

**TOWN OF KERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS)
April 28, 2020 – MINUTES**

The Kersey Board of Trustees participated in a virtual regular meeting (rescheduled from April 14, 2020 due to COVID-19) on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, via Webex hosted by Town Manager, Christian Morgan. Mayor Gary Lagrimanta at approximately 6:02 p.m. called the meeting to order. Trustees present: Allen Salser, Mike Theorine, Nathan Roth, Clay Luce, and Bob Kellerhuis, Stan Sameshima, and Michelle Vannest.

Audience present: Andrew Wright, Cobblestone Inn, Dr. Glen McClain and Brad Joens from PVSD.

Town Staff present were: Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Rick Zier, Town Attorney, David Gottschalk, Chief of Police, Barb Brunk, Town Planner, Julie Piper, Town Clerk, Haley Curtis, Deputy Town Clerk, James Neill, Recreation Director, Josh Roseberry, Operations Manager, Mark Herrick, Operations Manager, and Richard Hopp, ORC.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda

New Business: Platte Valley High School Graduation Activities

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the consent agenda to include approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2020 regular meeting, minutes of the March 17, 2020 special meeting, approval of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Motion made by Trustee Kellerhuis and seconded by Trustee Luce to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Trustee Kellerhuis is then excused from the board and Trustee Vannest proceeds with the meeting due to regular election April 7, 2020. The oath of office was administered to the mayor and trustees by the Town Clerk in person after the canvass was completed.

Public Invited to be Heard

No public comment.

New Business:

1. Cobblestone Inn Liquor License Renewal – Andrew Wright, manager
Motion made by Trustee Luce and seconded by Trustee Theorine to approve the liquor license renewal for Cobblestone Inn. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
2. Approval of Resolution 2020-0012 Affirming a Lease Purchase Option Agreement with First National Bank of Omaha to Assist with Funds Necessary to Complete Kersey Town Hall Project Located at 446 1st Street
Christian Morgan explains that this is extra cash just in case for completion of the new Town Center. He received bids from three different banks and after interviews conducted by Ms. Piper and himself, First National Bank was chosen with the best terms. Rick Zier has reviewed the offer as well. This resolution will approve this transaction. Trustee Sameshima asks if it is an amount to be determined or at \$1 million. Christian states it will be up to \$1 million. He also is sending application for a USDA loan and if this is a better option for the town, he will go with that. Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Luce to approve Resolution 2020-0012. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.
3. Platte Valley High School Graduation Activities – Dr. Glenn McClain and Mr. Brad Joens
Dr. McClain states that with COVID-19, the school has had to address other options for the graduating class of 2020. They have had to submit plans to the Weld County Health Department and the three options were a virtual graduation, a graduation similar to the Air Force Academy in the

football stadium with the kids spaced and parents spaced in the stands which the WCHD denied so the third plan was to have a parade with students in the cars and family and friends along the parade route. Dr. McClain thinks the parade route similar to Kersey Days would be ideal. Perhaps with police leading and fire following and encourage people watching to practice social distancing. Mr. Joens, PVHS principal agrees, doesn't have much more to add. They certainly don't want to put anyone in harm's way but are learning to find ways to celebrate our senior class and would like to have the Town's blessing. Dr. McClain notes that this celebration is a monumental effort that Mr. Joens has been working very hard on plus all his other work getting students ready for graduation, finishing out the school year, etc. Christian states he has been working with the department heads since the request came in and they are working to find ways to make this work. Chief Gottschalk states they are short staffed right now but could get support from the fire department and/or other agencies to help with road closures. He will work with the school regarding the route. Trustee Theorine asks about having a radio station stating who is in each vehicle and wonders if all the kids will have a vehicle available. Dr. McClain states they plan to put signs on the vehicles stating who the graduate is and they will have on their caps and gowns. Mr. Joens states the vehicle issue is being addressed as there are several kids who don't have driver's licenses and/or vehicles. Christian states he wanted to present this to the board tonight and with their approval, will work with the school and give general guidance. If the trustees have further concerns, please contact Christian tomorrow.

Old Business

1. Project Updates
 - a. Town Center – Christian states that the site is dramatically taking hold especially with the roof being added. No major issues or problems with construction so still on schedule for completion the first week of August. The contract with High Plains Library District is complete and they will take possession in August. Masonry work is being done to replace the mortar. The alley is closed to trash collection.
 - b. Centennial Trail – Christian states this is still moving forward, just very slowly. Construction should begin in November after irrigation season is complete.

