

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
March 9, 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor, Marty Rahl called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:01 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; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee; Markus Buck, Trustee; Madison Rokich, Water Operator; Jocelyn Mower, Clerk. Also present were: Greg Colter, Colorado Rural Water; Mike Pence, business owner of Rye Café; Randy Smith, property owner; Tammy Smith, property owner; Jason Willis, property owner; Lisa Willis, property owner; and Wade Wills, The Chimney Specialist. Those absent were: Sandra Steele, Trustee; Levi Bernal, Trustee; Gib Rokich, Water Operator; Richard Hopp, Operator in Responsible Charge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience Participation

Tammy Smith addressed the Board concerning paying employees daily commute mileage reimbursement and the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for 3-9-2022, stating "Volunteers for Maintenance". Marty Rahl, Mayor, explained that the Town of Rye employee contracts are a personnel matter that is to be discussed in executive session by the Board of Trustees. Marty Rahl also explained that the Board is not requesting "Volunteers for Maintenance" from citizens of the Town, but rather from the Board of Trustees.

Jason Willis addressed the Board regarding the water and sewer rate increase that became effective January 2022, as well as concerns for the lead contaminates letter that has been sent to residents from the Town on February 28, 2022. The Board clarified the reasons for the necessary water and sewer rate increase and explained that if these increases were not issued that the Town will be unable to cover the overhead costs needed to run the water treatment plant in the coming years. Marty Rahl explained the state regulations that are required by the Town of Rye for water sampling and the required violation notices that have been distributed per CDPHE. Mr. Willis also expressed his frustration with being required to have a backflow prevention system installed even though single resident homes are not required to have them installed. Mrs. Rahl explained that the State of Colorado requires Businesses, Churches, and Multi-resident properties to have a backflow prevention system installed. Mr. Willis asked the Board to provide him with the lead level for the last violation and asked the Board if any galvanized or lead service lines exist in the Town. The Board instructed Jocelyn Mower to help gather this information and provide it to Mr. Willis.

Mike Peck addressed the Board regarding his request to obtain a liquor license for his business, The Rye Café. Marty Rahl explained the Town's attorney response to this matter. The Town's attorney had notified the Board that the Town would be required to create a Liquor Board that would oversee the application and permitting process and that it is not a simple "yes or no" answer that the Town can give Mr. Peck. Marty Rahl explained that this would be a long process and asked Mr. Peck to contact State

officials who would be able to meet with the Board to explain what the process would require so that the Board can determine if it's something they wish to pursue.

Wade Wills addressed the Board to see if they had received any complaints or concerns regarding his plowing operations in the community and ensure the Board is satisfied with his services. Larry Sisk asked Mr. Wills if he can plow the walkway between the Town Hall and the Rye Post Office. Mr. Wills stated that he will see if this can be achieved but did not guarantee that he can perform the work without ruining the brick work. The Board let Mr. Wills know that it is not a priority due to the decision made to purchase a snowblower to clear the walkway.

Consent Agenda Items

- Sheila Henderson made a motion that the Minutes of the February 9, 2022, regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved. Markus Buck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Water Treatment Plant Executive Report, provided by Richard Hopp, was presented to the Board with the information that was available. The Board, Greg Colter, and Madison Rokich reviewed the data and expressed concerns over the continued water loss the Town is experiencing each month. Madison Rokich provided an update regarding the caustic progress, stating that the system is fully installed and in service. She also let the Board know that the Town will need to purchase a spare NTU Controller in the case of an emergency so that water service to residents is not affected. Madison also updated the Board regarding the underground tank leak at the water treatment plant. Due to this leak the tank was losing 2ft. of water per day. She explained that the water operators were able to plug the valve that is believed to be causing the leak but that the Town is still losing up to 8in. per day of water. The underground water tank was relined last year and is still under warranty. The company that relined the water tank has been contacted and will come to examine the water tank as soon as they can. Madison and Greg Colter explained that we will need to keep up to 3ft of water in the tank to prevent pressure issues. Greg Colter presented information for the Diamond Maps that has been utilized by the water operators. This GPS system will help the Town locate manholes, meters, etc. as well as break data into usable spreadsheets that will assist the Town's Water Operators. Madison has been working to get the Town's water and sewer map/blueprints information inputted into the Diamond Maps system and will continue to input data.
- The Water and Sewer Monthly Meter Usage (Billing Register) was reviewed. Notes were written on the board packet copy so trustees could see concerns and explanations for unusual usage. Account #36 is believed to have a leak that was discovered earlier in the month by Jocelyn Mower. Jocelyn Mower contacted account #36 at that time to notify them of their high-water usage and suspected leak on their property. The account has contacted a professional service to assist them.
- The Town of Rye Summary of Accounts (with information available), RVS Systems Totals Report and CCMD Sewer Flow Chart were reviewed. The Board discussed the water loss issues and acknowledged the CCMD bill amount has increased since last month. Marty Rahl expressed the urgency in getting the meter recalibrated.
- The Summary Aged Receivables were discussed. Past due accounts were called by Jocelyn Mower and reminded of their late due accounts. They were informed of the past due balance