

**TOWN OF KERSEY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
July 12, 2022 – MINUTES**

The Kersey Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Kersey Town Hall, 446 First Street. Mayor Gary Lagrimanta at approximately 6:01 p.m. called the meeting to order. Trustees present were Michelle Vannest, Stan Sameshima, and Karen Dusin. Trustee Mike Theorine attended virtually. Trustee Nathan Roth arrived at approximately 6:23 p.m.

Town Staff present: Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Julie Piper, Town Clerk, James Neill, Recreation Director, Brandon Unruh, Recreation Director in Training, Danna Ortiz, Town Planner, Kurt Smith Interim Public Works Director, and Rick Zier, Town Attorney. Barb Brunk attended virtually.

Audience Present: Jay Pier and Heather Smith.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introduction of New Staff:** James Neill introduces Brandon Unruh as the new Recreation Director. They have been working together for about three weeks and Brandon will take the new role over in August. Brandon then talks about his time in Kersey and his outlook on the Recreation Program. Christian Morgan introduces Danna Ortiz as the new Town Planner. He states Danna was here several years ago and left to pursue her education. Barb Brunk will still consult and work on grants and Danna will be in Town Hall on Tuesdays.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the consent agenda to include approval of the minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting, approval of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Vannest to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Public Invited to be Heard – None**

**New Business**

1. Western Equipment & Truck Request for Transfer of Raw Water Share  
Barb Brunk presents her staff report and attachments. She states this is a request to transfer a previously paid water share from the fire suppression pond to the new building. The Town made sure that Platte Valley Fire District signed off on the well water use in the fire suppression pond, which they did. All documents to include the decree are in place and attached to the staff report. A back flow inspection will be required. Christian states there is still paperwork to wrap up with Central Weld Water District as long as the Fire Department was comfortable with the transfer. Gary asks if the backflow inspection needs to be part of the motion. Rick Zier states not necessary. Trustee Theorine asks for clarification of the transfer again.  
Motion made by Trustee Sameshima and seconded by Trustee Vannest to approve the transfer of a water share for Western Equipment and Truck. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
2. Approval of Resolution 2022-0011 Approving d Date Change for the Regularly Scheduled August 2022 Meeting. Christian states he has not missed a meeting yet since he has been here and would like to continue and requests rescheduling to August 2nd as he will be out the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Vannest to approve Resolution 2022-0011 Approving a Date Change for the Regularly Scheduled August meeting to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### Old Business

1. Union Pacific Letter of Interest – Christian states he did receive communication that they are requesting more information.

### Staff Communication

- a. Chamber of Commerce – Christian states the Chamber meets the first Monday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Kersey Community Center. A schedule is made for the rest of the year for members to attend the meetings.  
Trustee Roth arrives at approximately 6:23 p.m.
- b. Tree Board – Christian states the Tree Board did not meet yesterday. Trustee Dusin says they will be doing a park clean up on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Memorial Park was done on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Town Manger – Christian states he met with the school district regarding the emergency plan. They will be reviewing and updating and he will present the plan when complete. He and Danna Ortiz met with an internet service provider that has a grant writer on staff. They have selected Kersey as their #1 project and if approved, fiber lines would be installed underground and then each resident could tie in if they wanted. They seem to have reasonable packages that can get up to 1 gig of service. They also have enterprise packages for commercial users. An engineered plan would be approved by the Town engineer. Christian states he planned on having the budget water tap plan ready but will be meeting with Central Weld Water District for further input. He also has been working with Brandon on a “health challenge” with the staff as our insurance carrier provides incentives. It will totally be on a volunteer basis. Christian notes his financial report. Sales tax at the half way point of the year has surpassed the budgeted amount for the whole year and much better than last year. He reminds the board of the budget retreat on September 10 at 8:00 a.m.
- d. Town Attorney – No report. He welcomes the new staff members.

### Board of Trustee Communications

Trustee Vannest states she worked with the museum and has some now and then pictures of some historical buildings in the town for the Kersey Day Parade Float. Trustee Theorine asks if the ATV/UTV can be re-visited in Kersey. Mayor Lagrimanta states some of the mountain towns have asked the governor’s office for special routes within their jurisdiction. Christian states this will be an uphill climb. Mayor Lagrimanta tells Trustee Theorine to check out the State Patrol website as there is information on it and they are the entity enforcing this. Trustee Theorine asks for permission to pursue and the board agrees. Trustee Roth states he attended the Weld County Opioid conference today and made some good contacts. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about the weeds growing in the streets. Kurt states he has left two messages and an email with the weed sprayer. The seasonals have been taking a shovel to many of them. Mayor Lagrimanta asks about the status of Dollar General. Christian states they are going great guns and the water transfer is currently in the works. The other major project is replacing the culvert and the access on the Cobblestone side. Trustee Theorine also would like to give a HUGE thanks to the local EMS and Fire Department.

Motion made by Trustee Theorine 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 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Piper  
Town Clerk