

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on September 11, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, Kenneth Barber, Shane Tuller, and Andrew Hickman, were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. Multiple property owners attended.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Barber.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Public Works**

- Carey had been working on secondary roads and getting the new semi road-worthy. He needed to rebuild the plow truck engine at a cost of roughly \$4500. He also needed to lay down gravel on Oak Drive.
- Carey had installed the bike racks at the bus stops. There was discussion about the non-slip paint at the water station; it was coming off quickly. The crew might look into no-slip abrasive tape to put down.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jame: The district had \$373,407 in cash assets, and \$1,715,759 in total assets and property as of the end of August. Total income for August was \$95,132, with year to date income of \$387,651, which is 100% of this year's budgeted income. Total property tax income YTD is \$188,027, which is 94% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$17,381, which is 76% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for August were \$28,099, and YTD of \$302,815, which is 72% of the yearly budget. The primary expenses for August were to Shane White for the semi, to Brennan Oil, and to CTSI in the amounts of \$5,000, and \$6,253, and \$2,700 respectively.
- There was a note that the accountant still hadn't reflected the transfer of \$40,000 to the gravel budget in the accountant's statement. Jame would have them correct this.
- Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as amended, seconded by Ken; all in favor.

## Old Business

- Andrew mentioned that he had been helping Steve Keno with his sheep while Keno was attending to other business. Some people had complained to various board members that Andrew had been letting the sheep onto the greenbelt; Andrew stated that he had been keeping the sheep off the greenbelt and private property where they were not allowed. He had obtained verbal permission from the surrounding property owners who were OK with the sheep grazing their properties. Pam noted that all permissions should be in writing per the court order in the Keno vs. ASMD case. Ken Barber had called Andrew to warn him of a possible conflict of interest regarding his board position and helping Keno. Jame said that he had observed Andrew keeping the sheep out of the greenbelt, and herding them back onto Keno's property. There was discussion amongst the board and property owners.
- The discussion escalated, and Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM. Pam seconded. Three board members abstained. Jame asked that the members of the audience and board all calm down and have a polite discussion.
- There was a note that grazing could possibly be allowed as long as the board provided written permission in each separate case; however this was not currently being considered in any instance.
- Pam said that she didn't have any update on the Oak Ridge Drive road blockage at this time.
- Linda gave an update on the Firewise team: Linda had made a website, the flyers were done, there was a growing network of licenced HAM radio operators in Aspen Springs, and they were looking into glowsticks that residents could place in their driveways in case of evacuation to show that they were already gone and the property was clear.
- Ronnie noted that the county was doing its annual budget and that if the Metro wanted to put in requests for Park improvements that now was the time.

## New Business

- Andrew asked Shane about the procedure for requesting documents from the Metro. Shane hadn't really dealt with this issue yet, but said that anyone requesting information needed to submit a request for what they were looking for, and that he would locate the file if available and make a copy to be delivered to the person requesting it. No physical documents should leave the filing cabinet. Shane would look into the exact procedures required for CORA requests.
- There were some questions and complaints from property owners about the mag chloride and herbicide used by the Metro. They were directed to the Metro website for the MSDS sheets and information. Carey noted that magnesium chloride is essentially refined salt, mostly originating from Salt Lake in Utah. He also reminded everyone that the mag chloride was not used for dust control, but it was a beneficial side effect. The mag was used as a roadbase adhesion media to keep the road solid when new gravel was layed or the road was graded.

## Property Owner's Concerns

- Wayne Bryant said that the Forest Service had revoked access to the Burns Canyon road, and that this affected evacuation routes from Oak Ridge subdivision and AS Unit

6. The Forest Service was talking about berming the entrance to the old Burns Canyon road in addition to the current chained gate.
- Dick talked about the OHV ordinance being considered by the BOCC. The Metro Board reiterated its support for the ordinance; Shane had drafted a letter to be sent to the BOCC.
  - Some prospective new residents had questions about the community. Several property owners said that they would be happy to speak with them after the meeting.
  - There were questions about whether Aspen Springs Metro roads were county roads or not. Shane and Pam noted that they both had documentation to show that the roads were in fact county owned, and that the Metro simply maintained them.
  - There was further discussion about the Oak Ridge blockage. The county attorney had stated that he was waiting on information from Ronnie Zaday on the issue. Ronnie had no idea what Todd Starr was talking about; she had no involvement or information on this issue. It appeared the county was punting the issue back to the ASMD. The Fire Chief had emailed Pam a letter stating his disapproval of the blockage. Andrew had also spoken with the sheriff regarding the blockage.
  - Pam noted that there hadn't been a mill levy increase since 1992, and that costs of maintaining the roads was increasing. People should keep in mind that a mill levy increase should be on the ballot before long.

**Kenneth Barber adjourned the meeting at 7:19**