Staff Communication

1. Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Luce states they had a “phone” meeting and decided to donate \$400 for the senior lunches, which paid for a whole month. He also states he has been helping with deliveries. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about a meeting in May and Trustee Luce states more than likely a “phone” meeting again.
2. Tree Board – Trustee Salsler states the Tree Board has not been meeting but will be planting several trees in May, which will be ordered from a Ft Collins nursery.
3. Town Manager – Christian Morgan states he and staff has been working on budgeting to save money as he expects the revenue change to be dramatic. One staff member reduced her hours voluntarily. New staffing was eliminated. The biggest concern will be the oil and gas revenue but will not know that big hit until 2022. The town is financially stable at this point and we did cut \$200,000 out of budget that was earmarked to be spent. Christian asks about the community clean-up day. Mayor Lagrimanta states as long as the staff feels safe and comfortable helping, he is behind it 100%. This would be scheduled for June 13th. Christian states at this point the CML conference is still being held in June. To save money, he feels that since it is in Westminster, commuting would be the better option even though the after-hours networking is very well worth it. He states the town will pay for the conference for those who wish to attend. Mayor Lagrimanta suggests if members wish to stay, they could pick up the rooms themselves. Christian states the rooms are reserved and Haley will email the details to everyone. The surveyor completed the survey on the west wedge and states the Town does own the property up to the Lion's Club sign. Pens have been put in place for future reference. Christian states it is unknown whether town sponsored events such as Splash Days and Kersey Days will take place yet. James Neill states this is all pending state regs and watching Weld County for guidance as well. It is possible that Greeley will not be opening their swimming pools so Family Swim Night and lessons will be canceled this summer. He is attending meetings with Colorado Parks and Rec regarding openings. Everything after June 1st right now is just on hold. Christian states the town hall lobby will open back up Monday the 4th with 50% staff due to state regs. Mark will be installing plexiglass barrier at the front desk. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about limiting people in the lobby. We did check with front office staff to make sure she was comfortable with

opening. We have ordered masks and hand sanitizer. He is working with PDC on donating hand sanitizer stations. The staff is anxious to get back to normal.

Josh Roseberry states A1 Chipseal was contracted last year to do work in Berryman Farms. They will be working for five weeks on Saturdays and one Monday and they put notes on resident's doors regarding the work. They have been doing a great job with the crack seal project. The GOCO project at Centennial Park is almost complete. Aleman Landscaping finished up the irrigation and Josh will work on rototilling the dirt to prep for sod. The alley behind the community center was worked on with some crushed aggregate added to see how that holds up. If it does, other alleys will be worked on as well. They will be testing a different crushed material on the Berryman Farm alley. The patch at First and McIntyre is in bad shape from the frost coming up thru the alligator area. He is working on bids and might be able to piggy back off Hall Irwin's paving project as well. Mark Herrick states he has had issues with the altitude valve at the water tower, which has been happening for years. He sat down and has laid out a four-phase project for water storage and changing over to a loop system, which provides better fire flow and overall ratings for the town. He notes high-rise tanks are quite costly to maintain. Mayor Lagrimanta asks the timeframe on this project. Mark states it is cost limited at about \$2 million but with the four phases, it could be a two to five year project that could be budgeted and search for grants as well. Richard Hopp states the WWTP has been in compliance over the past two months. Eight loads of biosolids were hauled out recently. He and Mark have worked out a schedule so they are not both there at the same time in case one would get sick. The WET test was completed and submitted last week. On the water side, the state is on a backlog with lead and copper testing. Christian notes he is out of state on May 7th and 8th.

4. Town Attorney – Rick Zier states Officer Thienes was recently named in a non-specific law suit. CIRSA will be defending and possibly the same attorney with Garden City as they had an officer involved as well. He states this case is a very low liability to the town.

Board of Trustee Communications

Trustee Luce inquires about when the meals will be served at the Community Center again. James Neill states they have to follow state standards and large group gatherings are still not allowed until the end of May at this point. The Area Agency on Aging oversees the meals and is working with the state on that decision. It may even be until a vaccine is available. So right now deliveries or drive-up meals will continue. Trustee Luce suggests sending information regarding this to the seniors as they ask every time he delivers. Trustee Theorine congratulates the Neill family. Trustee Kellerhuis has one last question and inquires whether PDC made all their donations. Christian states they have donated \$150K to our projects.

Motion made by Trustee Roth and seconded by Trustee Luce 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.

Christian notes the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Mayor Lagrimanta asks the board if they would like to go back to starting at 7:00 with summer hours coming on and the consensus was to stay at start time of 6:00 p.m. Christian thanks everyone for working hard to make this "virtual" meeting possible.

Adjournment

Mayor Lagrimanta adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Piper
Town Clerk