

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
January 12, 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Protem, Sheila Henderson called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Larry Sisk, Trustee; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Levi Bernal, Trustee (via phone); Gib Rokich, Water Operator; Madison Rokich, Water Operator; Jocelyn Mower, Clerk; Sherri Beach, Clerk. Also present were: Bill Hamler, Property Owner; Randy Smith, Property Owner; Lola Raugh, Resident. Those absent were: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Markus Buck, Trustee; Richard Hopp, Operator in Responsible Charge. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience Participation

Bill Hamler addressed the board requesting information about being annexed in the Town of Rye, his meter being moved onto his property, as well as concerns regarding a water leak. Mr. Hamler would like to be annexed into the Town of Rye to ensure his property taxes contribute to the Town. He has water and sewer services to the Town of Rye due to "right of way" access. He requested information pertaining to the fee's associated with annexation along with the process he would need to fulfill. Sheila Henderson said that the board will research and follow up with him. Mr. Hamler requested his meter to be moved from 2030 to 2020 Main St. (75-80ft) and inquired about the cost to do so. He was told that the board would need to discuss the details associated with this matter before an answer could be given. Pertaining to the water leak, Mr. Hamler believes there could be 2 sources that are in question. He paid to have new frost free installed a few months back and suspects it may be the issue. Gib Rokich was instructed to check and assist Mr. Hamler with shutting off valves to see if there could be a leak inside the home. Gib Rokich will follow up with the board for a plan of action to resolve the issue.

Lola Raugh rents an RV space and had concerns regarding the upcoming water/sewer rate increase and how to receive notifications. Sherri Beach said that she is welcome at all monthly meetings and that copies of all notices mailed to homeowners are kept at the Town Hall. She shared concerns that the meeting minutes and other details are missing from the Town of Rye website. Sheila Henderson ensured that Jocelyn Mower will be updating website with past, current and future information.

Randy Smith had questions regarding what the Water Treatment Department tested the water for and where. Gib Rokich said we test for lead, copper, bacteria, and other elements. Gib Rokich stated that all homeowners are notified by state law of contaminant results. Randy Smith mentioned that his water is discolored during the spring season. Sheila Henderson said that he can take a water sample to Plebian Pools & Spa's off 4th St. in Pueblo, CO. Gib Rokich said he can send water samples to CDPHE as well.

Consent Agenda Items

- Patrick Ryan made a motion that the Minutes of the December 8, 2021, regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved. Sandra Steele seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sandra Steele made a motion that the Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Emergency Meeting be approved. Patrick Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Water Treatment Plant Executive Report, provided by Richard Hopp, was presented by Gib Rokich to the Board with the information that was available. Gib said that 1 problem has been solved, but we are still losing double the amount of water compared to last year. We are using up to +40,000 gallons of water per day compared to last year's figures at 14,000 gallons per day. A broken meter has been recalibrated with the help of PALL Corporation, resulting in fixing false readings. Gib said there is also a leak resulting in +1,000 gallons per hour loss. He'll look at a suspected property to see if capping the line or placing a valve will make a difference. Jocelyn Mower was instructed to look at county assessor website to determine and contact the homeowner for permission to access the property. Patrick Ryan motioned that after confirmation of homeowner and permission for access property, to cap water line or place a valve on the secondary line. Sandra Steele seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Water and Sewer Monthly Meter Usage (Billing Register) was reviewed. Notes were again written on the board packet copy so trustees could see concerns and explanations for unusual usage.
- The Town of Rye Summary of Accounts (with information available), RVS Systems Totals Report and CCMD Sewer Flow Chart were reviewed. Gib Rokich was instructed to ask Richard Hopp if he thinks we could be losing water through a leak or if it is running down stream and to research updated reports for answers.
- 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 as well as the current due balance.
- Sandra Steele made a motion that the Accounts Payable/Transfer of Funds from appropriate accounts be paid and that appropriate funds be transferred per the Checks Written form. Patrick Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets.
- The Master Calendar was reviewed. Jocelyn Mower has updated the calendar to reflect the date and name of persons completing monthly items.

Unfinished Business

Sherry Beach told the board that she had not heard back from the attorneys concerning the easement to the lagoon property. Jocelyn Mower was instructed to continue research on this matter and follow up with attorney to reach a conclusion for the board.

The board instructed Gib Rokich to fix the walkway to the post office by taking 2x4's and installing them for support. Sherry Beach stated that CDOT has reopened the sidewalk grant and that Marty Rahl, Mayor will be working to get this submitted.

The board discussed account #69 regarding Ordinance 2021-3 extension request. The board denied the request and violation fee's will be issued starting February 1, 2022. Jocelyn Mower was instructed by Sheila Henderson to write a letter notifying them of the decision.