

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 10, 2017 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. Four property owners attended.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Jame noted that there was a date error in the minutes; Shane would correct it. Pam made a motion to approve the September minutes as amended, seconded by Kenneth; all in favor.

Public Works

- Carey said the signs were still on order. They'd been cleaning culverts and grading roads.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$379,976 in cash assets, and \$1,734,482 in total assets and property as of the end of September. Total income for September was \$24,320, with year to date income of \$340,455, which is 92% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$172,809, which is 99% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$18,110, which is 78% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for September are \$21,760, and YTD of \$282,653, which is 77% of the yearly budget.. The primary expense for September was for Crossfire LLC, and to CTSI.
- There was some discussion about the CTSI payment vs. the CHP payment, and the fact that both amounts were identical. The board thought there must be an accounting error; Jame would check with the accountant.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Shane; all in favor.

Old Business

- Dick asked if anything had been done about the camper on Forest Place; Carey had

talked to the sheriff and Ronnie Maez, and the county was looking into it. Ken brought up another camper that had been illegally dumped on a property without the owner's permission on Hurt Lane, and that it was in the right of way.

- The purchase of the backhoe was discussed, and the terms and trade-in were went over to be sure everything was agreeable. The new backhoe should be in by December.
- Pam mentioned that the current person that had been testing the water station had missed a week of testing, and thought that Guiseppe was doing the testing at this point. He said that he would no longer be able to do the station testing as he was on foot, and the weather was getting too cold. Carey said he was unable to do the testing himself, along with all his other duties. Shane said that he could take over the testing temporarily if needed. There was discussion over Guiseppe's monthly fees, and his responsibilities. The board would look into finding a replacement, and Guiseppe would to do the testing in the interim.
- Dick said that the contempt filings regarding Keno and the sheep should probably wait until next year, as the sheep would probably be sold at market shortly and the issue would be moot until a new flock arrived.

New Business

- Ken Herring, and Bill Aspin from the Pagosa Trail Riders was in attendance to speak about the proposed County ordinance allowing ATV/UTV use on certain county roads. Dick read the recent state legislation allowing counties to regulate ATV/UTV use on its roads. The legislation states that any operator must have a valid driver's license, insurance, and a current Forest Service ATV registration sticker. Ken talked about how the Pagosa Trail Riders had attended a BOCC meeting where the commissioners had asked the PTR to put forth a proposal on which county roads should be opened to ATV use. The current recommendation was to follow the Garfield County regulations, which stipulated, in addition to the state requirements, that any ATV have a functional taillight, and headlights to operate on county roads, and would have to follow all noise ordinance rules. They were also recommending that the usage restrict 2 stroke dirtbikes, as they could not meet the noise limits. Ken said that the PTR's main goal was to open up direct access roads to Forest Service, such as Turkey Springs Road. He said that there was a great deal of projected income to the Forest Service from ATV registration arising from allowing ATV use on public roads. There was discussion about a certain ATV rental place that was already using Metro roads to access Forest Service, and about the possibility of nuisances arising from more rental places using the proposed ordinance to access Forest Service. The board discussed the issue of people parking at Turkey Springs Store or the Fire Station, and filling up the parking lots. There was agreement that it would be unacceptable to open some roads to ATV use, and barring other residents from the same enjoyment. If one road was to be opened, they'd have to open up all of Aspen Springs to ATV use. Shane said that the board should stipulate that a functional rearview mirror be included in the usage requirements. The issue of people who were currently blasting around on ATVs was discussed, and the topic of enforcement with the new regulations was brought up. Dick asked that the PTR make a point of asking the BOCC that the Metro Board be allowed to revisit the issue if any area becomes a problem, and wish to have them shut down in the future.

- Pam made a motion to recommend that the County open all Aspen Springs Metro District Roads to ATV use, using the current Garfield County regulations, with a maximum speed of 35 mph, or the posted speed limit; whichever is less, adding the requirement that a rearview mirror be installed on any vehicle using County roads, Shane seconded; all in favor. Shane would write a letter to the BOCC with the board's recommendations, and Dick would forward that to the PTR to present at the next Commissioners meeting.
- Ken presented the budget, and the board discussed it. There was some shuffling of money to cover the purchase of the new backhoe; the rest of the budget remained largely unchanged from the previous year. The proposed budget would be published in the Sun, and posted at the Metro building, water station, etc.
- Jame brought up the property on Indian Land to which the Metro district held water rights. The property had been pulled from the market, but there was no record of any vested water rights as far as Jame could tell. The issue would be investigated further by contacting the Durango office.
- Pam said that the porta-potty at the park should be removed before long, as it was starting to freeze. She'd let the provider know it should be removed before November.
- Pam mentioned that the county had a service where they'd come out and spray noxious weeds on properties for a small fee to the owner; the board would have to allow the county to spray their right-of-ways on these properties on an individual basis.
- Pam had sent a letter to CDOT regarding lane widening and turn lanes in Aspen Springs, asking for clarification on their work schedule.

Property Owner's Concerns

- There were no property owner's concerns.

Dick Warring adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.