

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

The 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 Newberry absent Worthey absent

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** – Request made by Mayor Protem Bratton to submit two CDB grant applications for the Board's review. Mayor Stevens to add this request as Item 8A.

**CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES, 2/17/09  
APPROVE BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR \$6,004.79**

**M/S King/Pitrone to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the 2/17/09 minutes:  
Page 2, Under Reports: Trustee King: Change Carla "Abbott" to Carla "Anderson". All yea**

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No input received at this meeting.

**CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICES OF THE EL PASO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Kandi Buckland, Public Health Director** was present to discuss the current divisions of the El Paso County Department of Health; the department's funding history, programs that have been cut due to budget constraints and core programs still in effect. Buckland explained that the majority of the \$15 million dollar budget comes from grants and contracts. These funds are restricted for specific purposes approved by grantors. El Paso County provides \$2.8 million. County taxpayers pay less than \$5/year for core public health protection. State per capita funding to the Health Department was reduced in 2002, eliminated from the 2003-2005 budgets and reinstated in 2006. In 2009, the Health Department budget was reduced by \$500,000 and the department cut spending by over \$1.5 million dollars. Workforce has been reduced more than 29%. There are only 16 employees in the field for inspections of all food services operations, septic issues and body art studios. Since 2001, more than 24 programs addressing child wellness programs, air quality, solid waste, animal to human diseases, water quality issues to include the inspections of pools and spas, school safety and child care inspections have been eliminated. It was discussed that El Paso County is the largest growing county in Colorado and funding for core public health programs are well below national averages. Buckland reported that there are some bills before the legislators to raise the department's service fees. At this time, most of the fees are controlled at the State level and are not compensatory with the services provided. Buckland was thanked for an educational briefing on the rising public health risks due to continuing, severe budget cutbacks.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO SECTIONS OF THE PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING CODE - Henry Yankowski, Regional Building Official**  
**M/S Bratton/Pitrone to table at the request of Regional Building until 4/7/09. All yea**

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM LONG FORM AUDIT FOR GOVERNMENTS**

**WITH REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF NOT MORE THAN \$500,000** – Town Clerk, **Chris Frandina** presented the application prepared by auditors, Hoelting and Company. This is the Town's third year to be able to apply for the exemption from long form audit as the expenditures and revenues are below the State threshold requirement of \$500,000.

**M/S Bratton/Pitrone to approve the submittal of the exemption application to the State Division of Local Government. All yea**

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE A WATER TRUCK AT RITCHIE BROTHERS AUCTION UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000** - Department of Public Works Director, Robert McArthur had presented the Board detailed information on this agenda item dated 2/22/09. McArthur reported on transmission failure and front axle repairs on the 1981 water truck. He stated that the department has successfully shown the benefits of a water truck over the past three years. Repairs to the '81 are estimated to be over \$6,000. McArthur reported that an auction is scheduled in Denver on March 10<sup>th</sup> and four new 2007 water trucks with less than 900 miles are for sale. Also listed are 2001 and newer trucks, all with a 2000 gallon capacity. There will also be an auction held in Albuquerque if a truck is not purchased on the 10<sup>th</sup>. McArthur is seeking authorization to attend the auctions with authorized funding to purchase a water truck. The purchase of a truck will be reimbursed through the Town's PPRTA maintenance funds. The Town has been notified that there will be two budget cuts to the PPRTA revenues: the first is for a reduction of \$1,187.00 due to decreased revenues in 2008 and the second reduction will be announced in June when a re-evaluation of anticipated 2009 revenues is completed. McArthur stated he can work within the current 2009 budget figures he has in the Public Works Department. The Mayor asked if the '81 water truck could be sold. McArthur's evaluation is that the truck will be scrapped for parts. Trustee Bratton expressed a concern with the \$6,000 limit and requested an increase so that McArthur would have a greater opportunity at purchasing the necessary equipment. **M/S Pitrone/Bratton to authorize Robert McArthur up to \$8,000.00 to purchase a water truck at the upcoming Ritchie Brothers auctions. All yea**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS** – Mayor Protem Bratton emailed each trustee and staff copies of two grants that he is requesting support for and their subsequent submittal to the El Paso County Community Development Block Grant Committee. Bratton learned that 1 million dollars was available for block grants through El Paso County. In July of 2008, the Town signed an IGA with the County to be part of the entitlement program. Bratton is requesting \$14,900 for a bus shelter at Ute Pass Avenue and Spruce Street. This shelter would be similar to the Ute Pass Express bus shelter by the Columbine Lodge across from the tennis court. He is also requesting approval for a \$46,000 grant to upgrade the playground equipment at the swimming pool park. Bratton received the Board's support but there was conversation about whether or not the shelter was necessary at that cost as it is used so infrequently. The location was also questioned being the adjacent triangular piece of land is owned by CSUT and not the Town. There was concern that it would be a target for vandalism and increase the maintenance department's workload. Bratton stated that an appreciable amount of children wait at that location unprotected from the elements and often not properly dressed. It was decided to submit the grants and if awarded (notification the end of March), finalize location details at that time. **M/S King/Pitrone to authorize Mayor Protem Bratton to submit the two CDB grants as presented. All yea**

