

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 PM**  
**710 Main Street, Silver Plume, Colorado**

**I. Call To Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by M. Gitlin. Exiting mayor Alessandria Register is not in attendance this evening. As the Oath of Office is not required by statute, Town Clerk C. Nihiser administers Oath of Office to all incoming elected officials prior Incoming elected officials and their offices are Lee Berenato; Mayor. Christian Frey; Trustee. Tammy Frey; Trustee. Martin Gitlin; Trustee. Randal "Mac" McDonald; Trustee. Mark Basham; Trustee. Bryon Monseu; Trustee. The Town Clerk requests all incoming officials raise a hand while she states the Oath and Affirmation of Office. The Clerk gives the instructions to wait until the Oath has been read, and then responds with "I do" or something similar, if the official feels they can reasonably adhere to the Oath. Incoming officials raise a hand, and the Clerk reads: "Do you solemnly swear and affirm that you will support the constitution of the laws of the United States and the state of Colorado, and the Charter, Ordinances, and laws of the Town of Silver Plume, and will faithfully perform the duties as elected officials of the Town of Silver Plume upon which you are about to enter to the best of your ability?" All incoming Board members state "I do".

**II. Roll Call**

L. Berenato takes Roll Call. Board Members present in person are M. Gitlin, R. McDonald, C. Frey, T. Frey M. Basham, B. Monsue, L. Berenato,

In the audience Cindy Neely and Cindy Nasky are in attendance, they are part of the agenda tonight. Town Clerk Chelsea Nihiser is also in attendance.

**III. Motion to Approve Agenda**

C. Frey motions to approve the agenda as presented, M. Gitlin seconds motion, motion passes with all in favor

**IV. Bills for Approval**

L. Berenato calls for motion to approve bills. C. Frey moves to approve bills as presented. Mac seconds. Discussion regarding CIRSA invoice. F350 Truck was removed from the insurance quote when donated to Georgetown, so insurance quote went down \$188.86 and then went up approx. \$800 due to the addition of Property Damage Coverage caused by use of mobile equipment, which was added because multiple volunteers have been using the equipment. Motion passes all in favor.

**V. Approval of Minutes: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

L. Berenato calls for motion to approve Minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. M. Gitlin motions to approve bills as presented, C. Frey seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

**VI. Public Comment**

n/a

\*\*\*7:08pm, L. Berenato amends the agenda by skipping "Administrative Items", as well as Action Items a-d. Action Item "e": Review and Signing of the Silver Plume Mountain Park Conservation Easement (SPMP Commission/C. Neely), is discussed first. \*\*\*

**Action Item "e" Review and Signing of the Silver Plume Mountain Park Conservation Easement (SPMP Commission/C. Neely)**

L. Berenato wants to discuss this action item first to hear Cindy Neely and Cindy Nasky and get them on their way. L. Berenato also clarifies if he is to review the deed Billy Peterson wrote for the Cascade Claim, which he is to look over and will complete next week. C. Neely introduces c. Nasky to the Board of Trustees. C. Nasky is with the State Historical Fund (SHF) and will be the liaison regarding the Conservation Easement (CE). Cindys' have gone through all aspects of the draft CE. Asks if the Board would like to review all aspects of the CE, or if the Board will approve Berenato to go ahead and sign with the corrections discussed during the last meeting in March. This CE is groundbreaking in terms of CE work, it is very uncommon, as the hillside is littered with cultural

resources in the terms of historic mine sites, and this is the first of its kind. It will be setting precedents for all historic areas in the state. Once signed, this document will be bound and published. The present conditions report is a huge document with accompanying drone footage. It is separated into different categories, interpretive sites, stewardship sites, and ruins. The level of maintenance the Town is required by the CE to perform varies between the different categories. Stewardship sites need to be kept an eye on and can be maintained as needed or wanted. The interpretive sites have to be consistently maintained. Ruins are remote, and although they have definite evidence and historic relevance, nature might recover them and in terms of CE that is ok. The Board can call Nasky with any questions. Sites are numbered on the map and will be simple to find and operate. Once everything is recorded, all documents will be officiated and recorded with the county. Then the CE will be done. M. Gitlin brings up the vandalism of the Victoria Tunnel/Mendota Mine, which has been an ongoing issue. Jeremy with DREAMS and town tried several deterrents with no luck. How do we maintain the interpretive sites and adhere to our commitments while combating this vandalism issue, which is a real concern? Three of the interpretive sites no longer exist, but will be interpreted anyways, such as Brownsville that does not exist any longer. Interpretive sites do not necessarily mean people must go in them; therefore it would not be against the terms of the CE to take measures to curb vandalism. L. Berenato brings up the financial responsibility of the interpretive sites, which C. Neely states there is currently an anonymous donor, which can be discussed later, but the financial aspects are all accounted for currently. L. Berenato calls for a motion to approve the Silver Plume Mountain Park North Conservation Easement. M Gitlin moves, C. frey seconds, motion passes with all in favor. L. Berenato signs CE document. Four signatures were needed, two copies of CE Deed, and two copies of the Present Conditions Report. C. Nasky will then notarize the documents and record the document with Clear Creek County. SHF requires that the Town have a CE on the land, as did the seller. Since the SHF requires this, they will pay for it, however as a reimbursement, so the town pays first. C. Neely requests a bill of SHF \$38,000 for the SPMP North CE be approved for payment at the next meeting. L. Berenato calls for a motion to approve this bill tonight and not delay the situation any longer. T. Frey motions to approve the \$38,000 bill to SHF, M. Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor to include bill for SFH with bills for today. The Town Clerk is directed to only record the CE Deed, not the present conditions report, on the Town's website. Can post the CE Deed, and master plan, but do not post the present conditions report, as it is a treasure hunt with a map that should not be published. Town will get an electric copy as well as a physical copy for our records.

