

**TOWN OF NEDERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:
September 17, 2013, 7:00PM**

**NEDERLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
750 Hwy 72 Nederland, CO 80466**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joe Gierlach, Trustees Randy Lee, Ledge Long, Peter Fiori, and Annette Croughwell.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Mueller and Trustee Chris Perret.

Also present: Alisha Reis, Town Administrator, Eva Forberger, Town Treasurer, and Michele Martin, Town Clerk.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of September 17, 2013 Accounts Payable, Schedule A.
- Approval of September 17, 2013 Accounts Payable, Schedule B.
- Approval of September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Timberline Maintenance agreement contract for Community Center HVAC.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Schedule A, minutes of September 3, 2013 and Timberline Maintenance agreement, was made by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Croughwell, and passed.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Schedule B, was made by Trustee Croughwell, seconded by Mayor Gierlach, and passed, noting Trustee Lee abstained.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mayor Gierlach switched the order of items 1 and 2.

1. Proclamation in thanks for Chief Adler's long-time service to the Town.

Mayor Gierlach read a prepared proclamation of thanks to Police Chief Jake Adler for his service and dedication to the Town over the years. Amidst a standing ovation, Chief Adler said a few parting words of thanks and gratitude to the Town and said that serving Nederland was never just a job, it was family.

2. Colorado Commits to Kids Presentation.

Wade Buchanan, President of The Bell Policy Center, was present to discuss statewide ballot Amendment 66. Buchanan was previously before the Board in August 2012 to discuss State financial issues and the Colorado Reform Roundtable's Statement of Agreement. The message back then was the structural problems we had with our fiscal and revenue situation in the State and how it undermines some of the important public investments being made. Buchanan said the first opportunity to address this on a State level is with Amendment 66, which is on the ballot for this November. Buchanan said that basically, Colorado's investment in schools has not kept pace with the growing school-age population and in the past few years the State has cut about \$1 billion from the P-12 budget. Amendment 66 would ask voters to raise \$950 million in new revenue for schools through an income tax increase. All new funds will reside in a State Education Achievement Fund to be used only for improvements in the classroom. Buchanan is looking for support and/or endorsement by the Board.

Mayor Gierlach said he thought this would cause a burden on school finance teams to track this money separate from other programs. Buchanan said he thought this was a simplified and an inclusive program, but will check on it. Mayor offered to be part of the social media efforts in his blog and is already an endorser on Bell Policy's website. Mayor asked if the Trustees would like to pass a Resolution of Support for Amendment 66. There were mixed answers. It was decided to have a discussion item at the next Board meeting on whether or not, as a Board, they should be taking positions on statewide issues, and if everyone was so inclined, then put a Resolution of Support on as an agenda item. Buchanan said he would provide more information for the Board to review prior to their next meeting, a draft resolution of support, and will check to see if CML and Metro Mayor's Caucus have provided endorsements.

The Mayor took a moment to hand out limited edition uncirculated silver coins that Frachetti Engineering had specifically minted with an image of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was their token of appreciation, and the Mayor handed them out to the Board and staff involved in the project.

3. Police chief recruitment process.

Reis said that the standard protocol to fill this position is to adopt a formal resolution to first appoint an interim chief; in this case Sergeant Larry Johns will be presented for appointment at the next meeting. Reis went on to explain the recruitment policy and asked for two Board members to join the hiring committee. Reis anticipates it will be a three-month process from advertisement to start of the new chief candidate. The Town is conducting this search in partnership with KRW Associates LLC. The deadline to apply is October 11. Trustees Lee and Fiori volunteered to serve on the hiring committee.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) renewal with Boulder County for police dispatch services.

Reis introduced the item. The Town had entered into a five-year IGA with Boulder County in 2007 for call dispatch services and provision of space for the Sheriff Substation. This renewal period begins a new five-year term, expiring December 31, 2018. Reis said that the renewal increase was anticipated to be \$50,000 from the previous \$27,000. Chief Adler, in one of his last tasks, negotiated this amount down to \$33,000 for the next five years. This would be an amendment to the original agreement.

Trustee Fiori asked what the alternative would be. Reis said that the Town would have to staff their own dispatch center, which would include two full-time employees running 24-hour shifts, and then usually would still have to contract with a local dispatch center to carry overnights.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Lee asked if Nederland Fire pays into this as well. Reis did not know off-hand and would have to ask. It was asked what other communities pay. Reis said that most other local communities are already part of this dispatch center service area since they fall into unincorporated Boulder County.

Motion to approve the IGA renewal with Boulder County for police dispatch services was made

by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Fiori, and approved unanimously.

2. Consideration of costs for conduit installation at the new performance space.

Forberger introduced the item. The Trustees, at their last meeting, agreed that they would like the conduit installed to where the power would be needed for a future performance space. Staff had asked to wait on that decision until an estimate from Xcel was received. Forberger contacted Xcel and they provided a rough estimate of \$3,000, as they would need to finalize travel time. Forberger estimated at least six months before Xcel could get to this in light of the flooding that has occurred.

Forberger also asked Xcel how much it would cost to bury the power line for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and remove three poles, in addition to the conduit. Xcel had come back with a price of \$16,234.64.

Mark Weritz, staff geotechnical engineer and project manager for the performance space project, had contacted Western Ecological Resources out of Boulder, based on the recommendation from Mayor Pro Tem Mueller. Weritz had sent Rea Orthner, ecologist for Western Ecological Resources, the plans for the amphitheater and she had visited the site. Orthner provided recommendations to Weritz on what type of trees to plant, grasses to grow, and weed mitigation. Weritz said he asked Orthner for her opinion on the culvert to drain the low lying area versus using open channel drainage. Weritz reported that Orthner acknowledged that culverts are frequently “frowned” upon for their use in stream crossings for various reasons, yet the reuse of this 4-foot wide culvert should not cause any issue, because there is no stream present. Orthner said she did not believe using the culvert would lower the ecological characteristics of the site according to Weritz’s recounting. A memo of these findings will be forthcoming.

Weritz said he also contacted Conor Merrigan, contracted Sustainability Coordinator, to get his opinion on the culvert. Weritz reported that Merrigan said he saw no issues in using the culvert, and reusing something existing is total sustainability.

Trustee Fiori wanted to note that he believed what Mayor Pro Tem Mueller was getting at with the culvert was to raise consciousness about how drainage works. Fiori said that water should be allowed to soak into the ground before it gets to an aquifer, instead of just shooting water directly into the reservoir.

Weritz went on to discuss extra dirt that was spread out on the southern slope of the berm, left over from the final grading as per the engineered plans. It was used so that the Town did not have to truck it off the site, he said. The dirt was put in areas where it wouldn't affect existing drainage.

The Board was in agreement to spend the \$16,234.64 for the Xcel undergrounding/power pole work, to come out of project reserves for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to approve \$16,234.64 for the above, was made by Trustee Croughwell, seconded by Trustee Lee, and approved unanimously.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no discussion items scheduled.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Fiori, seconded by Trustee Croughwell, and approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Approved by the Board of Trustees.



Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Martin, Town Clerk

