

**TOWN OF RYE
SPECIAL MEETING
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 23, 2020**

PUBLIC MEETING:

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Rye, County of Pueblo, Colorado met at the Town Hall, 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 8069, on Thursday, ^{April} May 23, 2020. At 5:00 pm, David Douglas, Mayor Protem, called the special meeting to order. The following were present: David Douglas, Mayor Protem; Marty Rahl, Trustee; Sheila Henderson, Trustee; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Levi Bernal, Trustee; Gib Rokich, Maintenance; Gary Golladay, ORC; Ken Young, Professional Engineer; and Sherri Beach, Clerk.

Marty Rahl addressed the Board and stated that she had spoken with Ben Keilley with CDPHE. He informed her that the Town of Rye needs to hire a Professional Engineer who will submit his findings concerning the water system needs to the State. Following approval from CDPHE, the Professional Engineer will be hired. Mr. Keilley said the State has a department to coach us in finding funding. He also stated that DOLA could assist us with obtaining a grant, if necessary. Mrs. Rahl then contacted the Town Attorneys office, and she was referred to Ken Young, a Professional Engineer who volunteered to come to the Town and give us an estimate to perform the work required.

Gary Golladay explained the water issues the Town is facing. He said that the TOCs are bad, which he believes is caused by pine needles and debris that are constantly cleaned from the strainer. He stated that the lead and copper has been a problem in the past but that the December readings were better. Gary said the TTHMs are too high and need to be evaluated, and he believes this problem could be from the chemicals being used. He thinks the corrosion problem is a result of coagulant that was being used, and he stated that the water quality seems better now. He stated that the big water tank still has water, though he has been working for weeks to drain it with a pump.

Gib Rokich stated that he believes there may be an additional water line break between the creek and the Water Treatment plant which is allowing the debris to clog the strainer. Peter Huisman of Colorado Rural Water has been contacted, and we are on his schedule to look for a leak/break when the Stay at Home order has been lifted and employees are permitted to return to work in the field.

Ken Young attended the meeting and stated that based on the information provided by Gary and Gib, he believes our issues stem from in-house plumbing. After asking several questions, he indicated that we must mitigate lead and copper issues, figure out the operational corrosion control by determining the cause of the corrosion, find the cause of the TTHM number increases, and then correct the issues with the storage tank. He stated that we may need to flush the system to get rid of the lead and copper, and he agreed that the lead and copper readings could be coming from solder that contained lead. Ken asked if some of the issues could be coming from the creek. He suggested that water going into the big tank may be groundwater from a nearby ditch. Mr. Young stated that he would contact Gary Golladay on Monday to schedule a time to meet to look at the Water Treatment Plant prior to the end of the month. He said his inspection would take 3-4 hours, and the Board asked that Gib Rokich accompany them.

Mr. Young was asked to give the Town of Rye a proposal with a list of priorities and prices as soon as possible. He noted that often the State takes 3-4 months to approve a Professional Engineer's plan. He said keeping the gates of communication open with CDPHE is important to avoid penalties. He mentioned that he does have a good working relationship with CDPHE.

Mr. Golladay stated that he would like to see the Board get two additional estimates for Professional Engineering services from others. Marty Rahl said she would check with the attorney's office to see if we need to do this.


Sherri Beach asked the Board to pay Mullans, Piersel & Reed, Attorneys at Law, \$475.80 instead of waiting for approval at the next meeting so we can avoid a late fee. Sheila Henderson made a motion to pay the invoice, Marty Rahl seconded, and the motion passed.

Sherri Beach told the Board that she would like to take two CML webinars concerning effective governance on May 20 and 27 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. The Board approved.

Sherri Beach asked the Board permission to post proposed ordinance 2020-9 Ordinance to Require Water/Sewer Tap for Every Single-Family Residential Home and Commercial Residential/Multi-Family Properties to Require Board Approval for Water and Sewer Taps Prior to Construction Beginning to the Greenhorn Valley View Newspaper so residents can attend the regular meeting if they would like to voice opinions. Sherri was instructed to follow the direction of our attorney, David Lytle (publishing by title only or in entirety) and publish in the newspaper on April 30, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:44 pm, Sheila Henderson made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Sandra Steele seconded, and the motion passed.


David Douglas, Mayor Protem


Sherri Lynn Beach, Clerk

**The Next Regular Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall
At 2067 Main Street in Rye, CO
Public is Encouraged to Attend**

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