

Minutes
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, JULY 8th, 2024, at 7:00 PM
BOARD MEMBERS & MAYOR MEET IN PERSON AT TOWN HALL

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 706pm by Lee Berenato

II. Roll Call

In person: Lee Berenato, Marty Gitlin, Randall McDonald, Chris Frey, Tammy Frey, Mark Basham

Zoom: Mickey Frey. Public Attendants: Chris and Lisa Cowan, Sam McCloskey, Austin Wright

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

C. Frey motions to approve Agenda as presented. M. Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor

IV. Bills for Approval

C. Frey motions to approve the Bills as presented. T. Frey seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

V. Approval of Minutes: June 24th, 2024

M. Gitlin motions to approve bills as presented. M. Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

VI. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VII. Administrative Items:

- a. Mayor Report: Lee suggested that Agenda Item A and B be switched. Other mayor report includes scheduling of Water Treatment Plant Tour for July 16th at 1pm and need to schedule a work session to go over walkabout discussions. Marty wants to have a meeting with the Sheriff's Office.
- b. Town Clerk Update: Clerk is out with Covid, but wanted to update board that all the computers and associated hardware has been updated.

VIII. New Business / Action Items

a. Discussion Regarding 320 Main Street Rock Wall Damage (L. Berenato)

C. Cowan is given sharing rights on the Zoom meeting to share his computer screen with the Board. Presentation is titled "SW corner of Garland and Main St., Rockwall and landscaping damage from town backhoe on Saturday June 22nd between 1-4pm." Chris Cowan shares that he and Lisa have been living in Silver Plume for several years, Chris's father purchased his first home in 1969 in the Town, and Chris and Lisa moved here in 2012. Lisa's parents also

own a home in Silver Plume, and she shares the fact that they chose to live here specifically. Focus shifts to presentation which details the rock wall in question along Main Street. In June of 2021 the lots were surveyed and marked, and the property pins show the property lines in the road. These were marked due to safety concerns with the Cowans children playing in the yard and the increase in traffic along main. Folks take this corner far too fast, and the landscaping began expanding further and further within the Cowans property lines. Land Surveys are shared that show the two lots in question as well. Between pins are approximately 30 feet, showing where the road is currently, and where the Cowans property lines are. Then the Cowans share that on June 22nd, between 1 and 4pm, the Town backhoe came through and scooped up the rock wall and pushed it down to the corner of the road, about 50 feet in length according to Lisa. Several photos are shared from different perspectives showing the damage and debris of the former rock wall. Lots of the rocks are too big to be moved by hand and will need to be replaced by a machine. Photos from July 8th are shared, showing the curve of the road now lining up with the pile of rocks. L. Berenato states that this has happened before in the winter with the plow truck, this has been an ongoing issue with this corner. Property lines do not necessarily line up where they should, and that Main Street itself is not in the right place. It has been suggested by C. Cown to L. Berenato that the road be extended on the opposite side of Main Street and remove the willows on the other side. L. Berenato has a survey that shows the Cowans house to be inside the park itself. L. Berenato states the way the rocks were jutting into the roadway, and that is unsafe as well. Mac states that he hears that the whole idea of the rock wall is to mitigate the increased traffic, and that the board supports that. However, the Town does have an obligation to keep the streets accessible and clear. C. Frey states that the willows on the opposite side of the road are relatively new, and that the road has shifted incorrectly towards the Cowans, and does in fact need to be widened on that side. L. Berenato personally is not in favor of digging up the other side of the road and pulling out the willows, but a compromise needs to be made. Mac suggests a way to permanently identify the corner, such as a massive rock that the Town and the Cowans would compromise on the location of. This would help mitigate traffic and define the corner better. M. Basham brings up the rock wall coming at a 90-degree angle, when it has historically been a radius corner, which is an easier travel path. The Cowans state that the road is the safety issue, not the rock. C. Frey states a big piece of square cut granite to define the corner. L. Berenato states the Town can get a quote for clearing the opposite side of the road and extending it. Removing the willows would be beneficial to the Town at large. This needs to happen in the next few months, so the location needs to be determined soon. C. Frey requests the Cowans spray paint the property pins and have a surveyor replace the pins to show the property lines so that the Board members can walk by and have a visual of where the lines are. Property lines are funky and change all the time. The Cowans will mark the lines, and the Board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

b. Caboose Update (S. McCloskey)

Austin Wright and Sam McCloskey are here with Georgetown Loop Railroad. Austin has put together a list of material that will be needed to complete the project. Completion date of late summer 2025. To do project right, need to get wood and dry it first. This should have

been done years ago and is important because years from now we don't want shrinkage due to moisture. Kiln dried lumber is not a good option as it needs to be dried as well. Board members feel that if the Town is going to pay for it to be done, then it needs to be done right. The board requests a list of material and labor costs from the Railroad. The approximate cost is \$12,000 for materials. Total across is going to be approximately \$50,000 according to Sam McCloskey. Lee advised Railroad to get started with numbers and bring it to the board. The Caboose is currently stored in the Town shop and will continue to be worked on in that location unless something else changes. C. Frey moves to approve up to \$13,000.00 for cost of materials. M. Gitlin seconds. Motion passes with all in favor. C. Frey states that this will work on an invoice basis, Railroad will submit invoices to the Town Clerk and will then be approved by the Board.

c. Street Light Upgrade (B. Monseu)

Will discuss when Bryon is in attendance and has information to share.

IX. Updates:

a. Road and Bridge Committee

Bankey will be here Thursday to do locates and will then begin work the following Monday. \$5,600 for 7 loads of road base.

b. Budget Committee

n/a

c. Personnel Management Committee

n/a

d. Cemetery Committee

n/a

e. Mountain Park Commission

Meeting scheduled for July 18th

f. Short Term Rental Committee

n/a

X. Adjournment

757pm, C. Frey moves to adjourn. M. Basham seconds, motion passes with all in favor.