

TOWN OF MANCOS
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
September 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Brent McWhirter, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Cindy Simpson,

Staff Present: Town Administrator Heather Alvarez, Public Works Director Terry Jennings, Marshal Justen Goodall, Town Clerk/Treasurer Donna Murphy

- D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks amend the agenda to add Road 39 Soil, Gas and Ground Water Testing as item #3 under Action and Discussion items. Trustee Cindy Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021:** Trustee Janice Bryan made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2021 as presented by staff. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- F: AUDIENCE BUSINESS:**
- Sydney Nelson, 310 S. Mesa St., Mancos- addressed the Board to inform them that a group of citizens have come together and formed a coalition in light of the suicides that have occurred in the Town with the last year. Ms. Nelson gave a brief overview of the group and welcomed them to attend the coalition's meetings.

G. Presentation and Proclamation- Suicide Prevention Awareness

Mayor Queenie Barz read the Proclamation designating September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Town of Mancos

Katy Maxwell and Arlina Yazzie from the Montezuma County Public Health Department gave a presentation to the Board regarding suicide prevention awareness. Ms. Yazzie gave the Board a broad explanation of the SAFE Coalition and its work in the community. They will be having a ribbon placement event in Boyle Park on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30p.m. in honor of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. They invited the Board and the public to attend.

H. Presentation- Roadmaps to Resiliency Project-

Shak Powers, Montezuma County Administrator and Rachael Marchbanks, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Mancos gave a presentation to the Board regarding a grant the County has received to help rural Colorado communities develop economic recovery and resiliency plans. The County will be working with the Region and the Towns to help address the issues.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Town Administrator Heather Alvarez made the following announcements:
 - The Mancos Conservation District is holding a Watershed Stream Management Plan meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Town Hall from 4-6pm. The public is welcome to attend.
 - The Town of Mancos is holding a Visioning workshop on September 15, 2021 at 6pm in Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend and help the Town update its vision statement. This will be in lieu of the scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting.
- Mayor Queenie Barz made the following announcements:
 - In honor of the 9/11, please fly your American flags in remembrance.
 - The Montezuma Stand Down for Veterans will be held on September 18th at the County Annex in Cortez from 9am -3pm.
 - Mayor Barz will be attending the CML Fall Conference and will not be present at the 9/22/2021 Board meeting.
 - CIRSA will be having a Lunch and Learn in Durango on Sept.15th in Durango.

J. Treasurer's Report: August Bills and Claims

After clarification on 3 items, Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the August Bills and Claims as presented by staff. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- CDOT TPR
 - No Report. Next meeting will be in October
- Montezuma County Commissioner Update
 - Commissioner Stevenson let the Board know that the County Commissioners had voted to fund \$100,000.00 to the Town of Mancos upcoming fiber project.

- The new Colorado Redistricting maps are out. Will work with the GIS department to determine the line through Montezuma County.
- The County has written a letter in opposition to the 30x30 Land Deal and given to US Representative Boebert to take to Washington.
- Mr. Stevenson and Commissioner Candelaria will be attending a League of Women Voter's meeting on Saturday, Sept. 11th from 9-11:30am at the Mancos Library.

L. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Chicken Creek Update:

Robert Meyer with the Mancos Trails Group and Derek Padilla with the US Forest Service gave an update on the Chicken Creek Trail system. Also, Mr. Meyer shared his concerns regarding the logging impact on Chicken Creek off Millwood Road. Board members were invited to attend the after action review meeting with stakeholders on September 10, 2021.

2. Memorial Tree Discussion:

This information was presented to the Board for review and discussion. The Board consensus was to no longer allow Memorial trees to be planted in Town parks. The Board would like to see information on ways citizens could honor someone; whether it is a brick or bench with a plaque. After staff research, this topic will be brought back to the Board for further discussion and/or action.

3. Road 39 Soil, Gas and Ground Water Testing: Town Administrator Heather Alvarez presented the Board with information regarding the Road 39 property and what steps would need to be completed for remediation of the site for potential future use. After discussion of the Board, Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into contract with SEH for the soil, gas and groundwater testing, not to exceed \$45,000.00. Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks seconded the motion.

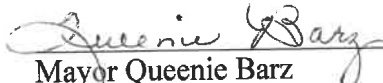
Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

L. *Items for September 25, 2021 Agenda*

- 1. Workshop- Sewer Rates Discussion*
- 2. Committee Reports*
- 3. Presentation- Imagination Library by Karen Sheek*
- 4. Agency Contributions*
- 5. Indigenous People Proclamation*

M. Adjournment

Trustee Brent McWhirter made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Queenie Barz



Town Clerk/Treasurer Donna Murphy