

Town of Stratton Board of Trustees Meeting
918 Colorado Ave.
December 12, 2019

Town of Stratton Board of Trustees meeting was held on December 12, 2019 at the Stratton Activity Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Richard Mann. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. In attendance Trustees: Matt Brachtenbach, Sonia Huppert, Arlan Tanner and Dallas Vaughn, Mayor: Richard Mann. No trustees were absent.

Town Employees present were: Town Clerk Melanee Johnson, Assistant Clerk Kati Huppert, Maintenance staff Lonnie Spurlin, Wayne Herrick. Library staff Janice Salmans, Sherry Monroe and Margie Borden, and Attorney, Stan Kimble.

Guests present: Dave Dischner, Marilyn Grey, Karen Fehrenbach, Keenan Huppert

BUILDING PERMITS

There were no building permits for review.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

Melanee Johnson reported that there were two water shut offs this month, but that both were paid same day. The tree ceremony went well and had a good turnout. The Activity Center has been booked a lot this month. The ACH payment went through. She has a total of 5 election trainings. The staff meeting went well.

Kati Huppert reported that she got the new keyless door to work and all of the Health Access subscribers now have keys and 24 hour access.

Wayne Herrick reported that a snow blower had been purchased. They need more salt for roads, sidewalks, etc. He touched on the new meter options for the town.

Janice Salmans reported story time is going well. The library board did not meet in December. They got their grant for \$4,500, but before disbursement, the invoices have to be sent to them. This is a new process. Phones at the library have not been working all the time. The library is staying busy.

Stan Kimble reported the trail with Dr. Ramos was postponed and the court is waiting on his bankruptcy action.

CONSENT AGENDA AND BILLS PAYABLE

Dallas Vaughn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting, bills payable and financial reports from November 13 thru December 9, 2019 and the Employee reports and Matt Brachtenbach seconded the motion. Brachtenbach-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed.

GUEST COMMENTS

All guests were listed on the Agenda this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Stratton Community Building:

Marilyn Grey and others were present to give an update on their status of trying to secure the purchase of the Community building. Marilyn Grey is still waiting to hear about some grants and also applied and reapplied for more grants. Marilyn Grey and Karen Fehrenbach then left the meeting.

EPAWA:

No one was present to present and updates. Melanee Johnson presented to the board that she talked to Hugo about what they did to support EPAWA and they did not provide funds or traps to EPAWA. It was discussed that they could use the building and possibly donate 2-4 traps.

Lodger's Billboards:

Dave Dischner was present to discuss the town paying for his Kansas billboards for the next year. A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Sonia Huppert to pay for the billboards for one more year. Brachtenbach-yes, S. Huppert- yes, Tanner- yes, Vaughn- no, motion passed. Dave Dischner then left the meeting.

CEBT Insurance:

Topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

BIDS for damage repairs:

One bid was turned in from Huppert Construction for town repairs. Dallas Vaughn brought up concerns with difference in bid numbers and insurance numbers. Some of the repairs had already been made by the maintenance guys. Board wants the bid sent to CIRSA and to invoice CIRSA for repairs already made. Huppert Construction hired contingent on CIRSA payout. A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Arlan Tanner to hire Huppert Construction for town repairs. Brachtenbach-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, S. Huppert abstained, motion passed.

Board Vacancies:

One letter of interest was submitted by Keenan Huppert for one of the board vacancies. There was discussion of conflicts of interest. Lonnie Spurlin withdrew his interest. A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Dallas Vaughn to appoint Keenan Huppert. Brachtenbach-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, S. Huppert abstained, motion passed.

The board took a 10 minute recess

After recess Keenan Huppert was sworn in by Town Clerk Melanee Johnson his term will expire April 2020.

Public Comment:

Margie Borden was present and voiced her disappointment that the Town did not have their lights up by the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Also, last year MSA re-did about 15 wreaths for the town and only 8 were put up. Lonnie reported not all the power poles work for decorations. Margie Borden then left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

New Meter Purchase Presentation:

Wayne Herrick, Matt Brachtenbach, Richard Mann presented an option for new water meters. The new meters would last 20 years, radio signal the readings, and be able to view logs on the computer. They will be looking into more companies also. Topic was tabled till a later date.

Pautler Well Lease:

Board wants more time to be able to review all information. A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Matt Brachtenbach to table till January 2020 meeting. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed.

Vona Water:

Vona no longer has a water person and reached out to Stratton asking for help. No one from Vona was present to give details on what all they were looking for. Wayne said he would be ok with it depending on what all it entailed.

Cell Phone Plan:

Melanee Johnson presented to the board that the work cell phone will no longer work as of January 2020. Board discussed options of different companies and plans. Melanee will contact Verizon and ask about any termination fees, Viaero for plan pricing, and Centurylink to possibly have calls forwarded to personal cell phones.

Resolution to Set Mill Levies:

RESOLUTION 2019-05

A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Matt Brachtenbach to approve Resolution 2019-05 to Set Mill Levies. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed.

Resolution to Adopt 2020 Budget:

RESOLUTION 2019-06

A motion was made by Sonia Huppert and seconded by Arlan Tanner to approve Resolution 2019-06 to Adopt 2020 Budget. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-no, motion passed.

Resolution to Spend Beginning Fund Balances:

RESOLUTION 2019-07

A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Matt Brachtenbach to approve Resolution 2019-07 to Spend Beginning Funds Balances. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed.

Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money:

RESOLUTION 2019-08

A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Matt Brachtenbach to approve Resolution 2019-08 to Appropriate Sums of Money. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert- yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-no, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Matt Brachtenbach to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters Allowed under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (f). Trustees only present in session. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed. Executive Session ended at 10:55pm with no action or motions made during session.

CEBT Insurance:

Insurance will be offered to full time employees only. It will be a tiered plan. A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Arlan Tanner to approve employee benefit plan. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Arlan Tanner made a motion and Sonia Huppert seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 pm. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn- yes, motion passed.

Richard Mann (Mayor)

Melanee Johnson (Town Clerk)