

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on September 13th, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kenneth Barber, Kelly Evans, Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, and appointee Eric Davidson were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. Two property owners also attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:03 by Kenneth Barber

Reading & approval of previous Minutes

August's minutes were approved – Motion: Kelly, 2nd: Jame, Passed unanimous

Public Works

*Carey – Received newly purchased pickup and mounting a plow on it.

*~\$10k under gravel budget & trying to keep it there.

*New 367 Tractor had ECM go out. They are on backlog, with daily updates from Peterbilt. Module will be \$4.5k with install expect ~\$6k repair.

*Prairie dog deterrent failed.

*Easements: Numerous cases of encroaching on right-of-way on county road(s). The 15' set-back requirement is not being honored. Cannot get to culverts for proper cleaning in addition to snow removal complications.

Blasting down an offending fence is not going to endear the public.

-Jame: This is a county enforcement issue

-Pam to talk to Mary @ County Roads & Bridge, send letter to county explaining this is a general problem, not a specific instance. Emphasis on the encroachment on “Improved portion of the right-of-way”.

-Cary to find a representative sample of encroachments where 3-4 nearby properties are combining to create an unsafe working/driving conditions.

-Board members to support on-site discussions with County Road & Bridge to communicate scope of problem and seek a suitable remedy.

-Typical process is to notify property owner first, then county, then county is responsible to address the problem. However, since the issue is pervasive, a more general enforcement may be called for.

*Kelly is looking into grants for survey work on the green belts. Ken agreed that since green belts are definitely within the board's purview, and there have been a number of property line disputes lately, this is a worthwhile effort.

Treasurer's Report

*Jame presented August's financial data:

August	2022		
Total Cash Assets: \$391,218		Total Assets: \$2,125,199	
	MTD (\$)	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	24,368	380,547	82
Property tax income	249,748		90.09
Water Depot Income	12,934		51.73
HUTF income	97,025		66.91
Total Expenses	24,310	319,570	65
Primary/Major monthly expenses:	Crossfire	\$6,641.55	
	Choice One Motors	\$14,700	

*It was noted that the new Mag truck cost (\$70k) did not appear in the recent reports.

-Jame to inquire as to why.

*Motion to approve August's Treasurer's Report: Eric, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

Budget / Election

*October meeting we must post draft budget and seek and amendments, finalizing in November meeting. Budget must be posted by 15 December.

-Kelly to put together draft budget for October mtg.

-Eric to post proposed budget in paper at the proper time.

Need to determine who will coordinate/run this coming election in May 2023

Review SDA calendar

*No new discussion

*Next major event: Budget Draft (Oct/Nov)

Well

*No new info (see camera discussion in Old News).

*Water flow checked and nearly identical to original flow 2 years ago.

-Kelly to consult with water rights attorney up to two (2) sessions to determine (after completing legal affidavits)

- **If we still have Right of Way, Water rights, an asset at all?**
- **What the District needs to do to protect those remaining rights.**

Old Business

*Property that intersects Disc Golf course – New property owner and fence impinging on hole.

Property lines have been defined (Disc Golf hole must be moved)

-Ken & Cary to determine final placement of Disc hole

*Cameras @ Water Station & Park – Kelly has been looking at alternatives that are ‘vandal-proof’

*Signature cards at Bank of San Juans

-Pam still needs to sign signature card(s)

New Business

*One setback variance requested Lot 145, Aspen 5, 120 Tom’s Place – No objections

*Six Lot Consolidation Requests:

Lots 8 & 9, Block 5, Aspen 1, 831 Elk Dr. – No objections

Lots 21 & 22, Block 17, Aspen 2, 817 Badger Rd. – No objections

Lots 12, 22X, & 23, Aspen 4, 402 Dyke Cir. – No objections

Lots 24 & 25, Aspen 2, 1233 Badger Rd. – No objections

Lots 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, & 25, Block 8, Aspen 1, 262 Simmons Pl. – No objections

Lot 585, 586, 587, 588, & 589, Aspen 6, 6 Engineer Point – No objections

*Someone apparently using Buttercup water site as a camper site. County alerted and a Deputy directed the camper to state forest land.

Property Owners’ Concerns

*Thanks for the recent work done at Haystack Circle. Will more be done?

-Cary: Plan to complete the work as time permits.

*Easement(s) questions, answered by Ken & board members

*Property consolidation questions, answered

*Establishment of Aspen Metro District questions, answered

*Thistles!?! – Metro spends over \$4k in herbicide annually to try to control thistles & other invasive species on the roadsides, but the responsibility falls on the individual property owners to address & maintain weed control.

*Community burn pile? – No, we cannot set up such a thing. Local burn permit available thru county. Please burn responsibly!

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 18:58 by Ken, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous