

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021  
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, Ms. Cole, Mr. Frickell, Ms. Snow, and Mr. Mowry

**ABSENT:** Mr. Nordyke and Mr. Wilhelm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wenke led the Pledge of Allegiance

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Adam Blejwas, Sheriff Byerly, Gabriel Shank and Kathy Reis. Elliot Jackson and Brent Donnell via Zoom

**Financial:**

- a. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Reis submitted written reports. With 91.7 percent of the year having elapsed, General Fund has collected 83.9 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 50.3 percent of budgeted expenditures. Capital Fund has collected 58.4 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 39.5 percent of budgeted expenditures. Sales tax for August was down by .40 percent, which is up 18.22 percent from the previous year-to-date. September was down .36 percent, which is up 15.2 percent from the previous year-to-date.

<b>Account balances:</b>		October Expenditures Paid in November
<b>General Fund Checking:</b>	\$ 600,834.94	\$ 53,587.78
CSafe-GF Core 11:	\$ 133,463.74	
CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve:	\$ 35,007.24	
CSafe-General Fund Reserve-14	\$ 161,740.58	
<b>Municipal Court Checking:</b>	\$ 1,482.70	\$ 0.00
<b>Tennis Court Checking:</b>	\$ 25,035.34	\$ 0.00
<b>Conservation Trust Fund Checking:</b>	\$ 36,473.44	\$ 0.00
<b>Capital Fund Checking:</b>	\$ 350,365.68	\$ 121,438.98
CSafe-CF Core 12:	\$ 220,057.44	
Total C.D.'s plus interest:	\$ 203,511.18	

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of minute's -Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> special and Oct. 18 regular minutes.  
b. Treasurer's Report  
c. Approval of Bills

**Mr. Frickell** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Continued discussion and consideration of request to amend Title 6, Chapter 6- Possession of Alcoholic Beverages.**

The Mayor asked if we want to consider allowing alcohol by vote of the people or by ordinance. Clerk Reis reported that if this were to be approved by the voter's, it can't be changed by ordinance, only by the voters. If allowed by ordinance and there are problems, the ordinance can be repealed.

It was clarified that the discussion is for decriminalizing open containers in the park only.

Town Manager Shank suggested that if you decriminalize it, if there is special event with alcohol (no glass bottles) a permit would be issued with the park reservation, allowing it for that event. If there were any issues, the sheriff's office could respond. You could take it off the books totally, just leave the no glass bottle signs in place.

Sheriff Byerly stated there is flexibility on how it is set up. He has seen it in other communities where a Special Event permit is required, the organizer would be required to put up a fence with a person at the entrance to ensure coming in or leaving with alcohol.

He also said you could allow it so if people were playing softball for instance would be allowed to have beer there. There are potential for issues when you have alcohol and also said as long as there are rules in place, either option could work.

The concern is that the kids in our community not be exposed to too much of this. The question also came about requiring insurance for the small events, the attorney would need to review this.

After more discussion the board asked that the attorney draft an ordinance to allow alcohol in all parks with controls and with permits in place. Currently, the charge to rent a park for small events is \$25.00 per day, per usage. It was suggested to require a larger damage deposit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Sheriff's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report.**

He reported that there were 416 calls for service, 222 in Silver Cliff, 1,068 in the county, Westcliffe is about 24% of the total. There wasn't anything that stands out to report. The new phone system is now in place, 719-783-2270 can now be used.

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**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**b. CART update.**

Jacke Barnes representing CART reported that after a great deal of consideration, the decision has been made to dissolve. CART has been active in the community since 2010. We are proud of our accomplishments over the past 11 years with the emphasis on strengthening the relationship between the two towns, supporting businesses in the commercial district, the yearly production of the award-winning Discover Guide, the design and purchase of wayfinding signage, the welcome sign, banners and the pocket park. The pocket park in Silver Cliff is moving forward. We feel our job is done, both Silver Cliff and Westcliffe have made great strides moving forward in communication and improvements on Main Street. The Tourism Board has agreed to produce a publication promoting the Towns and valley. The Valley Strong dinner will be operating under the umbrella of the Wet Mountain Community Foundation. It has been an honor and pleasure the two Towns. We are confident that the current momentum will continue. We greatly appreciate your support for the past eleven years. CART is consulting an attorney to determine where our assets will go.

Two of the parades will be continued by other organizations. Ms. Snow reported that the Valley Strong Fund is no under the Wet Mountain Community Fund, the advisory committee is open to sponsoring the car show and the Christmas parade and possibly some other events.

The Board of Trustees thanked CART for job well done.

**c. Consideration of scheduling a special meeting.**

A special meeting to adopt the budget and approve the ordinances that are required to be done by December 15, has been scheduled for November 22 at 1:00 p.m.

**STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Report from Mayor Wenke**

He asked the board what their thoughts were regarding the pond down by the Bluff. It will either have to be filled/drained or developed. If we develop, the Town would have to pay a fee for it. The board agreed to wait until the Park Master Plan has been completed prior to making a decision.

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**STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

**b. Report from Town Clerk**

Brent Donnell the new Media Relations Coordinator was introduced. The board welcomed him aboard.

The SIPA grant for the Main Street Wi-Fi was approved, we should receive a check four to six weeks.

Election petitions will be available to circulate January 4<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wenke, Art Nordyke, Gary Frickell, George Mowry and Randy Wilhelm are all up for election.

**c. Report from Town Manager**

Locates have been requested for this week. Once the locates are completed the Planet Walk stations can start being installed.

Our new Street and Park employee started on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Adam Blejwas requested that the Town address the noise from trucks in the Town, specifically on the highway (6<sup>th</sup> Street). The noise is from diesel pickups and semi-trucks. Mayor Wenke said we can start looking at our noise ordinance and look at the jake brakes. It was also suggested to talk with Sheriff Byerly. Town Manager Shank will look into this.

He was also concerned about the amount of traffic, possibly a five-year plan. The board told him that CDOT regulates the highways. They thanked him for coming to the meeting.

**Ms. Snow** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Recorded by:  
Kathy Reis, CMC  
Town Clerk