

## RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

December 9, 2019

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Zach McManus.

**Members Present.** Zach McManus, Barbara Betts, Nicole Pieterse, Sophia Kyriakakis, Joe Dillsworth and Brandy Randall. Absent was Stephen Roberts.

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

**Guests Present.** Brandy Randall, Lynda Hackleton and Paul Ruud...

Oath of Office: Brandy Randall.

**Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda for December 9, 2019 was presented for approval. Additional items were added-appointment of officers, employee's evaluation and assay easement. Zach McManus made a motion to approve the amended agenda for December 9, 2019 and seconded by Barbara Betts. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes.** The Rico Town Board minutes for November 20, 2019 were presented for approval. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Barbara Betts. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Pieterse asked about the October 2019 Special meeting minutes/executive session.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

**Citizens Communication.** Snow removal was brought up that a regular pickup should not be used for plowing. Town Manager Kari Distefano will relate the message to Bryan Lewis.

**Action Items.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2020 Budgets. Town Manager Kari Distefano reviews the budget with the Board. With no further question, Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the 2020 Budgets. Seconded by Zach McManus. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Installation of a Speed Radar Sign. Zach McManus gave a brief update. Zach McManus made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the CDOT for the installation of a Speed Radar sign. Seconded by Barbara Betts. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Officers. Zach McManus resigned as mayor for the Town of Rico. Town Clerk Linda Yellowman will post a 30 day notice for a vacancy on the Town Board. Appointment will be made at the next regular Town Board meeting in January 2020. Barbara Betts will continue as a Mayor ProTem. Due to Mrs. Betts will be absent for the next 3 months, Nicole Pieterse will be the Acting Mayor ProTem. With no further discussion, Zach McManus made a motion to appoint

Nicole Pieterse as Acting Mayor ProTem. Seconded by Joe Dillsworth. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

Amendment to the Rico Home Rule Charter to allow permanent residents to vote in municipal election. Town Manager Kari Distefano would like to make some changes to the Charter and put the amendments on the November ballot 2020.

Employee's Evaluation. Sophia Kyriakakis would like to set a date for employee's evaluation on a yearly basis. This year evaluation will be done in December 2019. Next year will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of August or September 2020.

Assay Easement. The Soda Street right of way encroachment easement for Raegan Ellease was discussed. Nicole Pieterse volunteered to visit with Ms. Ellease regarding the easement.

**Town Clerk.** No Report.

**Public Works.** Under Managers Report.

**Parks & Recreation.** Mr. McManus says maintenance are being done on winter equipment. Volunteers are helping with the park for the Winter Festival.


**Town Board Reports.**

**Town Manager's Report.** New Website Update. Town Manager Kari Distefano stated she is almost finished building the new web site. The platform is a free amenity offered by the State of Colorado. The web site will include an on-line water bill payment application. The new site will be live in mid-January.

Tom Halper's Resignation. Tom Halper, our Town Marshal has resigned. The staff is actively searching for a replacement and no luck so far. Dolores County Sheriff Don Wilson has agreed to ask his deputies if they would like some additional work. Also talked to the San Miguel County Sheriff, Town Managers from both Mountain Village and Dolores. This may be a difficult position to fill. Staff will continue to search.

**Adjournment.** Zach McManus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barbara Betts. The motion passed unanimously.

  
Linda Yellowman  
Rico Town Clerk

  
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Nicole Pieterse  
Acting Mayor ProTem