

**Town of Flagler, Colorado**

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION**

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**August 08, 2022**

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Flagler, Colorado met Monday August 8, 2022 for the REGULAR MEETING at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 311 Main Ave. Present at the meeting were Mayor Tom Bredehoft, and Trustees Chuck Kinkel, Troy Kindley, Tami Witt and David Langley. Trustee Marlys Kossman was absent. Employees present were Town Manager Justin Crisp, and Town Clerk Emily Strunk. At 6:01 PM the mayor called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE:**

- The public audience in attendance were Erika Saffer, Steve and Pam Yacovetta, Dana and Marilyn Keech, Scott Chapiewski, Adam Fauson, John Witt, Harold and Linda Miller.
- Pam Yacovetta addressed the Mosquito Spraying issue. She requested that the town keep the policy of mosquito spraying throughout the summer months due to health concerns about diseases that mosquitos.
- Harold Miller asked to speak drainage issue on the north end of town. He voiced concern about the flooding that happens for many residents. He noted concerns about the development of the neighborhood and potential lack of planning about the flow of water in that neighborhood. He asked town council to do something to mitigate flooding.
- Adam Fauson addressed the town council about the sewer backflow that has happened twice in his basement causing damage to everything. The town has filed two insurance claims regarding these incidents to pay for Adam's property damage. The insurance company asked Adam to sign a release regarding the damage. He is unable to sign, as no work has been done for future mitigation of the sewer backup. He knows that the town manager has been watching the sewer and doing everything possible, however this is not enough. Adam is asking the town council for action to lower the risk of this happening to his basement again. The backflow problem with this property will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting. Adam also requested crushed asphalt in alley to

mitigate the sand flow to his property too. He has truck loads of sand to remove from his property due to the flooding.

- Lincoln Health/Hospital – Erika Saffer reviewed information about monkey pox. There is a lot of misinformation about monkey pox and its transmission. It is mostly a respiratory disease. She said that there may be some immunity protection if you had the smallpox vaccine. For more information the Facebook live presentation can be viewed on their website. Lincoln health received 3 million dollars towards their new facility (which will be 128k square feet) from Federal funds. Lincoln health wants everyone to know that the new facility will be built without a tax increase.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Trustee Randy Fagerlund made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2022, regular meeting. Trustee David Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Chuck Kinkel presented an updated revenue and expense report for the summer for the pool. Current wages for the pool are high, but because of the state grant received for the pool wages we are okay for 2022. Next month we will see the end of the summer numbers to determine what we will do for next year. We will turn the pool over to the school on August 22 for school operation. The town will continue to operate water aerobics, swim lessons and maybe other options throughout the year, provided that the breakeven can be determined. The school has indicated that they will have the pool until 5pm on the weekdays.
- Town Manager Justin Crisp requested direction from town council regarding GMS recommendations on fixing the current tower versus looking into a new tower. Painting the old tower will cost over 100k. Trustee Tami Witt asked about the balance of the water tower savings, which totals approximately 84k. Grant opportunities were discussed for funding a new tower. The current tower, which is 100 years old, is not in bad shape according to the engineers at GMS. The town council discussed lease options of a new water tower that other towns have utilized.
- Town Clerk Emily Strunk presented an amended budget for 2022 for approval. The main changes on the budget were removing grant funding from revenue that will not be

received and revising expenditures to allow for each town fund (general, water, sewer, and trash) to not have deficiencies requiring transfers between funds. Trustee Tami Witt made the motion to accept the amended budget for 2022. Trustee Chuck Kinkel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trustee Tami Witt indicated that she received comments from residents opposed to the town continuing the mosquito spray. Trustee Chuck Kinkel said that he also received three comments against mosquito spraying. Town Manager Justin Crisp mentioned the possibility of purchasing dragonflies and bat houses, which have been shown effective in mosquito mitigation. Trustee Chuck Kinkel expressed that for 2022 the process has been determined, and we will spray one more time, but that this issue is on the table for other mitigation options for 2023. Trustee Randy Fagerlund mentioned that there are a lot of people who appreciate the spraying because they like to sit outside in the evening and not be inundated with mosquitos. Resident Dana Keech thanked Town Assistant Adriana Bolen and Town Clerk Emily Strunk for calling and texting him before the spraying was to begin. Dana mentioned Zenivex E4 as a possible chemical alternative. Town Manager Justin Crisp will research all the available options for town council to review for the 2023 mosquito season. The Town Clerk will continue to notify those on the list and posting on the town board and Facebook when the Town Manager has scheduled mosquito spraying.
- Scott Chapiewsky attended the meeting last month and asked the town council to consider giving him access to the water and sewer system at 6<sup>th</sup> and Ruffner. The water tap is already in place on the property from years ago, and the meter is already in place. The properties north and south have metered water already. The sewer would need to be tapped 10-12ft. Scott confirmed that the water/sewer usage would be residential use only. Town Manager confirmed the rate would be out of town water and sewer rates. Trustee Randy Fagerlund made the motion to approve the water and sewer tap for Scott. Trustee David Langley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- John Witt addressed the town council regarding Rural American Builders and possibilities for moving dirt and installing a culvert and or pumps to move the water across the County Road V north of the Witt neighborhood. Town Manager Crisp stated

