

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 17, 2024
Call to Order 7:02PM

Trustees Present: Mayor Nicole Pieterse
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Benn Vernadakis

Trustees Absent: Trustee Chris Condon
Trustee Cristal Hibbard

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf (Zoom)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes of June 12 and June 19.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Payment of the Bills

Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Matt Schiff public comment letter. To be discussed at combine planning commission and Town Board meeting.

Florence Ezell: Voices concern about people building on the mountains.

Skip Zeller through Pat Fallon: Clean up update

Chauncey McCarthy cleaning improvements in progress at the Camel's Garden property.

Anna Wolf: Election update. Petitions due back to the Clerk's office between August 6-26.

Presentation

Rico Geothermal Coalition

Teal Stetson-Lee gives presentation.

Action Items:

Appointment of vacant Planning Commission seat

Board of Trustees discusses the one interest letter from Todd Gilliman.

Todd Gilliman was appointed

Motion

To appoint Todd Gilliman

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Authorization to proceed with MMOF grant application for CDOT sidewalk project

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives a high level summary.

Board of Trustees have a discussion.

Public comment was taken: Allyn Svoboda

Motion

Move to authorization to proceed with MMOF grant application for CDOT sidewalk project

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Consideration of waiver or reduction of water bill account, Craig and Sandy Spillman

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives a high level summary.

Board of Trustees has discussion.

Motion

To approve waiver or reduction of water bill account, Craig and Sandy Spillman

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Motion

to adjourn Board of trustee meeting and reconvene as Board of Health.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Call to Order 7:43PM

Board of Health Present: Mayor Nicole Pieterse

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon

Trustee Joe Dillsworth

Trustee Benn Vernadakis

Board of Health Absent:

Trustee Chris Condon
Trustee Cristal Hibbard

Action Items:

Consideration of septic variance application Lot 1 Bedrock Subdivision, BRD LLC, applicant.

Chauncey McCarthy gives summary.

Board of Trustees have a discussion.

Greg Anderson speaks on behalf of the applicant.

Benn Vernadakis goes on the record highlighting that this is a unique situation. This is not to set any precedence for other variances.

Motion

Move to approve the Bedrock Subdivision Lot 1 application for a septic variance based on the findings that there are site constraints including the power line easement and that such variance was approved by the USFS and CDPHE

Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

Amendment to the motion: That the applicant meets all the requirements as listed by the Dolores county septic inspector, including joint inspections and recording easement, and they encase the pipe under the power lines as noted by the CDPHE.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.

Staff Report

Clerk's report:

Election update.

O2 close out

Lodging tax update.

Manager's report

Water truck has been dropped off.

Mag Chloride research for future years

Accessibility plan in the works

Phase 2 for floodplain mapping.

Discussion Items

Paved roads analysis; update of Work Plan

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary

Public comment was taken

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives update

Quarter 2 financial update

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives update

Town project updates

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives update on school building


Public comment was taken
Board directs staff to gift the playground to the Larsen family.

Motion

To go into executive session: Townwide Voluntary Cleanup settlement, implementation, and funding agreement. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, Development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators § 24-6 402(4)(e) C.R.S.

Moved by Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk

Nicole Pieterse
Mayor