

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012**

The Board of Trustees regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Pitrone</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Useman</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>King</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Bratton</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Worthey</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Newberry</b>	<b>present</b>

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** - No additions, deletions or corrections were presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR 1/03/12**
  - **APPROVE BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE FOR \$8,609.83**
  - **ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES INTO THE RECORD FOR 1/10/12**
- M/S King/Bratton to approve as submitted. All yea

**PUBLIC INPUT - Items Not Listed on Agenda \*** - No public input was received.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 18** - Trustee Useman introduced 8 members of Troop 18 to the Board and audience members. The scouts are working on a merit badge for Citizenship in the Community and were present to observe a Town Council meeting.

**2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR, ELECTION AND BALLOT INFORMATION**

**AND DISCUSSION** - The Town Clerk presented the updated and revised 2012 Municipal Election Calendar. The clerk reported that she received a Voter Registration list from El Paso County Election Department showing that the Town has 444 registered voters. Of the 444, 144 voters have requested a Permanent Mail In Ballot through the Election Department. The Board members were presented with the Town Attorney's revisions of the proposed ballot language addressing a mill levy increase to the voters. The increased revenue amount or a mill levy increase was purposely left blank for the Board's determination. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to receive citizen input. The clerk had prepared figures showing the property tax increase for a 1, 2 and 3 mill increase. The Board of Trustees received a recommendation from the Economic Sustainability Committee to raise the mill levy by 3 mills and present that increase to the voters. Trustee King had requested that the Clerk also prepare figures for a 4 and 5 mill increase. King stated that the Board should consider all possibilities and noted that a 3 mill levy increase may not close the gap between the need to maintain services and the consistent reduction in annual revenues. Trustee Bratton presented an example of the property tax calculation to show a property owner's potential tax increase:

A residence with a market value of \$200,000 x .0796 (current residential assessment rate) = \$15,920 assessed value

\$15,920 (assessed value) x 14.588 (the current GMF mill levy) = \$232.20 annual property tax paid to Green Mountain Falls.

With a 3 mill increase, raising the mill levy to 17.588, \$280.00 would be paid to Green Mountain Falls reflecting a \$47.80 annual increase to the property tax paid to the Town.

The Board and audience members agreed that it was important that the Board decide on a 1, 2 or 3 mill levy increase in order to generate public discussion. The discussion included the ways and means and the importance of communicating this information to the voters. The ES Committee has offered to assist in promoting a mill levy increase to town residents. Trustee Worthey suggested social networking may be a valuable tool in the dissemination of information to the public. **M/S Bratton/Worthey to approve a 3 mill increase for the ballot language for discussion at the Public Hearing on 2/7/12. All yea**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 2012-03 - A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A TABOR BALLOT ISSUE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, 4/3/12**  
**M/S Bratton/Pitrone to table this item until the next meeting. All yea**

**DRAFT POLICY ADDRESSING DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS - Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens M/S Bratton/Useman to table this item until the 2/21/12 Board meeting. All yea**

**DISCUSSION OF A NAME CHANGE FOR THE GREEN BOX CAMPUS AND FARM STAND AND IDEAS FOR THE COOPERATIVE USE OF THE PROPOSED FARM STAND STRUCTURE** - Trustee Bratton submitted a memo dated 12/31/11 to Board members and to the Green Box representatives in Oklahoma City. Bratton presented suggestions about the design of the farm stand structure, the name of the facility as well as a name to replace "farm stand". Bratton suggested this is a great opportunity to enter into an agreement with the Green Box organization on the utilization of the facility. Both resident Howard Price and Rob McArthur noted that this is private property similar to the Sallie Bush Community Building. Trustee Pitrone stated that the approach was premature and the Town should wait for the property owner to get the approved structure built and the remodeling of the other units completed. Bratton encouraged members of the audience to send him any ideas they may have for additional uses. Bratton felt this was in line with the Economic Sustainability Committee's plan to encourage more events within the town.

