

**TOWN OF MANCOS**  
**BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**March 24, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- C. ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor pro tem Fred Books, Trustee Ed Hallam, Trustee Betsy Harrison, Trustee Cindy Simpson, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Brent McWhirter
- Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez, Attorney David Liberman via Zoom, Public Works Director Terry Jennings, Marshal Justen Goodall
- D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 10, 2021:** Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 as provided by staff. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 10, 2021 Special Meeting:** Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Special Meeting as provided by staff. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 12, 2021 Special Meeting:** Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2021 Special Meeting as provided by staff. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- H. AUDIENCE BUSINESS:**
- None
- I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- The Mancos Marshal's Office has recently purchased a training aid for firearms. This purchase will allow the department to save approximately 75% in ammunition costs.
  - The Dolores County Sheriff will be holding a concealed carry class on April 17, 2021
  - Mancos Conservation District has created a Mancos River Concept plan. The Town would like to have them speak during the April 14<sup>th</sup> workshop.

- Town Administrator Heather Alvarez will be out of the office April 2-9, 2021 as well as April 20-May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Mayor Queenie Barz made the announcement that the VFW Auxiliary will be holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Boyle Park, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**J. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Barz read the proclamation declaring April 2021 Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**K. Committee Reports:**

1. Montezuma County Planning Commission- Mayor Queenie Barz updated the Board from the last meeting. Montezuma County is continuing to work on their 3 and 5 mile plans as well as some subdivision changes.
2. Mancos School District- No report. The online meeting was cancelled.
3. Mayor Queenie Barz was invited to sit in on a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and the Ute Mountain Tribe.
4. Mayor Queenie Barz and Town Administrator attended a meeting with the Mayors and Managers of Montezuma Co. and the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the issues around the county.

**L. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Columbine Liquor License Transfer of Ownership

Trustee Janice Bryan made the motion to approve the Columbine Inc. Liquor License Transfer of Stockholders application conditional upon State approval, and authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to send the application to the State. Trustee Ed Hallam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Mancos Trails Group 2019 Agency contribution Update

A written update was provided. All monies from the contribution were spent within the Town of Mancos.

3. Water Plant Project Construction Contractor Approval

Trustee Ed Hallam made the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the construction contract with TKF Contracting for phase 1 of the water plant project in an amount not to exceed \$1,043,698. Trustee Cindy Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 4. USDA Co-Working Space Planning Grant

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to apply for the Rural Business Development grant in the amount of \$25,000, with a match of the Economic Development Coordinator hours spent on the project and if awarded, execute grant contract. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 5. Mancos Gravel Pit/ Airport Property Discussion

Mayor Queenie Barz, Town Attorney David Liberman and Town Administrator Heather Alvarez met with several representatives from Montezuma County to discuss the current gravel pit situation. The Town leased and then later deeded 49.47 acres of this property. The County has represented that there are 13 acres from which all gravel has been harvested, and which are ready to be reclaimed and reseeded. The County has represented that there is an additional 15 acres that it is not capable of using and that it could return to the Town. The current agreement is open-ended and does not include a timeline. There was discussion as to how long the County will need to mine the remaining roughly 22 acres. They feel this will be mined out in the next 10 -15 years. The County would commit to a 10 year deadline, renewable for an additional 10 years to complete mining and reclamation and reseeded, if County is not in violation of agreement. A second topic of conversation included the County's request to lease or purchase approximately 30 acres at the northwest corner of the property to begin mining at this location. After discussion, the Board authorized Town Attorney David Liberman will work with County Attorney John Baxter to draft an agreement that states the 28 acres will be returned within a set deadline. The remaining acreage will have a deadline of 10 years, with a 5 year auto renewal to allow the County to finish mining this location, reseeded, and reclamation and also to turn back the 28 acres they no longer use. The Board chose to discuss the Northwest portion of the property at a later date.

### **M. Items for April 14, 2021 Agenda**

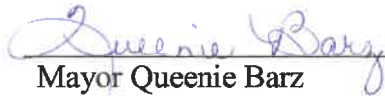
1. *Committee Reports: Region 9, CDOT TPR*
2. *March Bills & Claims*
3. *Arbor Day Proclamation*
5. *AARP Community Challenge Grant*
6. *Ordinance 762 Series 2021: Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan for Water Treatment Plant*
7. *Resolution TBD Series 2021: Adopt Montezuma County Hazard Mitigation Plan*
8. *Planning & Zoning Board Appointments*

9. *Staff Report to appoint a new Clerk/Treasurer*

10. *1 and 3 Mile draft plan*

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion.

  
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Mayor Queenie Barz

  
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Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez