

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020
REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wenke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. via Freeconferencecall.com.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Wenke, Ms. Cole, Mr. Cline, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Frickell and Ms. Snow

ABSENT: Mr. Nordyke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wenke suspended the Pledge of Allegiance

OTHERS PRESENT

Charley Ellison, Ashley Franklin, Jay Printz, Ed Stefanich and Kathy Reis

Financial:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Reis submitted written reports. With 33.3 percent of the year having elapsed, General Fund has collected 33 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 23.6 percent of budgeted expenditures. Capital Fund has collected 9.4 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 1.7 percent of budgeted expenditures. Sales tax for February was up by 35.89 percent, which is up 23.82 percent from the previous year-to-date.

Account balances:

General Fund Checking:	\$	116,087.74
CSafe-GF Core 11:	\$	146,535.52
CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve:	\$	21,335.46
CSafe-Reserve-1	\$	161,167.58
Municipal Court Checking:	\$	1,382.70
Tennis Court Checking:	\$	12,489.15
Conservation Trust Fund Checking:	\$	36,652.89
Capital Fund Checking:	\$	38,640.62
CSafe-CF Core 12:	\$	297,195.40
Total C.D.'s plus interest:	\$	200,849.46

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of minute's
b. Treasurer's Report
c. Approval of Bills

Ms. Cole moved and **Mr. Frickell** seconded to allow and pay all bills. Roll call vote: Aye's Mayor Wenke, Ms. Cole, Mr. Cline, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Frickell and Ms. Snow. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

a. Consideration of request to extending the Declaration of Emergency.

One concern to extending is the appearance to the citizens and visitors. We need to show Westcliffe is open for business. There have only been two positive cases, no deaths and only 15 tested.

Mayor Wenke explained that we as a Town don't have the authority to open up the businesses. We legally have to follow the state and counties guidelines. The purpose for of extending the Declaration is to if needed is to get FEMA funds if we have allowed expenses. The Town has reserves, we have to be fiduciarly responsible to minimize this. Town Attorney Printz suggested a compromise of only extending one month at a time.

We will have March's sales tax figures Friday and April's June 8th. After further discussion, the board of trustees agreed to move the regular June meeting to Tuesday, June 9th. This will allow some insight of how much the revenues may be down.

ACTION: **Ms. Snow** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to approve Resolution 3-2020 extending the Declaration of Emergency until September 14th, 2020. Ms. Snow and Ms. Cole agreed to amending the motion as follows below.

Motion was amended: **Ms. Snow** moved and **Mr. Clince** seconded to approve Resolution 3-2020 extending the Declaration of Emergency until June 9th, 2020. Roll call vote: Aye's Mayor Wenke, Ms. Cole, Mr. Clince, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Frickell and Ms. Snow. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Appoint Town Officials.

The following appointments were made.

Mayor Pro-Tem - Bess Cole
Town Manager - Ed Stefanich
Town Clerk/Treasurer - Kathy Reis
Town Attorney - Jay Printz
Municipal Judge - Larry Kincaid
Auditor - Mayberry & Company, LLC
Newspaper of record - Wet Mtn. Tribune
Custer County Recovery Task Force - Brian Clince

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

ACTION: **Ms. Cole** moved and **Mr. Frickell** seconded to appoint the Town Officials. Roll call vote: Aye's Mayor Wenke, Ms. Cole, Mr. Cline, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Frickell and Ms. Snow. Motion carried.

b. Appoint members to Planning Commission and chair.

Mayor Wenke appointed the following to the Planning Commission: Staff member – Ed Stefanich; Trustee position – Cathy Snow, Citizen position and Chairman – Charley Ellison

c. Consideration of request to approve Ord. 1-2020 amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 4.

Mayor Wenke explained that we need to amend our code to reflect the change from 2% to 3%. We are required to send the approved ordinance to the Colorado Department of Revenue by May 15th.

ACTION: **Mr. Cline** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to approve Ord. 1-2020 amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 4. Roll call vote: Aye's Mayor Wenke, Ms. Cole, Mr. Cline, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Frickell and Ms. Snow. Motion carried.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Report from Mayor Wenke

He updated the board on the broadband after a meeting with the county commissioners, Silver Cliff mayor and the Carmel Consultant group. CDOT has agreed to allowing us to use their right of way, negotiations are in progress. USDA said we can use this as our match. The route for the fiber has changed to Highway 96 from Pueblo. Speed tests are required by the end users. A website will be developed to allow users to communicate that.

Mr. Frickell moved and **Mr. Cline** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Recorded by:
Kathy Reis
Town Clerk