidates for open board position: Dick spoke with Attorney Ann Terry, Executive director of the SDA in Denver who recommended an individual to speak with. The attorney said that appointing Glenn Robinson to the board, given the circumstances of term limits, would be fine. It wouldn't be "cool", but it wouldn't breach any rules. They suggested there being a term out before he ran again. The board unanimously chose Pam Wallis to appoint to the board, beginning the following month so that she can be sworn in with a notary present. The question of an additional person to take the notes was brought up; Pam agreed to try it for a meeting or two to see how it goes.
- Topic of the Meiretz' fence: Dick needs to call again on it as he has yet to receive any information. Tabled until the next meeting again.
- Kelly brought up the need for the ventilation and insulation at the water station. We need to move on this due to the season. Guisepe had some medical issues so some of this issue was put on hold. Awaiting approval of methods. Concerns were brought up by Jerry Evans on treated wood and such, contaminating the water.
- Waiver of liability in regards to the Staples' fence was done.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dick: stated that ASMD will be paying off the grader early which will save the interest for six months or so which will help with the budget a bit, however now there is another piece of equipment needed and requested.
- Dick brought up the issue of a Mill Levy increase in the next couple of years because we could be losing \$35,000 - \$50,000 a year. He brought up an example of how much per house that the tax would increase; taxes on a house valued at approximately \$128,850 would increase approximately \$52/year. Costs are all going up and we're getting less on the HUTF funds. Dick explained how the HUTF tax works, statewide. Loretta Thomas inquired on the minutes posted on the internet.
- Kelly: During the last special meeting it was discussed to reduce the amount of water that is delivered per quarter at the water station. Currently approximately 40 gallons to be reduced to 36 gallons per 25 cents. (PAWS delivers 33 gal/25c.) Although it was brought up in the special meeting, it needs to be made a motion in a regularly scheduled meeting. Dick made a motion to decrease the volume from approximately 40 gallons to 36 gallons; seconded by Al; all in favor. Adjustment will be done immediately.
- A mill levy increase would have to be done within an election (which would be 2016 for a regular election in lieu of a special election which would cost the district additional funds). Discussion between Loretta Thomas, Kathleen Sullivan, Ronnie Zaday, Jerry Evans, and Annie Seales on this topic. Tax increases are generally not favorable to the public and a special election could cost the district if the increase didn't pass.

PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS

- Jerry Evans: Noticed that the ditches are deeper along the sides of the road. Carey explained that since we're spraying for the weeds, then the rains wash down the side of the

roads. The lack of some of those weeds are the result of the ditches washing out. Due to utility lines in the ditches, we run a risk of damaging them in fixing this problem. Kelly suggested possibly the straw tubes that are used on the highways. Our roads were originally designed with cross culverts which do the job, but with the heavy rains, they're just not adequate. Additional culverts are expected to be installed next year to help with this issue.

- Ronnie Zaday expressed concern on individuals parking on the road, with the winter coming up. Kelly suggested placing a card on the problem vehicles. Carey has such cards, but just needed more. Sara offered to print some for him; Pam said she could print some, as well.
- Kathleen brought up a past idea of creating a Park and Ride where the highway construction yard was. The board suggested Pam to follow through with CDOT to see what their intentions are for this property.
- Loretta requested a sign to be put at the bottom of Evergreen where the school bus stops. Suggestion to parents/drivers could be done.
- Kathleen made announcement of a new competent mechanic (John Rivera) in the area on Deer Trail across from the church.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly; seconded by Dick; all in favor.