

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020
REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Bistodeau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bistodeau, Mr. Clince, Mr. Nordyke, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Cole and Mr. Frickell arrived shortly after the meeting started.

ABSENT: Mayor Wenke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Bistodeau led the Pledge of Allegiance

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Franklin-21 Chadwick Lane, Cathy Snow-103 Main, Deanna Stefanich-309 Main, Lisa Frank-8460 Hwy 96, Mike Haga-2387 CR 119, Bob Fulton-103 S 2nd., Tracy Ballard-The Valley Beat, Elliot Jackson-Wet Mtn. Tribune, Ed Stefanich, Jay Printz and Kathy Reis,

Financial:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Reis submitted written reports. With 16.7 percent of the year having elapsed, the General Fund has collected 15.2 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 12 percent of budgeted expenditures. Capital Fund has collected 5.8 percent of budgeted revenues and spent .8 percent of budgeted expenditures.

Account balances:

General Fund Checking:	\$ 74,664.50
CSafe-GF Core 11:	\$ 146,176.14
CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve:	\$ 21,282.86
CSafe-GF Reserve-14	\$ 160,772.36
Tennis Court Checking:	\$ 6,720.25
Municipal Court Checking:	\$ 1,682.70
Conservation Trust Fund Checking:	\$ 35,426.50
Capital Fund Checking:	\$ 33,625.90
CSafe-CF Core 12:	\$ 296,466.79
Total C.D.'s plus interest:	\$ 203,849.46

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Ellison moved and **Mr. Clince** seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Sheriff's 2019 4th report.

Sheriff Byerly reported the numbers are very different due to Fre-Com, any call that comes in as Westcliffe regardless if they were in the county or Silver Cliff the system logged it in as Westcliffe. Westcliffe in the past has been 33% of the total. The total for Westcliffe was 782 in the 4th quarter. The reporting will get better with time. Two parking tickets were written in Westcliffe. Traffic tickets in the entire county– 524 traffic stops in the county, 1 stop every four hours, 172 tickets written, less than two a day.

Precautions and new procedures have been put in place after the escape incident at the jail.

Sheriff Byerly asked for a letter of support for a grant for a full-time resource officer at the school. It is a 25% match for the locals. It is a three-year grant. We would be able to have a full-time deputy at the school if we should get the grant. The board agreed to sign the support letter.

b. Consideration of request to approve a de-annexation plan in Vivienda Parque-Mike Haga.

Mike Haga explained the purpose of the request is to de-annex four lots into Silver Cliff. The access will be off of Hermit Lane in Silver Cliff. The four lots would have a Silver Cliff address, but be in Westcliffe and about three quarters of an acre. Mrs. Haga is the sole owner of the property. The Silver Cliff Planning Commission approved the annexation. The commercial lots will remain in Westcliffe. They hope to start construction later this summer.

The Westcliffe Planning Commission recommended approving the request. It was noted when a property is split between municipalities, state statutes give the property owner the right to make the decision as to which municipality it can be put in.

The Town Attorney also made note that Westcliffe could request some monetary compensation for the property to be annexed into Silver Cliff. After some consideration and the thought that Westcliffe will benefit much more due to the people living there would spend money in Westcliffe, there wouldn't be a request for compensation.

ACTION:

Mr. Cline moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to approve the de-annexation plan in Vivienda Parque. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

c. Consideration of approving the revised Code of Ethics Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials.

One concern to the proposed change is that it would take a person's 1st Amendment right away. Another concern was a board member going on Facebook or other forms of social media disparaging another board member or a decision was made at a board meeting. Some felt this should only be done at a board meeting allowing full discussion. Some board members felt the current language was sufficient. Robert's Rule of Order Chapter 15 has a five-step process if there were an issue. This was put on the agenda by the mayor for board discussion.

ACTION: **Mr. Cline** moved and **Mr. Ellison** seconded to not approve the revised Code of Ethics Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials. Motion carried.

Roll call vote:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bistodeau – Aye
Mr. Cline – Aye
Ms. Cole – Aye
Mr. Ellison – Aye
Mr. Nordyke – Nay
Mr. Frickell - Nay

d. Appoint a Trustee to the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Ellison submitted a letter of intent to be a member appointed as a trustee to the end of his term, which ends after the April Election. In the letter he also would like to be considered and be appointed as the citizen seat after the election as there will be a vacant seat.

ACTION: **Mr. Cline** moved and **Mr. Nordyke** seconded to appoint Mr. Ellison to the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Report from Town Clerk – Kathy Reis

Capital Improvements Plan Document-Clerk Reis presented the document that once completed will replace the document on the website. The document has much more information for us and the public.

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STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

b. Report from Building and Zoning – Mike Carter

None

c. Report from Town Attorney – Jay Printz

None

Mr. Ellison moved and **Mr. Nordyke** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Recorded by:
Kathy Reis
Town Clerk