

**TOWN OF KERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2022 – MINUTES**

The Kersey Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Kersey Town Hall, 446 1st Street. Mayor Gary Lagrimanta at approximately 6:03 p.m. called the meeting to order. Trustees present were Nathan Roth, Allen Salser, Clay Luce, Stan Sameshima, and Mike Theorine. Trustee Michelle Vannest was absent.

Town Staff present: Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Haley Curtis, Deputy Town Clerk, Tracy Moore, Interim Police Chief, Mark Smith, Police Officer, and Rick Zier, Town Attorney via WebEx.

Audience Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Swear in Officer Maria Maldonado – Haley Curtis, Deputy Town Clerk, administers the oath of office to newly appointed police officer, Mark Smith.

Additions to the Agenda – Christian Morgan states there are no additions, the agenda is complete.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the consent agenda to include approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting, approval of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Motion made by Trustee Roth and seconded by Trustee Theorine to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Public Invited to be Heard – None

New Business

1. Approval of Resolution 2022-0001 Designating Public Places for Posting of Notices of Public Meeting and Designating a Newspaper for the Record of Publications
2. Christian Morgan states, this is the annual resolution for public posting places. We have used the Greeley Tribune as the Newspaper for public posting for many years, because it is the most widely read and cost effective option. We also post at Town Hall; on the North and West main entrance doors, and electronically on our website. Motion made by Trustee Theorine, seconded by Trustee Luce, to Approve Resolution 2022-0001 Designating Public Places for Posting of Notices of Public Meeting and Designating a Newspaper for the Record of Publications. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.
3. Approval of Resolution 2022-0002 Making a Determination that the April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election Shall be Conducted as a Mail Ballot Election Only and Designating and Election Official Christian explains the past several elections we have done a mail in ballot, as opposed to having a place for people to vote. We have gotten better results with this method. This resolution names Julie Piper, Town Clerk as the Designated Election Official. Motion made by Trustee Roth, seconded by Trustee Luce to Approve Resolution 2022-0002 Making a Determination that the April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election Shall be Conducted as a Mail Ballot Election Only and Designating and Election Official. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Old Business

1. Project Updates
 - a. Centennial Trail – jokingly called the Christian Morgan Trail of Tears, was being used just as soon as it was complete. There are still a few items to finish up along the ditch needs beautification, and there is a gap between the drain pan and the trail that will need attention. Mayor Lagrimanta suggests installing a retaining wall. Christian states suggestions from the engineers include some kind of special concrete. We will seed the areas that will have grass in the spring or summer during the optimal time, with native grass. Josh (Roseberry) has his eye on some low maintenance native grasses. The ditch company, the ditch rider and Christian

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walked the entire trail. The ditch company is very happy with how it turned out. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about surprising the Latham Ditch Company with a plaque? Maybe include the Museum group. Christian says, that it the plan and he has something in the works.

Staff Communication

- a. Chamber of Commerce– Trustee Luce states they met on Monday, but did not accomplish much. The Treasurer was not present, so they don't have official counts from the Chili Supper at the Holiday Festival. They discussed who might fill his spot when he leaves, they do like having a council member present. Mayor Lagrimanta inquires how much longer Clay things he will be here. Clay says he is unsure, but he thinks probably 4 to 6 weeks.
- b. Tree Board – Trustee Salsler states there was no Tree Board meeting today, the next one will be the 2nd Tuesday of February.
- c. Town Manger – Christian states we had a double snow, and 2 essential snow plowing personnel out with COVID. We are doing the best we can. Christian says he and the Mayor went out one evening. Christian says he thinks we should probably look at building up another plow truck, something like the one ton we have. The Mayor suggests getting a straight blade with an angling plow, as opposed to the V plow we have now. Christian thinks in the future it would be good to have 3 trucks. Mayor Lagrimanta suggests the possibility of getting Christian an assistant so he can be out and about more. Trustee Theorine asks about having a “seasonal” person in Town to do that type of work. Mayor Lagrimanta says the insurance liability would be very high, snow plowing is a learned trade. Trustee Roth states his only concern was around the school because people were parking to pick up their kids. Christian states the residential streets are hard, because people get upset if you plow them in, but they also get upset if you don't plow.

