

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on October 11, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Dick Warring, Pam Wallis, and Jame Venturini were in attendance, as were appointed members Kenneth Barber and Shane Tuller, and employee Carey Brown. Five property owners attended.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by elected Chairperson, Dick Warring.

### **Minutes**

Pam made a motion to approve the September minutes as read, seconded by Kenneth; all in favor.

### **Public Works**

- Carey has been working on grading road, cleaning culverts, and installing 8 new street signs. 3 more had been stolen since he ordered the previous signs. A property owner had complained that the 'No Trailers' sign at the top of Indian Land had been stolen.
- Dick said that a property owner had asked that a speed limit sign be installed at the top of Indian Land Road. The issue of Indian Land not being either a platted road and of prior signs being shot and stolen was brought up. The board agreed to have 10 MPH signs put at the top and bottom of Indian Land Road.
- Carey said he needed to bring Roy in for a couple days to help out with some extra work.
- Carey mentioned that he had been contacted by the Sheriff's Department about a possible marijuana grow on public land, and had been asked to verify if it was public or private land.
- Dick said that an individual had complained about a sign that had been installed off of the road on Indian Land that the complainant had deemed offensive. Since the sign was on private property and not within the Metro District's right of way, there was nothing to be done about it.
- Carey said that we have been monitoring the pressures on the water station well to verify that they weren't varying; everything was staying the same. Dick mentioned that a local well-drilling company had drilled a new well in the vicinity of the water station, and that several property owners had

complained about their wells going over-pressure and overflowing. The state water board representative had advised Dick to continue monitoring the Metro well to be on the safe side. Dick said that any property owners with concerns about their wells should contact the state water board.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Jame: The district had \$305,390 in cash assets, and \$1,661,222 in total assets and property as of the end of September. Total income for September was \$21,466, with year to date income of \$306,019, which is 87% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$157,393, which is 91% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$17,834, which is 77% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for September are \$22,385, and YTD of \$266,239, which is 76% of the yearly budget. The primary expense for September was for Crossfire LLC, and to Wester Refining, in the amounts of \$3,483, and \$3,185, respectively.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Kenneth; all in favor.

## **Old Business**

- Dick asked Shane about the cost of speeding signs. Shane said that he had talked to two different companies, the first companies' prices were twice that of the second. The second company had two basic models, the most basic solar design cost \$2,450 per sign, with a bulk discount. The more advanced signs could do data-logging, were programmable, and could take pictures of vehicles going over the speed limit. Those were \$3,950 each with the same 10% bulk discount. There was discussion amongst the board, with the major concerns being overall cost, and the issue of the signs being vandalized. Dick said that at this point the board wouldn't pursue the issue. Ronnie mentioned that there may be CDOT grant money available to fund the signs. Shane said he'd look into it.
- Jame reminded the board that everyone needs to go down and sign the new signature cards at the bank.
- Dick asked the board members to think of something that they would like to see accomplished in Aspen Springs that the Metro District could do; something that would benefit the community and preferably not be expensive.
- Pam said that they porta-potties at the park were scheduled to be removed in the next few days.
- The issue of the property on Haystack Circle with the drainage issue was brought back up. The property owner had stated to Pam that he would no longer talk to Pam or Carey, and wanted to talk to someone else on the board. Pam told him that he was welcome to attend this meeting to have his issue addressed. He had stated that he would not attend the meeting, and expected the District to fix the drainage issue or he would sue. Dick stated that when the possibility of a lawsuit is mentioned, that the next step is to cease contact and refer the complainant to the board's lawyer. The board

stands behind the County's opinion that this is 'historic drainage' and is the property owner's issue. Dick stated that if any of the board members or employees were contacted by the property owner, that they were to refer them to him or the district's lawyer.

## **New Business**

- Kenneth said that a couple individuals had asked that an orange marker be put on the CenturyLink box on the road where Carey had removed a tree. Carey said he'd put a marker on it.
- Dick asked about the new budget. Kenneth said that he'd worked on the budget, and gave a proposed copy to the board to review. There were no changes from the previous year.

## **Property Owner's Concerns**

- Anne asked about the tarping on the pavilion; Dick said that the district had purchased the tarps back in July, and that they had worked very well. Carey would be taking them down for the winter soon.
- Walter said that he had his mower back in operation after the accident, and that his tractor was still being repaired. His insurance had finally agreed to pay for repairs on the damage.
- Dick said that he had asked Carey before the meeting what Carey thought would be enough gravel and mag chloride to make the main roads perfect. Since the district has money in reserves in excess of what is necessary, Dick thought that perfecting the main roads would benefit the community. There have been a good number of new residents moving to Aspen Springs and traffic has increased accordingly, therefore improving the roads is a priority. Carey said he'd run some numbers and report at the next meeting.
- Shane asked about the highway work that had been done in the past couple years, and brought up the issue of non-existent turn lanes off the highway onto major district roads, and also of the problem of visibility turning onto the highway off of Buttercup going eastbound. This is out of the district's jurisdiction, and is controlled by CDOT. There was general consensus that this was a major safety issue. Ronnie suggested that Shane draft a letter to CDOT addressing this issue.

**Dick Warring adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.**