## **VII. Administrative Items:**

### **a. Mayor Report**

Several new board members and longtime residents. Lee wants to take some walking tours around town and discuss various issues. Take white board and have spit balling session and organize by priorities. Mac to set up a meeting with John Volk to Tour WTP and find valves and know where the sewer meters are. Set up tour. Divide the town into three sections and take an hour in the evening, take notes. Discuss the town shop/connex/ various issues. Formulate a plan moving forward for all issues. Review sidewalk issues.

### **b. Town Clerk Update**

- Sasha and Clerk canvassed the election April 10<sup>th</sup>. No UOCAVA Ballots received, so the unofficial abstract did not change. Certificate published in newspaper. Election results accepted by DOLA. Will certify new Mill Levy rate with the county during budget season as normally done. Property tax increase goes into effect in 2025.
- John Volk and friends have gone out and repaired 3\*\* water meters so far

- Eliot will receive the QB file tomorrow and will work on Bank Reconciliations

## **VIII. New Business / Action Items**

### **a. Oath and Affirmation: Board of Trustees and Mayor (C. Nihiser)**

Administered at 704pm.

### **b. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

M. Gitlin was Mayor Pro Tem, and L. Berenato suggests he remains in this position. C. Frey moves to appoint M. Gitlin as Mayor Pro Tem. T. Frey seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

### **c. Appointment of Committee Members: Road and Bridge Committee, Budget Committee, Short Term Rental Committee**

The Road and Bridge committee currently consists of C. Frey, L. Berenato, and M. Gitlin. BOT appoints R. McDonald and B. Monsue. R&B Committee meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 630pm. Budget Committee is C. Frey and L. Berenato. BOT appoints B. Monseu, T. Frey, and M. Basham. Short Term Rental Committee is currently Lee. BOT appoints T. Frey, R. McDonald, M. Basham, and B. Monseu. Short Term Rental Committee scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> 630.

### **d. Resolution 2024-03, A Resolution Appointing an Additional Bank Signer (C. Nihiser)**

The Town Clerk states that the Town has 5 bank accounts with Evergreen National Bank, and there needs to be three authorized bank signers for those accounts. It has historically been the mayor and two trustees. The Town clerk has drafted Resolution 2024-03 which will remove Alessandria Register, Silver Plumes exiting mayor, and then will add mayor Lee Berenato as the replacement signer. As Chris Frey and Marty are the current bank signers, Clerk has left them on as the additional two trustee signers. In addition to Resolution 2024-03, there is a complementary letter that will be immediately delivered to the Bank. L. Berenato will need to sign the resolution, and either C. Frey or M. Gitlin will need to sign the letter to the bank. C. Frey moves to remove Alessandria Register in all capacities from all accounts. M. Basham seconds motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

C. Frey motions to appoint L. Berenato as the third bank signer in all capacities with all accounts. T. Frey seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

C. Frey states we need an action item on the next meeting agenda to review the change in chairman on the Planning and Zoning Board.

### **e. Review and Signing of the Silver Plume Mountain Park Conservation Easement (SPMP Commission/C. Neely)**

Addressed at the start of the meeting.

### **f. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 357, An Ordinance Regarding the Town of Silver Plume's Acquisition of the Property Legally Described as "STORMY Lot: 6 SVR PLM 559/889 719/411 720/266 774/655 774/653 809/118 848/638 848/640 848/310 877/964 877/967".**

Stormy owns the little triangle, lot 6, behind Dinger Park. We are trading stormy water and sewer tap to be used exclusively on Lot 4 of the Burleigh Placer. In turn we will get the triangle piece. It is a 7000 sq ft lot, trading for the \$10,000 water and sewer tap system investment fee. Tammy has a question regarding accessing the park via easement. The property owners on the corner have blocked the pass through, and ideally once traded the Town can have the property surveyed and regain access through the back end. This is the second reading of Ord. No. 357, and once read and approved the Town Clerk will publish the Ordinance and it will be in effect. C. Frey moves to approve Ord. No 357. M. Gitlin seconds, motion passes all in favor.

## **IX. Updates:**

### **a. Road and Bridge Committee**

Bridge on garland is showing wood, needs to be addressed. R&B similar list, priorities for the summer.

**b.** Budget Committee

n/a

**c.** Personnel Management Committee

Bryon replaces Alessandria on committee. Need to discuss public works position.

**d.** Cemetery Committee

Two cameras are needed, with signage, to deter vandalism. Form a cemetery committee meeting.

**e.** Mountain Park Commission

Met last week. Walk around on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, weather permitting.

**f.** Short Term Rental Committee

n/a

**X. Adjournment**

L. Berenato thanks new board members for joining and their service.

M. Gitlin motions for adjournment at 806pm. T. Frey seconds. Motion passes with all in favor