

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on September 12, 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. Three 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 August minutes as read, seconded by Kenneth; all in favor.

Public Works

- Carey has been hauling gravel, and grading roads. He had to take the grader in to be repaired, and was doing maintenance on the other machines. They had cut some trees in Unit 6.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$390,578 in cash assets, and \$1,745,084 in total assets and property as of the end of August. Total income for August was \$29,920, with year to date income of \$316,135, which is 85% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$168,582, which is 97% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$15,525, which is 67% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for August are \$30,205, and YTD of \$260,892, which is 71% of the yearly budget.. The primary expense for August was for Crossfire LLC, and to Western Refining, in the amounts of \$3,641, and \$4,135 respectively.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Shane; all in favor.

Old Business

- Jame said he'd called about the property on Indian Land Road which the district owned water rights to; he had called the realtor but had been unable to reach anybody. He'd continue to try and contact someone to inform them of the district's water rights to the property.

- Dick and Jame had looked into alternative financing for the new backhoe purchase; the rates came in higher than CAT's offered rate. The board discussed various financing options, interest rates, and down payments. Kelly Evans suggested that since the district had a large reserve account built up, that it would be beneficial to make a larger down payment on the new backhoe to lower the total interest paid.
- Jame made a motion to adjust the budget in the following months, and move \$60,000 from the reserves to the general operating account in order to make a capitol purchase, Shane seconded; all in favor.
- Kelly mentioned that with the extra HUTF funds yet to be received, the district may be slightly over budget at year's end.
- Pam made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the new backhoe at the 48 month term, with \$50,000 down, as presented in the bid by Wagner Equipment, Shane seconded; all in favor.
- Dick brought up the issue of the sheep, and the letter that he had written to the state Attorney General regarding the lawsuit. He had asked for an official opinion on the case, and on the Deputy District Attorney's position on the matter. He was of the opinion that the State AG would have the same position as the DDA; that it was a civil matter. Dick and Ronnie had found a form to file an Order Of Contempt Of Court, the board agreed to let Dick file this form with the county courts.
- Dick said that he'd been contacted by a property owner regarding the intersection of Oak and Oak Ridge Drives intersecting the highway, and the lack of turn lanes. The board decided that the intersection of Buttercup and Highway 160 was the more pressing issue, and Pam would write a letter to CDOT regarding their time frame for improving the highway and turn lanes.
- Dick said that he'd spoken to Ronnie Maez about the camper parked on the right of way on Forest Place, and that Maez understood that all roads in the Metro District were owned by the county, and that he would look into enforcing the right of way.
- Dick mentioned that the county seemed to be backtracking on enforcement of the county nuisance ordinance, and was hoping that a large number of Aspen Springs residents would show up to a Commissioners meeting to protest the lack of enforcement.
- Carey said that the signs he'd ordered regarding the applicability of county building codes and permits in Aspen Springs were still a couple weeks out.
- Carey reminded the board that he and Shane White would be taking the next week off for vacation, and that no road work would be happening during that time.

New Business

- Dick mentioned the closure of the county courthouse due to noxious gasses in the courthouse. He said that the sheriff's department needed office space for deputies to conduct regular business and write up reports while the county found a new office for the department, and suggested that the board allow a couple deputies to utilize the Metro building as a temporary office space. He said that this would be a goodwill gesture towards the department, and that it could possibly help to have Sheriff's vehicles in the area on a regular basis to curb some of the more recent crime issues.
- Pam made a motion to allow the Sheriff's department to utilize the Metro building temporarily for office space for a couple deputies, with the Department being liable for any costs or damages incurred during their use. Ken seconded; all in favor.

Property Owner's Concerns

- Pam said that she'd seen on Facebook that some individuals were interested in installing bicycle racks at the bus stops. There was some discussion on design and installation. Ronnie asked if one could also be installed at the Ute park. Shane said that he would fabricate the racks and donate them; Dick asked if he would need to be compensated for the cost of materials. Shane said he'd check, and that if the materials weren't inordinately expensive that he would donate them.
- There was a request to approve consolidation of lots at 150 Elk Drive. Jame made a motion to approve the consolidation of Aspen Springs Unit 1, Block 6, Lot 4 and 21x, with all easements and right of ways to remain intact. Ken seconded; all in favor.

Dick Warring adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.