Christian states he as talked to Rick (Zier) about this a little bit, some Towns have a concept review process for new projects. That would allow the applicant(s) to make adjustments to their project to fit what the Board is looking for. Maybe we don't want to do that in front of the whole Board (of Trustees), but looking at maybe 2 people. Developers run the risk of going through the process and making it all the way to the Board (of Trustees), to be told no. The could encourage more development. Trustee Roth inquires, what is the hesitation for putting it in front of the whole Board? Christian states there are several things, we don't want something to change in the vote and there being a record that the Board had already in a round about way approved it, then it being denied in the end. Roth states, we can attend the Planning and Zoning meetings. Christian states, he does not recommend that because once and application is approved (or accepted), you (Trustees) are not allowed to do research, visit the site, interview people, etc. You would want to remain neutral, there is a liaison from the Board (of Trustees) present at the Planning and Zoning meetings. Rick would rather have this be a less formal thing, so that it is not required to be posted as a public meeting to add a layer of protection for all parties. Mayor Lagrimanta says he thinks this is a good idea, we have a couple of months to figure out how and who will do it. Christian finishes by saying, he would suggest waiting until after the election, then we can do a resolution and find interested members. The members can alternate every few months.

Christian says, Kersey Days fireworks display will no longer be provided by or ignited by Platte Valley Fire District (PVFD). Christian and James (Neill) sat in on a meeting. Christian and James know where to purchase the fireworks, but until we see prices and find someone that would ignite them, we don't know where to start problem solving. Mayor Lagrimanta states he knows of someone outside of Town that might be able to help. Christian goes on to say he is not shocked, but now the Town has to figure it out because people expect it. Christian says he believes it was 10's of thousands of dollars to put on a show like this. Mayor Lagrimanta suggests hiring a consultant to help James with all of this.

Christian says he is hoping to bring the storm water team in for a concept plan.

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Christian says since the Resolution for the Ballot Issue about reducing the size of the board from 6 to 4 passed, this is your opportunity to talk to people about it when you are out and about. Talk to people about your stance on this issue.

Christian says the 2021 numbers are in place now, we had a great year. We budgeted \$250,000, and received \$504,000 in the street budget; budgeted \$500,000 in the general fund and received about \$1,000,000. These numbers definitely include oil and gas money, but very little development. This is the first time we have broken the \$1,000,000 in revenue. Mayor Lagrimanta inquires how the new changes coming will impact the oil and gas revenue? Christian states it is very hard to estimate and/or track that. We are very conservative in the way we budget, but it's very hard to say. Mayor Lagrimanta says, there are so many people in Town now compared to a couple years ago. Christian says, buy local whenever you can. Trustee Roth says, think of all the online businesses. Christian agrees, online sales are huge. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about interest in coming to take over the Kersey bank. Christian says he is not sure, he is not entitled to that information. Trustee Luce says that he believes there might be a clause stating whomever takes over cannot open another bank in that building.

- d. Town Attorney – Rick Zier says Happy New Year, and he is happy to see Stan here in person this evening.

Board of Trustee Communications

Trustee Luce – Nothing

Trustee Salser- Nothing

Trustee Theorine says, after talking with his wife he is planning to run in the upcoming election, if you would sign his petition. Trustee Theorine would like the support of his fellow Board (of Trustee) members, all agree. Trustee Roth says someone asked him if the large dip along the North East corner of Hill and First can be fixed. Christian states, we will go check it out.

Mayor Lagrimanta expresses his thanks to Mark (Herrick), Josh (Roseberry), and Christian (Morgan) for doing what they could to deal with the snow. There will always be issues, no matter what. Please give them (Mark and Josh) our thanks.

Executive Session

1. Motion was made by Trustee Theorine, seconded by Trustee Luce to enter and Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the City Council or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office on the City Council or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matter personal to particular employees: Chief of Police Position. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board (of Trustees) went into Executive Session at approximately 7:03 p.m.

The Board (of Trustees) Regular Meeting resumed at approximately 7:53 p.m.

Christian Morgan states, you can take action on the Police Chief position this evening if you would like to. The group unanimously agrees to take action. Mayor Lagrimanta calls for input on appointing Tracy Moore the Chief of Police. Trustee Luce states, he would like to see Tracy get this position. Trustee Sameshima states he previously didn't know much about Tracy, but has learned a great deal this evening, he supports it. Trustee Salser stated he had never met Tracy before tonight; he is all in favor. Trustee Theorine states he is very excited to see what Tracy will do for the Town of Kersey. Trustee Roth says he is excited for Tracy; (speaking to Tracy) I am one hundred percent with you on this. Trustee Roth goes on to thank Tracy for considering us, and agrees with Trustee Theorine, he is excited to see what great things Tracy will do. Mayor Lagrimanta says, Tracy is his hero. He is proud and thankful that Tracy has chosen to start a career as a Chief here, looking forward to seeing him and talking to him more. Mayor Lagrimanta states, you have our unanimous vote yes, welcome to the Town of Kersey as the Chief. Christian say, the swearing in a Chief will take place in February, but the change is effective immediately.

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Motion made by Trustee Luce and seconded by Trustee Sameshima to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, ordinances, policies, letters, and memoranda to reflect action taken by the Town Board at this meeting and at any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, ordinances, policies, letters, and memoranda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Mayor Lagrimanta adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:001 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Curtis
Deputy Town Clerk