

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of De Beque held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Present were the following:

Trustees: Mayor Zeke Gaudern	Shanelle Hansen	Dave Jackson
Summer Black-Greening	Cindy Farris	Walter Wood

Absent: Judy Lake

Staff present: Care' McInnis	David McConaughy
Bob Dalley	Toni Vincenzetti

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Mayor Zeke Gaudern.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present at this time.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were none

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 27, 2020**

**Motion:** Trustee Farris

To approve the minutes as presented.

**Second:** Trustee Black-Greening

**Voice Vote:** Mayor Gaudern abstained from the vote; the remainder voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**2. MAYOR'S EXPLANATION OF THE FORM OF MOTIONS REGARDING FINANCIALS AND DISCLOSURE OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND EXPENDITURES: September 2020**

Trustee Hansen asked to abstain from voting on the bills for De Beque Country Store.

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**Motion:** Trustee Black-Greening

To approve the bills and expenditures for the De Beque Country Store for September 2020.

**Second:** Trustee Farris

**Voice Vote:** Trustee Hansen abstained; all others voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Motion:** Trustee Hansen

To approve all the other bills and expenditures for the month of September 2020. Trustee Black-Greening asked to see the invoices for this year for Mosquito Control and what the inventory is that we have on hand.

**Second:** Trustee Jackson

**Voice Vote:** Unanimous in favor of the motion.

**5. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE – NOT ON THE AGENDA: (3 min.)**

None

**5. BOARD COMMENTS:**

None

**6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

Town Administrator Care' McInnis gave kudos to the staff, especially the Marshals Department for doing what they have been hired to do, across the board! The Town staff goes above and beyond. Care' talks to them at all hours. Thank you also for all the Board support.

COVID – Mesa County has hit the 5% mark. The Town Hall always remains at 50%, meetings will continue to be by Zoom.

Water – A list of questions was sent to the CDPHE who answered all the questions very favorably. We have not received any other calls or texts or anything for more than a week. Ms. McInnis asked if the Trustees would like this sent out to all the water users? She explained the possibility of a new violation the next go round since this is based on averages. They use 4 rolling or running quarters to come up with the maximum level of 80. This does not mean that we are ever over 80, just that the average is.

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Public Records requests – Most requests are small and can be done in less than 1 hour. These are free, there is a fee for every hour over that, especially if it involves extensive research. Town Clerk, Shirley Nichols, receives the requests and others must find the information and then often it has to go to Counsel. Some information is personal or involves an ongoing criminal investigation and must be redacted. This last one we did has not been paid for or picked up.

Administrative Assistant position – We started this process last year and chose not to hire. We are now going through Express Employment in Grand Junction; they will pick up all the tax expense. We can bring someone in on a temporary basis. Anyone interested in this position can contact Express Employment. This is a temporary position but could lead to more.

Non-Profit “House” – This is a shelter for homeless teens. We are trying to get this started for teens who are struggling and can reunite in a safe place. In Grand Junction, they are well funded. They are willing to staff in De Beque. The Marshal and the School will be involved. They will provide a safe place for teens 13-24 years old, who might need assistance. There is no cost to the Town, and they are not aligned with the Marshal. They will collaborate with the school, the Marshal, and the Town.

Street Overlay – The storm postponed the street repairs for one day. United and Mesa County are doing the work. The ice on the roads could mess up the milling machine as it messes with the depth. They are doing some P/R and going door to door asking vehicles to be moved. The repairs are now tentatively set for Friday. The ground temp needs to be 40 degrees, they are scraping up some of the ice. One of the bays at the Marshal’s office is available to store equipment, if needed.

Use taxes – Instead of using a 2% tax rate, Ms. McInnis feels a set amount for certain projects would work better. We could set a rate for what is going to be built. She is going to check into what other towns do.

Christmas Party – This is not going to happen this year with COVID. Last year the party was wonderful, and we hope to get back to that. This year Ms. McInnis would like to take the amount of money spent on the party last year and divide it up among the Trustees and employees and give them gift cards that can be spent at any business in town. This way the money is put back into the community.

Trustee Wood asked if the CDPHE letter could be posted on the Community Center windows.

Trustee Hansen asked about the use tax and if we were getting reimbursed back from the County.

It was suggested that the CDPHE letter go out to all water users in the water bills. Trustee Hansen said she does not care how it goes out, just that everyone should see it. She believes the idea of the gift cards

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is a good idea because she feels that the staff has worked harder this year than in the past. The Trustees cannot vote on this matter.

The Board feels that it is important for the CDPHE information to go out to the community to ease their mind.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING: Preliminary adoption of the 2021 budget.**

Ms. McInnis told the Board members how much she appreciated meeting with them about this preliminary budget. She explained that there was not big spending on the Marshal's vehicles but that we are also selling vehicles. She asked everyone to reach out to her with any questions or concerns.

Trustee Hansen asked about the Parachute professionals. She was told that the money was coming from the general fund. Ms. McInnis explained that several communities are having the same issue finding qualified employees.

Trustee Hansen also asked about the Park and Rec budget as it was showing a large reduction. She does not want to see the money dropped because we did not use it this year because of COVID. Ms. McInnis said that the Rec director's payroll should be moved to administration and that the CARES funding will cover this. The utilities and operating supplies have also been moved to administrative expenses. Trustee Hansen does not want to see this cut out from under Marge before the year starts. Trustee Black-Greening agrees with Trustee Hansen and says she is a positive thinker and that the community will need it even more next year.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**Motion:** Trustee Black-Greening  
To Adjourn

**Second:** Trustee Hanses

**Voice Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Approved

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Date

