

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 9, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Marty Rahl called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:04 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Levi Bernal, Trustee (via telephone); Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee; Markus Buck, Trustee; and Sherri Beach, Clerk. Also present was Evie Petrikkou, CPA. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

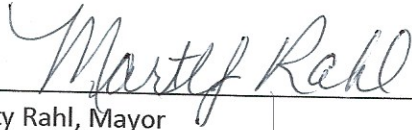
Mrs. Petrikkou voiced a concern about the 2021 budget fund balance of the general fund, which she said is dangerously low. She said the Town of Rye must either increase revenue and/or decrease expenses or reallocate funding. She said there is time to do this, but we must begin thinking about it now. The following ideas were presented:

- Consider increasing property taxes, as we currently only receive approximately \$10,000 in revenue per year from this source. We would need to consult with the Town attorney to increase the mill levy, have an election, and have voter approval.
- Consider charging sales tax for the Town from the Rye Café and the local gift shop. Voters would need to vote this into effect in the next election. The Town attorney would need to assist with this option.
- Consider other avenues of revenue to the Town, to include the possibility of installation of a cell tower outside the Town boundaries but on Town property.
- Consider reallocating some of the COVID Relief funding from the water account to the general fund. We would need to relate it to COVID expenses (cleaning, sanitizer, doorbell/security service, cyber security, etc). The Town attorney would need to be contacted for guidance.
- Consider increasing payment portions for monthly and regular expenses from the sewer and water funds. Example: 10% G, 45% S, and 45% W to pay for Town Hall expenses to include cleaning, utilities, office supplies, etc., instead of the current 1/3 from each of the three accounts. Also consider paying 10% G, 45% S, and 45% W for annual trustee honorariums, instead of strictly from the general fund. The Town attorney would need to be included in this decision.

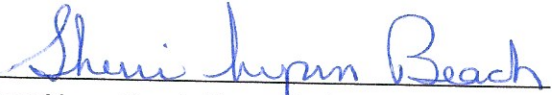
Evie recommended that we continue with our current path through the end of this budget year knowing that at year-end money can be moved from accounts. For the 2022 budget year, alterations will be set up to make payments dependent upon the board decisions. It is important to start the discussion about what to do at our upcoming meetings, then implementation can begin for the next budget year.

Adjournment

At 6:59 pm, Sheila Henderson made a motion that the Special Board Meeting be adjourned. Sandra Steele seconded. Sheila Henderson, Sandra Steele, Levi Bernal, Patrick Ryan, and Larry Sisk agreed. Markus Buck left the meeting early. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.



Marty Rahl, Mayor



Sherri Lynn Beach, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on
August 11, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069
Public is encouraged to attend**

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