that he had conversation with Black Hills Energy, and they were willing to lower the gas line to put the pipes across the road. Any changes across County Road V would require Kit Carson County approval. Trustee Randy Fagerlund wanted assurance that this project would mitigate flooding and asked for engineering assessments. Trustee Tami Witt and Town Manager Crisp discussed the prior engineering study that recommended 2 16” pipes that the town purchased but has not implemented to date.

- Trustee Tami Witt discussed the flooding issue with regards to the town raising the roads. Mayor Tom Bredehoft mentioned that eventually the roads would need to be paved like the rest of the town. Town Manager Justin stated that the town did not have the materials to raise and pave the roads at this time. Trustee Tami Witt reminded town council that the rule is that the homeowner is responsible for their own curb and gutter and when both sides are complete the town will pay for paving and maintenance. The mayor asked if we were still asking Chris Lueck to complete the concrete wall at the lift station. Town Manager Crisp confirmed that approved project is in the works. Town Manager Crisp confirmed that he conducted a straw poll for the town to provide equipment and operator to move 20 – 25 belly loads of dirt to the backyard of Whittaker and possibly the neighbor to fill the hole for Rural American Builders. Trustee Chuck Kinkel made the motion to allow Rural American Builders to use the town equipment (2 machines) and one operator at \$45 hour per machine to move 20 -25 belly loads of dirt. Trustee Troy Kindly seconded the motion. Trustees David Langley, Troy Kindly and Chuck Kinkel voted aye. Trustee Randy Fagerlund voted nay. Trustee Tami Witt abstained. The motion passed with a 3 -1 vote.
- Loaf-n-Jug has applied for a renewal on their liquor license for October 2022. Town Clerk Emily Strunk confirmed that Loaf-n-Jug has not had any issues or violations concerning their liquor license. Trustee Randy Fagerlund made the motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license. Trustee David Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Tami Witt made the motion to ratify the past approval for the minutes of the meetings of September 10, 2018, November 13, 2017, and September 14, 2020. Trustee Chuck Kinkel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Trustee Chuck Kinkel made the motion to ratify the resolutions previously passed: Resolutions 94, 95, 96, 97, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, and 118. Trustee Tami Witt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

- Town Manager Report (*reported by Town Manager Justin Crisp*)
  - Fireworks will be here for the 20<sup>th</sup> of August Flagler Day at Dusk.
  - Trash Department
  - Street Department
    - Patch work is being completed as needed.
  - Water Department
    - 2022 Water report came back absent of contaminants.
    - State of Colorado will receive report about the plan for the water tower as discussed earlier in the meeting.
  - Wastewater Report
    - No Report
- Town Clerk Report (*reported by Town Clerk Emily Strunk*)
  - A/R Aging report was presented to the town council. Town Manager Crisp and Town Clerk Strunk confirmed two letters to disconnect services for the three accounts were sent out certified mail. The balances on these accounts total over \$2,700. All accounts were given the option of payment arrangements, and the arrangements have not been adhered to. Emergency options were discussed: LEAP and Centennial Mental Health. These avenues are available, and the town communicates these avenues.

## **PARKS and RECREATION:** (*reported by Trustee David Langley*)

- Town Clerk Emily Strunk noted that a map for Flagler Day was attached to the meeting packet for town council's review.
- Trustee David Langley did not have new information to report
- Trustee Chuck Kinkel noted that the 11-year-old All Stars raised a lot of money to travel to the All-Star game.
- Trustee Tami Witt stated she is asked by families who are moving to Flagler about what there is to do in Flagler, and with the Recreation program she had a lot of information to talk about because of what Recreation Director Brad Stone has done with recreation. She confirmed Brad is doing a great job.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Trustee Chuck Kinkel made the motion to accept the bills, debit card purchases, and coding. Trustee Troy Kindley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tom Bredehoft adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR

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