

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 16, 2022

### Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

### Trustees Present:

Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
Trustee Christopher Condon  
Trustee Joe Croke -- Zoom  
Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
Trustee Brandy Randall -- Zoom

### Absent:

Trustee Benn Vernadakis

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy and Anna Wolf

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Christopher Condon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.

### Approval of Minutes

Correct Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon's name on minutes from February 1, 2022

#### Motion

To approve the January 19, 2022 and February 1, 2022 minutes with correction.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.

### Consent Agenda

#### Payment of Bills

Look into whether BP has reimbursed Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell 2021 fees.  
\$110,000 DOLA grant to be transferred from the Street fund to the Water fund.

#### Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.

### Public Comment.

Public pledging to be more respectful at the meeting.  
Spell out the VCUP moving forward for public to better understand.



Board being more creative about the way they get word out in the future regarding special meetings.

#### **Action Items**

##### SWORD Opioid Regional Council IGA.

A brief discussion on the ability to opt out of the agreement if the town needs change in the future.

#### **Motion**

To approve the SWORD Regional Council IGA.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

##### Consideration of Mantz Ave Lots 6 – 9 Block 29 application for minor subdivision.

Refreshing the information discussed at the previous meeting. Discussion on considering plat note, to prohibit egress on road north of property line. Fire Hydrant installation on the corner of Garfield and Mantz was a previous condition. There should be a subdivision improvement agreement that it will be installed, Land use code provision 554. Include in subdivision improvement agreement to improving Mantz up to its Eastern terminus.

All of this must appear on the plat.

#### Public Comment:

The concept is good. Ensure that mandates are met before a building permit is approved. Make sure all of the conditions are on the plat notes.

#### **Motion**

To approve this minor subdivision of Mantz Ave Lots 6 – 9 Block 29 with an amendment to require a subdivision improvement agreement for the installation of a fire hydrant on the corner of Garfield and Mantz and to grade Mantz to its eastern terminus unless such requirements are confirmed as unnecessary by the fire chief in writing.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

##### Consideration of an application for a special use permit for the purpose of short-term rental, 1N Commercial Justin and Christie Miller, applicants, Continuance of date certain.

Discussion on the continuation to a date certain to complete the application noticing process. Planning commission approved the continuation to March 9, 2022.

#### Public Comment:

Board should not accept any more short term rental applications until a new ordinance is approved.

The date certain should be moved to after the short term rental ordinance is approved.

#### **Motion**

To continue it next month's regular meeting of March 16 and if we don't have a decision or recommendation for the planning commission by then than they can continue as well

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of a second reading of Ordinance 2022 – 01 An Ordinance Amending the Rico Budget Ordinance No. 2020-04 to Reflect Additional Revenues and Expenditures.

No changes or questions since last reading.

**Motion**

To approve the Ordinance amending the Rico Budget Ordinance No. 2020-04.

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke**

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0

Assigning of responsibility of Safe Deposit Box.

Assigning the responsibility of the Safety Deposit Box at The Dolores State Bank.

**Motion**

To have the authority to have the key to the safety deposit box and to access it be transferred to Anna Wolf.

**Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Christopher Condon.**

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

**Staff Reports**

**Clerk's Report.**

The new printer from RVS has arrived. Moving forward the water bills will be printed on the cardstock postcards.

The Town Clerk cancelled the additional phone line and internet that has been unused in the upstairs office. This is a savings of \$130/month.

**Manager Report.**

A major water leak was found and repaired. The result of this is the Gallon/day reduced from 65,000 to 22,000 gallons/day

Water system Neptune 360 AMR has saved 4-6 hours/month of manual labor. This is a fully digital system.

The Town was awarded \$33,000 to the Street Fund by the Rico Center for plowing, maintenance and road maintenance. This will allow for more flexibility going into summer.

Looking into text service. Only if there is more interest will it be worthwhile.

The newsletter is moving fully digital in March.

Dennis is going into surgery. Dylan will be helping with plowing during the recovery process.

Water shut off considerations. Use a lien system at the end of the year for outstanding water bills.

Shop cleanup has been successful. Disposal of oil and insulating the roof.

**Discussion Items**

VCUP Update.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gave an update on the process. Special Board Work Session scheduled for March 2, 2022.

SMART update/Town Shop.

SMART agreement to help fund the new Town Shop if SMART Bus can be parked there. Potential of \$150,000 - \$200,000 from SMART. Prospective for looking for a match grant. Total cost of new shop \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 depending on grants and funding.

2023 break ground on a new shop. With the prospect of Dennis retiring in the future a new shop could attract the right person for the position.

SMART new bus stops in Mountain village for pick-up and drop-off discussed. This will potentially help with ridership.

Short Tem Rental Review; Schedule work session.

Short Term rental survey reviewed by the Board. Work Session scheduled for March 7, 2022.

R1 Telluride School District interest letter

Discussions have begun with R1 Telluride School district to start the annexation process. The Annexation must pass in Dove Creek as well as Rico, and Telluride. Rico School may be used as alternative campus.

Building Inspector

Discussions on which building inspector to proceed with. Consideration for a contract with minimum hours. Proposing it as an hourly position. To circle back to next month.

CML Scholarship Letter

Town Manager seeking approval of letter by board. Approved by the board.

Tap Fee Schedule

Nicole recuses self from discussion.

To have legal look into if new ordinance is needed with two readings or if board can change rates without new ordinance.

With more demand for more houses there is a need for more infrastructure and an opportunity to raise rates. Town Manager to look into comps in the area.

Proposing raising a new tap fee to \$10,000.

To circle back to next month regarding water fees.

**Motion**

To adjourn.


**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.



Anna Wolf  
Town Clerk



Nicole Y. Pieterse  
Mayor

