

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos.
Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mitch Garcia – Thank you cleaning the community park. We need a clean environment. A satisfactory report to finish the back flow prevention violation. Would like to see a plan for high utilities bills this winter. Mr. Garcia feels that the Police Dept. does not have adequate coverage. The water park is not large enough to handle a large event. Mr. Garcia said he was not in favor of putting Dicky back on the board if he was not voted in.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – No questions.

Court Report – Natalia said that we had 30 cases.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez, there were 50 tickets written that include parking in handicap spaces, speeding and obstructing the view. There were 38 cases to include burglary and they just solved the case and took the suspect into custody. There are open investigations at the school. Several DUI cases from the DUI overtime grant. Officer Robinson has two weeks left on FTO; Officer Aguilera just started his FTO. Chief has had coffee with the Chief and will continue to do it.

Public Works Report – Jaime gave his report. Jaime stated that he has a lot to learn and is willing to learn about everything that his position requires and will do the best that he can. Jaime has attended a few grant writing online meetings. Jaime will be working with the School as the Community park is getting out of hand, they will be discussing the IGA.

Utilities – The staff has been updating the gas operations manual. They are programming the electric meters. They ran a secondary line to the school. The electric has been going up and they will continue to monitor the costs; this is due to the pathway project that the PUC agreed to. Trustee Gallegos asked about the gas, they feel that the gas won't go up like the electricity.

Water – Nikki helped Mario with the Water dept. The Town is getting closer to the 90%.

The water attorney came on September 6th to look around and get ready for the North 90.

Streets and Parks – Nikki with the Utility dept. had to help paint the crosswalks before school started. They are currently working on weed control. They are going to be placing 6 stop signs; the public will be notified prior to the installation.

Building Report – Sergio Valdez is the new Code Enforcement officer and is already starting.

There has been a lot of contact with the citizens. Sergio has been studying the ordinances so that he is familiar. Jaime is looking for classes to send Sergio to so he can learn the building inspections.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela.

Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger.

Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

MANAGER'S REPORT

CHFA - Place Making Grant Awarded – One of the biggest supports of the Town since the place making in Vail. The Town was awarded the \$20,000 grant for the beautification of the Town. They are looking at a muralist. Brian said that they will look to put a sunshine that former Trustee Mary McClure would like. Mary McClure would like to see more Trees. Christmas lights and new flags will have to go on the 2024 budget.

Present Plaque – Trustee Bernadette Duran had vacated her position on the Town Board. Brian said that being a Board member is one of the hardest decisions that a citizen can make. Bernadette thanked the Board and the community.

Introduce New Hires – They will put it on the next meeting.

ED Strategic Planning Grant – Brian said that there is a budget in the Economic Development for grants.

The Town applied for a \$50,000 grant but part of that is the Town \$25,000 match. The Town was awarded the grant. We've received \$45,000 in grant money in the last month.

NEW BUSINESS

Swear-In New Officers - Pablo Aguilera – Attorney Trujillo swore in Officer Pablo Aguilera.

Barron Robinson – Attorney Trujillo swore in Officer Barron Robinson.

Approval of AmeriCorps Vista – The AmeriCorps Vista will be Keith –

A motion to approve the \$15,000 to DCI for the AmeriCorps was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by, Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

CALENDAR ITEMS – Event Friday the 15th for the High School football team – there will be a small fiesta prior to the football game.

Workshop on the 19th – at 5:30 p.m. – to review the applications for the vacated seats.

Board Meeting – September 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor