

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A workshop was held for the Board Members – Welcome Aboard to the New Board Members.

The meeting was called to order at by Mayor Garcia 6:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia	P
Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez	P
Trustee Beiriger	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Gallegos	P
Trustee Duran	P
Trustee Barela	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales.

Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill McClure – Mr. McClure was present to talk about the treatment of Citizens by the Utility Dept. One citizen had been disconnected. Mr. McClure said that as a prior Board Member he harped that each individual account be checked for accuracy. The Citizen came in to complain about being disconnected and got irritated and was charged with harassment. Mr. McClure would like that his court record be cleared and expunged. Mr. McClure asks that the Town make him whole again. Mr. McClure would also like the zoning that is on the agenda be discussed further and that there should be some type of notice; most places give a thirty-day notice. His concern is the rezoning of commercial property. The Urban Renewal is part of the plan in these rezoning areas. Mr. McClure feels that the Town is moving slow on these projects.

Paul Lopez – Mr. Lopez was at the meeting with a proposition to be placed on the next agenda. – Mr. Lopez wants BBQ’s to be allowed at some of the summer events. Mr. Lopez would like to make the Town a little better place. Mr. Lopez would like funding from the Town and from himself and feels that would bring in extra funding into the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

Water meter ICONERGY brief – Brian spoke about the water meter project. Brian talked about the funding that we had for the project. Carl Hurst talked about this being a long project. The talks started

in 2018; this was the first water meter project using this type of state funding that has completed. Mr. Hurst gave a handout that included the Project Description, Project Log and the Project Closeout. The installation began in 2019 and the Town will be on its third billing cycle at the end of May. The Town has signed the final completion for this project. ICONERGY is still closing out some loose ends on their part to DOLA and CDHPE. Brian talked about CML and how the networking brings people like Carl Hurst to the Town of Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – There is corrections to the April 26th minutes. Mayor Pro Tem said that Trustee Gonzales seconded the motion for Liquor License approval not Trustee Barela. Rose will listen to the recordings. Brian would also like the stipulations put in the minutes. These will be approved at the next meeting with the changes.

Court Report – There were no questions asked.

Police Report- The Police Department and the Fire Department had a fund raising basketball game on May 8th for the victims of the Fire in Monte Vista. The Police Department won and raised over \$500 to go toward the Monte Vista fire victims. Chief highlighted some of cases. One is a false reporting; charges will be filed against the reporting party. There were car burglaries, the defendant was arrested. Agency Assist was social services. Agency Assist means that they help other agencies. Mayor Garcia asked about the semi's that are parked on the corners. They are still working with CDOT about posting.

Public Works Dept. Reports –

1. Utilities – Gas prices are still not stable. Dave is not recommending any changes at this time.
2. Water – Carl Spoke about the water meter project
3. Streets and Parks – Dogs are a big issue. Saguache County would like the Town to hold off on paving due to the increase costs of asphalt.
4. Building Report – Applications are starting to come in.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus the April 26th meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the payables with a few questions was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT –

Brian talked about the CML Conference that will be held on June 21-24

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- A. VEMCO – ORDINANCE VARIANCE – Would like to put in a covered entrance and the only thing it would impede is two posts by the sidewalk. Vemco is part of MSOB grant. The posts will be right next to the sidewalk.
- B. VLADIMIR BACA – PARCEL SPLIT – Mr. Baca said he bought a piece of property that has four lots, Mr. Baca would like to split it into two parcels to place apartments. There will be no infringements on anything. Mr. Baca would like to rezone and then would have an architect

look at it. Attorney Trujillo said that it is better to go off Sisneros to enter the back properties and would need to have it surveyed. Attorney Trujillo recommends that the Town file something of record so that they understand what the Town approved. There needs to be a plat and the property surveyed. The Town of Center needs to file a motion of record with the property description. Brian recommended that they table this and have more discussion with Vladimir for a workshop. A motion to table this issue was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Duran. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

- C. DANIEL VILLAGOMEZ – REZONE COM TO RES – Mr. Villagomez bought the property Hurt and Third St., Mr. Villagomez would like to zone it residential from commercial. There are three lots. It would be a spot zoning. Attorney Trujillo asked about postings for the property. There have been no postings. Spot zoning is frowned upon Commercial is for business and typically you don't build a house on commercial properties. Changing the zoning could hinder the increment financing for the Urban Renewal. Attorney Trujillo recommends that posting the property with a big sign stating that they would like to rezone and give the neighbors an opportunity to object. Mr. Villagomez would like to rezone for lower taxes. A stipulations ad in the legal section of the Valley Courier, that the homeowner will be going in front of the Board should be done 30 days in advance. The next Town Board meeting after the thirty days is June 14th. Brian also told Mr. Villagomez if the Towers family would be included in the rezoning to have them come in. A motion to table this issue until June 14th was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.
- D. JONATHON TORRES- REZONE COM TO RES – Mr. Torres was not able to be at the meeting and the mother wanted to speak but there is no paperwork that states she can speak on his behalf. A motion to table this until further notice was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.
- E. GERALD GARCIA – SET BACK ENCROACHMENT – Mr. Garcia would like a set-back variance to put in a Garage, there is an existing shed. Mr. Garcia feels that a 40x36 size garage is needed to secure everything. The variance is needed so they will not infringe on the current house or property. There is an abandoned house next door that they are trying to acquire. They need a 25 ft. variance and are encroaching toward the pavement 25 ft. It is under the land mass and there are no visibility issues. There is no encroaching to the alley. A motion to approve the setback variance was Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor – Mayor Garcia abstained due to the personal relationship. Motion Carries.
- F. HECTOR GONZALES – SET BACK ENROACHMENT –Mr. Gonzales would like to build a garage and attach it to the trailer. There is an existing garage but it's not attached and it is a one car garage. Mr. Gonzales will remove the existing garage and remove the roof and create one whole piece, there is a 2 ft. encroachment. The neighboring property owner has written a letter that she approves of the encroachment. Attorney Trujillo would suggest that we file this record so that it is noticed if it is ever sold. Mr. Gonzales has been waiting for the surveyor. A motion to approve the setback encroachment with the proper filing was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE –

Rose gave an update with the dates that the bands will be in the park and more on the Fourth of July. The next meeting will be on May 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Zoning meeting was moved to May 17th for one hour at 5:30 p.m. The motion from the last meeting which talked about the mixed use zoning will have to be cancelled and a new motion made for the proper zoning

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor