

## RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

March 20, 2019

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Zach McManus.

**Members Present.** Zach McManus, Sophia Kyriakakis, Nicole Pieterse, Stephan Roberts and Genevieve Yellowman. Absent/Excused was Barbara Betts.

**Staff Present.** Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman.

**Guests Present.** Allyn Svoboda and Rebecca Pugh

**Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda for March 20, 2019 was presented for approval. Item 1. Under Action and Executive Session was moved to the end of the meeting. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the agenda for March 20, 2019 as amended and seconded by Stephen Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes.** The Rico Town Board minutes for February 20, 2019 were presented for approval. Genevieve Yellowman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Sophia Kyriakakis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approval of the Monthly Bills.** The Monthly bills for March 2019 were submitted for approval. Sophia Kyriakakis made a motion to approve paying the Monthly Bills for March 2019 as presented. Nicole Pieterse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizens Communication.** Rebecca Pugh says the school board meeting has been changed from Rico to Dove Creek and submitted a support letter addressed to the Dolores County School District asking the School Board Members to have their regular meeting in Rico on June 5, 2019. Ms. Pugh asked if the Town Board members can support the request. The Board will have the Town Manager send a letter to the School District.

Allyn Svoboda stated his interest serving on the Town Board.

**Town Clerk.** A letter of interest on the Town Board was received from Brandy Randall and Allyn Svoboda verbally express his interest also.

**Public Works.** None

**Water Consultant.** None.

**Parks & Recreation.** Mr. McManus says there is no more ice rink. Remodeling of the bathroom was brought up and the nonprofit skate board grant is being worked on.

**Town Board Reports.** The roof is leaking again, will have to remove the snow off the roof. The meeting room ceiling is sagging.

The logos for Rico was presented and selected.

**Geothermal Committee.** None.

**Town Manager's Report.** Asbestos in the Town Hall. Prior to any demolition of an area greater than 160 square feet, by State law you must test for asbestos if the building in question was built prior to October 12, 1988. The town hired ServePro to test the bathroom before we start the remodel project. They also tested the lining of the old boiler in the basement. Unfortunately not only is the lining on the old boiler is asbestos also the walls of the bathroom. The Town needs to have this removed if we are to continue with the plans to remodel the bathroom. A copy of the bid from Edge Environmental for the removal of the asbestos both in the bathroom and the boiler. The Town also asked Plateau Engineering for a bid but they were unwilling to bid on the project since we used ServePro for the testing. The Town called an outfit in Cortez but they are no longer in business. The Town can continue to try to find another bid but that would likely push back the schedule for the remodel. Staff is applying for a grant through the Rico Center to cover the additional cost. Suggestion was made to apply for other grants to help besides Rico Center.

Rico Center Emergency Grant Application. Staff wrote an emergency grant application to the Rico Center to cover the expense for additional snowplowing that we have needed in the last couple of weeks. The Town is also requesting funding for the asbestos removal and to cover the additional cost of the economic analysis. The Rico Center holds their meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> and should know by then whether or not these projects will get funded.

Transit Update. San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation took over the operations of the shuttle service to and from Telluride on March 13, 2019. They may not be operating our new bus immediately but they have a nice smaller shuttles. Not sure when the larger bus will run consistently. Again thank you to Esteban for keeping it going all of last year.

**\*\*Action Items.**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Concerning Fixed and Temporary Encroachments. The Town had a couple of requests for partial right-of-way vacations to accommodate renovations of historic buildings. The Town Attorney felt that since this was not the first time this occurred, that the Town develop a policy and a permit. Under this provision, there are two types of encroachment permits. One permit is fixed and one permit is temporary. Both are revocable. As amended, Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and seconded by Genevieve Yellowman. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a Grant Application to the Department of Local Affairs for Funding for the Replacement of Water Meters. Town Manager has been working on a grant application through the Department of Local Affairs for funding to begin replacing aging water meters that are currently housed in exterior meter boxes with interior, remote read meters. A grant application that requires approval was presented. Replacing the old analog meters with digital meters will allow us to track water use on an hourly basis and will alert homeowners in a timely manner when the Town discovers a leak. This is a necessary upgrade that is long overdue. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the grant application to the Department of Local Affairs for Funding for the Replacement of Water Meters. Seconded by Sophia Kyriakakis. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a Resolution Regarding Water Service in the winter in Unoccupied Homes. We had two parties show up unexpectedly in homes that had previously been unoccupied in Silverglance Subdivision. They did not have any water. This situation brought up some issues with the way the Town have been expected to do business in the past. Unoccupied homes are vulnerable to problems in the winter especially if they are not checked regularly. The Town Attorney suggested

a resolution. This resolution alerts second homeowners that if they are intending to come to Rico in the winter and expect to have water service, they must check or have someone check their house and notify Town Staff five working days from Monday through Friday in advance if there is a problem. The Town is also considering billing them for our time spent if it turns out that the frozen pipes is along the service line past the meter box. As corrected, Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Water Service in the winter in Unoccupied Homes. Seconded by Stephen Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Economic Analysis. The Town contacted Gabe Preston of RPI Consulting to discuss the possibility of bringing his price down if the Town could do some of the legwork. With Ken Charles' help, we could probably bring the price of the RPI Consulting work down to \$20,000.00. Kari Distefano added a request for the additional funding to the Towns emergency grant application to the Rico Center. The Town Board granted the request to move forward with Economic Analysis.

**Discussion Items.**

Pump Track. The Rico Trail's Alliance got funding for a pump track. This would be a nice addition to our mountain biking trails system. The challenge will be to find a venue for it. The Town could put it down by the shop but that is developable land and we might need it in the future. Town Staff can do some further investigation into locations, including the possibility of a long-term lease in a remediated Disposition Properties parcel. It would be good if later in the year when the snow melts the Town could do a site walk with members of the RTA.

\*\*Appointment of a New Member to the Rico Board of Trustees. Two applicants Brandy Randall and Allyn Svoboda expressed their interest to serve on the Town Board. After a brief discussion the Town Board agreed to wait until the next Town Board meeting in April for a decision.

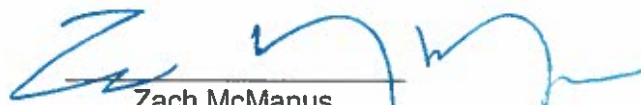
Executive Session Regarding Personnel Issues C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) – Dennis Swank. Zach McManus made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel issues. Seconded by Genevieve Yellowman. The motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session, there were no action taken and the regular meeting was called back to order.

**Adjournment.**

Genevieve Yellowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Seconded by Zach McManus. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Linda Yellowman  
Rico Town Clerk

  
Zach McManus  
Mayor