**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wenke called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**The following members were present:** Mayor Wenke**,** Mr. Dembosky, Mr. Jagow, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Nordyke, Ms. Patterson, and Mr. Wilhelm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wenke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Neal Marrs, Erin Christie, Melane Rella, Jerry Peters, Barry Keene, Erick Messick, John Van Doren, Robert Wolf, Deanne Montgomery, Bianca Trenker, Lucas Epp, Steve Lasswell, and Attorney Clay Buchner (Zoom).

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**REVENUE RECEIVED BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **General Fund Checking:** | $ | 113,166.20 |  | $ |  282,914.98 |
| CSafe-GF Core 11: | $ | 1,708.88 |  | $ | 272,499.88 |
| CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve 13: | $ |  263.72 |  | $ |  72,082.06  |
| CSafe-General Fund Reserve-14 | $ | 1,623.92 |  | $ |  444,086.74 |
| CSafe-Tennis Ct.-Core-16 | $ | 79.30 |  | $ |  21,632.56  |
| **Tennis Court Checking:** | $ | 0.00 |  | $ |  5,219.32  |
| **Municipal Court Checking:** | $ | 0.00 |  | $ | 3,607.70 |
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| **Conservation Trust Fund Checking:** | $ |  0.65  |  | $ |  15,839.77  |
| CSafe-CF Core 15 | $ | 166.12  |  | $ | 45,424.18 |
| **Capital Fund Checking:** | $ | 61.51 |  | $ | 765,628.34 |
| CSafe-CF Core 12: | $ | 3,096.12 |  | $ | 1,041,534.30 |

**EXPENDITURES**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **GENERAL FUND:** | **$** | **92,095.05** |
| **MUNICIPAL COURT:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **TENNIS COURT:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **CAPITAL FUND:** | **$** | **27,522.21** |

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of minutes
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. Approval of Bills

**ACTION: Mr. Fulton** moved, and **Mr. Jagow** seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a.**  **Complete Business Solutions IT report.**

This agenda item was moved to next month.

 **b. Consideration of an appointment to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat.**

Three letters of interest were submitted: Brian Clince, Leslie Parkes, and Nadine Pederson.

**ACTION: Mayor Wenke** moved, and **Mr. Wilhelm** seconded to appoint Brian Clince to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat and to appoint Leslie Parkes and Nadine Pederson as the alternates. Motion carried.

 **c. Update on workforce housing.**

Mayor Wenke reported that the Town received the DOLA grant to provide water and sewer infrastructure to the Town-owned lots for workforce housing. He would like to have this completed by the end of the year. The next steps are to get an engineer and a contractor to do the construction. Both will require the Town to publish RFPs for bid proposals.

Barry Keene (Custer County Workforce Housing Committee representative) reported that in order to apply for the Local Planning Capacity DOLA grant for workforce housing, a municipality has to be involved that is Prop 123 eligible which Westcliffe is, so it could be the anchor entity. The grant is an 80/20 match and the County agreed to pay for half of the match. He is now asking for assistance from both Silver Cliff and Westcliffe. Mr. Keene will prepare the resolution that a municipality must sign as part of the grant application, with consideration of approving it to be on June’s BOT agenda.

A BOT workshop was scheduled for May 30th at 9:30 a.m. to review the budget to see what amount would be feasible to assist with this grant.

 **d. Dark skies report – discussion of improvements to Smokey Jack Observatory.**

Mr. Messick, Vice President of Dark Skies, discussed some improvements he would like the Town to help with regarding safety issues at Smokey Jack Observatory. Requests included enclosing the drainage area with a barrier fence, flattening and levelling the surrounding area with new rock cover, and adding more benches. Neal Marrs reported that he will look at options to resolve these issues. The Town will reach out to the insurance company to ask about ADA compliance.

**e. Consideration of a request to rezone Lot 6 in Shadow Ridge from highway commercial to single family residence per the Planning Commission’s recommendation.**

This agenda item was moved to next month to have a public hearing before a BOT vote.

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(As a citizen) Trustee Jagow asked about a special use permit for the lights at the Saddle Club and inquired if there is a light permit for the Rodeo. Clerk Rella said she will look into it.

Trustee Patterson voiced concerns to Town Attorney Buchner regarding one of the Executive Sessions that were the subject of the recent Town lawsuit. Mr. Buchner reported that the executive session in question (negotiating his employment contract) was a new issue under Colorado Open Meetings Law, meaning there is no case law addressing it, so he thought settling would be the best option. He stated that he understood if the Board no longer wanted his representation as Town Attorney.

**Mr. Jagow** moved, and **Mr. Wilhelm** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Recorded by:

Erin Christie

Town Clerk