**DISCUSSION OF THE EXPENDING OF THE \$5,000 DONATION FOR ECONOMIC VITALITY FROM THE REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT** - Trustee Bratton would like to add a line item on the Town's General Operating Budget for Economic Sustainability and earmark those funds for use by the Economic Sustainability Committee. Pitrone did not favor a budget line item. He wanted it to remain a donation that could potentially be gifted out for submitted projects. The ES committee meets on 1/18/12 to discuss this item and their use of the funds. The Clerk suggested that the donation funds could be placed with Pikes Peak Community Foundation with Trustee Pitrone as the fund advisor. The Town has 3-4 donation accounts with PPCF with trustees as fund advisors. The Mayor suggested there is no immediate urgency. The funds have not yet been received.

**ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2012** - Chair Katharine Guthrie was present. Guthrie affirmed what the Board had discussed earlier in the meeting that the ES committee had recommended to the Board increasing the mill levy by 3 mills for the upcoming municipal election. Guthrie reported that the committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 1/18/12, 6:00 p.m., Church in the Wildwood to discuss the use of the \$5,000 donation received by the Town from the Regional Building Department for economic vitality. Guthrie stated that the ESC members would like to use the funds for a professionally designed website to promote all aspects of the town. She noted that the Green Box representatives have expressed interest in assisting with this endeavor.

**REPORTS: Mayor Stevens: PPACG/PPRTA/MARSHALS DEPT** - The Mayor reported that it does not look as though Calhan joining the PPRTA is going to receive a unanimous vote. The City of Colorado Springs representatives feel that the smaller community membership may cause dissolution in the voting results. No other reports that required Board action or discussion.

**Marshal's Report** - Marshal Bradley was present and his report was entered into the record by Mayor Stevens. Trustee Bratton commended Bradley for the agency networking he has developed which has resulted in numerous equipment donations. Trustee Pitrone thanked Bradley for addressing the comp time hours.

**Trustee Pitrone; Regional Building** - No report.

**Public Works Department: DPW Director** - No report.

**Trustee King: PPACG Alternate / TES Alternate Rep** - King reported that progress has been made on the restoration of the Land Company Building roof. King noted that the new roof and subsequent painting of the roof is being funded by donations received from the purchases of memorial pavers being placed on the Gazebo Island. He reported that the Gazebo roof will be painted this spring using those donation funds. He is continuing to receive donations which are held with the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. Continued restoration of the Land Company Building will be planned as funding permits.

**Administration** - No report.

**Trustee Useman: Manitou School District 14** - No report.

**Trustee Worthey: Urban Forestry/GIS website** - No report.

**Trustee Bratton: The next Trails Committee meeting** is on Thursday, 4/5/12, 6:00 p.m., at the Mucky Duck Restaurant - everyone is welcomed to attend.

**Trustee Newberry: Parks - Newberry** - No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Trustee Worthey relayed the Town Attorney's opinion concerning the Town Code, Section 2-25, Requirements to Hold Office. Worthey was tasked with contacting Dan Stuart to ascertain whether or not the Town's qualifications are sufficient and if other requirements can be added through an ordinance. Stuart stated that there is no authority under Title 31 that gives the Town the ability to further restrict that statute by ordinance. **No other** unfinished business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mayor Stevens drafted an asset policy and an outline addressing review of all existing policies with a completion timeline prior to the new board being sworn in. The board members stated that the Board's current focus and use of time needs to be in the upcoming election and the mill levy increase proposal on the ballot. It was agreed to initiate discussion after the election with the new Mayor and Board members. **No other** new business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - An invite from El Paso County Sheriff, Terry Maketa was received asking for participation in the upgrade of the Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan. Marshal Bradley will make contact with the Emergency Manager and report back to the Board as to number of meeting dates and times. No other correspondence was received that required Board discussion or an action. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

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Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Frandina, Town Clerk/Treasurer