

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

The Board of Trustees regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens.

ATTENDANCE:	Pitrone	present	Useman	absent
	King	present	Bratton	present (7:10 p.m.)
	Worthey	present	Newberry	present

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA - Mayor Stevens requested an addition from the Marshal's Department - Seat Belt Policy, SOP #602. This item requested to be added to the agenda as 8A. **M/S Newberry/Pitrone to approve the addition to the agenda. All yea**

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR 1/17/12**
- **APPROVE BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE FOR \$4,453.72**
- **ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES INTO THE RECORD FOR 1/24/12**

M/S King/Pitrone to approve as submitted. All yea

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

AXIOS YOUTH COMMUNITY - FACILITY AND PROGRAM STATUS UPDATES - Bob Horvath, Special Project Coordinator was present to answer any questions audience or Board members may have about Axios. Horvath attends the first meeting of each month to keep the community and Board apprised of the program.

Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens called the Public Hearing to order at 7:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION OF A PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY INCREASE ON THE TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

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. The committee submitted a list of reasons in support of a mill levy increase. The clerk had been requested to prepare figures for a 4 and 5 mill increase as well as the 3 mill increase. Resident Michael Butts, 10860 Ora Street, questioned whether 3 mills was going to be enough to make a difference. Both Trustee King and E.S. Committee member and resident, Cameron Thorne stated that the mill increase is a small piece towards sustainability but it is a starting point. Thorne stated that the timing for the mill levy increase recommendation was right due to the upcoming municipal election. He stated that the committee is pursuing several items from the compiled survey matrix addressing revenue sources. Thorne reported that a tourism website is currently on the committee table. Public Works Director, Robert McArthur submitted a memo at the request of Trustee Pitrone showing a list of eight revenue line items that have diminished significantly over the past six years. Board of Trustees consensus was that a 3 mill increase would be supported by the voters despite the overall economic climate. The tax impact for the average property owner would be less than \$50 annually. The clerk noted that if the assessed valuation continues to go down, an increase in property tax revenues may be very minimal over the next two or three years. Mayor Stevens outlined the property tax calculation to show a property owner's potential tax increase: Average 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 currently 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.

Resident Howard Price, 6565 Grant Street, stated he was in favor of the mill levy increase and will submit a statement of support.

There being no further comments from Board or audience members, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

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, APRIL 3, 2012 Resolution 2012-03 will set the title and content of the ballot to be submitted to voters for the municipal election. The Board of Trustees has discussed increasing the mill levy in the face of decreasing revenues, the need to maintain an aging infrastructure and to continue providing essential services to the community. The current property tax mill levy of 14.588 mills has not been increased in over twenty eight years; the residential assessment rate has decreased from 21% to a 7.96% rate resulting in less property tax revenues and the assessed valuation of property in Green Mountain Falls has decreased. The Board of Trustees is committed to securing revenue sources to ensure that the essential service needs of the residents, such as law enforcement and street repairs and maintenance are met in the near and long term. The Board reviewed supporting documentation for a 3 mill levy increase from the Economic Sustainability Committee at the Public Hearing. Board members reviewed the estimated property tax revenues generated from an additional 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mill levy increase with the consensus to propose a 3 mill levy increase to the voters.

M/S Pitrone/Newberry to approve Resolution 2012-03. All yea

DISCUSSION OF THE EXPENDING OF THE \$5,000 DONATION FOR ECONOMIC VITALITY FROM THE REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT - E.S. Committee member, Robert McArthur was present to represent a request from Committee Chair, Katharine Guthrie. Three other members of the committee were also present. The Board received a request from the E.S. Committee for \$1,000 of the donation money to be allocated from the grant awarded by Regional Building Department for economic vitality. The money would be used for costs related to the design, establishment and maintenance of a website for visitor information and tourism development in Green Mountain Falls. **M/S Worthey/Bratton to allocate \$1,000.00 from the \$5,000 donation from the Regional Building Department to the Economic Sustainability Committee. All yea**

Trustee Pitrone reported that he had received the donation funds from Regional Building official Henry Yankowski. Trustee King recommended that the funds be sent to the Green Mountain Falls accounts with Pikes Peak Community Foundation. Trustees Bratton and Pitrone stated this was a secure avenue for the donation funds and has been used by the Town for several years for both grant awards and donations. **M/S King/Bratton to put the donation funds from the Regional Building Department with Pikes Peak Community Foundation titled Economic Sustainability Fund. All yea**

REPORTS: Mayor Stevens: PPACG/PPRTA / MARSHALS DEPT - It was reported that the City of Colorado Springs did vote to allow Calhan to request membership in the RTA. Calhan will now present before the Board of Directors.

Marshal's Report - Marshal Bradley's report was entered into the record by Mayor Stevens. Stevens made note of information submitted by Bradley addressing funds awarded from CDOT, Office of Transportation Safety for High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement. The department will receive \$2,800 for hours spent on increased patrol from January through June 2012. Over \$2,000 was received from this funding source in 2011. Bradley is also seeking grant funds from a Click It-Ticket program.

Trustee Pitrone; Regional Building - No report.

Public Works Department: DPW Director - Report submitted.

Trustee King: PPACG Alternate / TES Alternate Rep - No report.

Administration - Financial reports were submitted to all members.

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 - No report.

APPROVAL OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE #602 SEAT BELT POLICY FOR THE MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT - Marshal Bradley presented a copy of a seat belt policy he drafted with the Town Attorney's review in order to be approved for a CDOT grant "Click It or Ticket". Bradley is currently completing the required documentation for the grant application. **M/S Worthey/Newberry to approve the policy #602 as submitted. All yea**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Worthey requested that an item be added to the 2/21/12 agenda titled "Conduct of Board Members at Committee Meetings". **No other** new business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Stevens received a request from the PP Regional Building Department referencing the election of a commissioner for PPRBD. Sharon Brown's first term is up. Stevens reported to the Board members that the other members on the committee are planning to vote Brown in for a second term. **No other** correspondence requiring board action was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens

ATTEST: _____
Chris Frandina, Town Clerk/Treasurer