**REPORTS:** Marshal Ford's report was presented by Deputy Soyka and entered into the record by Mayor Stevens.

**Mayor Stevens: PPACG/PPRTA:** Stevens emailed the Ute Pass Express rider ship numbers for January. There were 977 one-way trips based on 21 service days. December numbers were slightly higher but the Mayor noted initially there were free ride coupons available. Stevens encouraged comments about the bus service, schedule, etc. to be emailed to him. The schedule will be reviewed in the next two weeks to see if changes are necessary. Stevens noted that in order to keep the service once the grant expires is to keep rider ship at consistent levels.

**Trustee Pitrone:** No report. **Public Works / Regional Building Department** Public Works Director Robert McArthur's report was entered into the record.

**Trustee King: PPACG Alternate / TES Alternate Rep / Admin / Grant Research –**

King reported that the State has given the approval to go forward on the Gazebo wall pointing and the fabrication and installation of the light at the top of the Gazebo. King continues to review landscaping plans for the Gazebo Island. Funds are available for the purchase, preparation and installation of the memorial pavers but not for extensive landscaping. There will be a meeting to review a scaled down design plan for the island on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> with the contractor, King, the Town Clerk, Trustee Bratton and Robert McArthur. The Town Clerk submitted the February financial packets to each trustee and department heads.

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

**Trustee Worthey: GIS –** DPW Director Rob McArthur reported on Worthey's success with obtaining GIS data and equipment for the upcoming street centerline mapping project to be performed by Eagle Scout, Joe Yaw with assistance from other scouts in his troop. McArthur said that Worthey has secured the equipment and that McArthur, Worthey and Yaw will be attending a training session set up by the company that is supplying the equipment. Yaw's project scheduled for the weekend of 3/28 and 3/29 and if necessary, 4/4 and 4/5. **Urban Forestry - No report**

**Trustee Bratton: Bronc Day Liaison/Annual Trails –** Trails Day set for Sunday, June 21, 2009.

**Trustee Newberry: Parks –** The application for GOCO grant funds was completed and mailed in on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Notification will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June 2009. Trustees Newberry, Bratton, and staff members McArthur and Frandina collaborated on the grant submittal.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Bratton emailed trustees and staff an updated CIP for review. He would like discussion of the plan added to the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. **At the 2/17 meeting,** a citizen requested that the Town research the news release by the City of Colorado Springs Utilities concerning the construction of a hydro plant in Cascade. The residents were concerned that Crystal Creek flow may be diminished due to Crystal Creek water being diverted to the hydro plant. Trustee Bratton received a reply from Gail Conners of CSUT, Issue Manager, stating that Crystal Creek current flow should not be affected. The water flow going to the plant runs through an existing Old North Slope raw water line. **No other** business brought forward that required Board action or discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS.** **No other** new business brought before the Board of Trustees requiring discussion or action.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** **No** correspondence was received requiring Board of Trustee discussion or action.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

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Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chris Frandina, Municipal Clerk