

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020  
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, Ms. Snow, Mr. Clince and Mr. Johnston

**ABSENT:** Mr. Frickell and Mr. Nordyke

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wenke led the Pledge of Allegiance

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Deanna Stefanich, Ed Stefanich, Jay Printz and Kathy Reis

**Financial:**

- a. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Reis submitted written reports. With 66.7 percent of the year having elapsed, General Fund has collected 72.6 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 55 percent of budgeted expenditures. Capital Fund has collected 41.8 percent of budgeted revenues and spent 30.9 percent of budgeted expenditures. Sales tax for June was up by 23.01 percent, which is up 28.98 percent from the previous year-to-date.

**Account balances:**

General Fund Checking:	\$	187,202.27
CSafe-GF Core 11:	\$	146,833.14
CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve:	\$	21,379.30
CSafe-General Fund Reserve-14	\$	161,494.54
Municipal Court Checking:	\$	1,207.70
Tennis Court Checking:	\$	12,489.15
Conservation Trust Fund Checking:	\$	37,463.04
Capital Fund Checking:	\$	77,737.31
CSafe-CF Core 12:	\$	219,723.38
Total C.D.'s plus interest:	\$	201,815.85

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration of request to approve forming a Home Rule research committee- Brian Cline.**

Mr. Cline would like to develop a research committee and develop a pros and cons list that can be presented to the Town possibly March or April. It would need to be determined what the cost would be to create a new Town Charter. This would need to be taken to the voters of Westcliffe to move forward. After presenting to the Town Board, the public will need to be involved to determine if they want the Town to move forward with it. It is just an exploratory committee.

**ACTION:** Mr. Johnston moved and Ms. Snow seconded to approve forming a Home Rule research committee. Motion carried.

After some discussion it was determined that Mr. Cline will provide a list of citizens that would like to serve on the research committee to the October meeting for approval.

- b. Consideration of request to approve an MOU between the Town of Westcliffe and the High-Altitude Garden Club.**

Town Manager Stefanich reported that verbiage for the final version was taken directly from the minutes of the last meeting that was discussed during the discussion with Inge Munden representative from the Garden Club. It has also been reviewed by Town Attorney Printz. If the Board of Trustees approve it, it will then be given to the Garden Club. There was some concern that the Garden Club should review it and approve it first. Attorney Printz replied that it is exactly what the Garden Club asked for. After more discussion it was decided to approve it and present it to the Garden Club.

**ACTION:** Ms. Snow moved and Mr. Cline seconded to approve the MOU between the Town of Westcliffe and the High-Altitude Garden Club. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration of request to approve a lease between the Town of Westcliffe and Bootleggers Mercantile, LLC for a portion Lot A Block 11.**

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It was suggested that the lease be either \$50.00, \$75.00 or \$150.00 per month. After further discussion the following motion was made.

**ACTION:**     **Ms. Clince** moved to approve the lease for \$1.00. The motion died for a lack of a second.

After further discussion Ms. Stefanich with Bootleggers stated they wouldn't be ready to make the expansion for two years and didn't want to pay for an expense that wouldn't generate any revenue. The board agreed that they could bring this back to the board at that time.

**b. Consideration of Appointing the Town Attorney.**

The interviews have been rescheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

**c. Consideration of request to apply for a mini grant through Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government.**

This is for picnic tables and benches for the parks, the total project can't exceed \$10,000 for the grant. It is a 50/50 match. There will be two picnic tables on the south side where the trees are at the Bluff, two benches at the Pocket Park and two picnic tables at Jess Price Park staying within the \$10,000 grant. Town Manager Stefanich suggested that the board approve the benches and tables from options that the staff present.

**ACTION:**     **Ms. Snow** moved and **Mr. Clince** seconded to approve to apply for a mini grant through Upper Arkansas Area Council of Government to purchase park equipment. Motion carried.

**d. Consideration of request to approve the 2021 Impound Agreement with the Humane Society of Fremont County.**

Mayor Wenke stated this is an agreement done yearly.

**ACTION:**     **Mr. Clince** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to approve the 2021 Impound Agreement with the Humane Society of Fremont County. Motion carried.

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**e. Consideration of Request to approve the 2021 CEBT Health Insurance Renewal.**

Clerk Reis reported currently we have three options PPO4, PPO5 and PPO6. The staff met and would appreciate having those same choices for 2021. In the Town Policy, currently the Town pays \$600.00 per employee with the employee paying anything above that. Open enrollment is mid-October through mid-November. Medical insurance increased by 5%, dental and vision remained the same. This only to approve the three options.

**ACTION:**     **Mr. Johnston** moved and **Mr. Clince** seconded to approve the 2021 CEBT Health Insurance Renewal. Motion carried.

**f. Consideration of request to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the two Towns and County for the CARES Act Fund.**

Mayor Wenke explained that an IGA is needed to govern how the committee consisting of the three county commissioners and both mayors of Westcliffe and Silver Cliff (Custer County is the administrator for these funds). These are the funds that were distributed to every county in the state, Custer County will receive \$434,000 that can be awarded to governments, businesses, not for profits, education and individuals for expenditures they made to address the Covid situation. There are three standards they have to meet. It does not cover lost revenues. It is only Covid related expenditures from March 1<sup>st</sup> through now. You can also apply for funds in the future for Covid related expenditures through December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. The committee approves the applications that we believe will be approved by DOLA and the State. A check will be written immediately, it will be submitted to DOLA for approval. If DOLA doesn't approve it, the county is out the money.

**ACTION:**     **Mr. Johnston** moved and **Mr. Clince** seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the two Towns and County for the CARES Act Fund. Motion carried.

**STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Report from Town Clerk**

No Report

**b. Report from Town Manager**

No Report

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**c. Report from Town Attorney**

No Report

**d. Report from the Mayor**

We need to schedule a special meeting to address three resolutions to request approval for murals. The meeting was scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Mr. Cline** moved and **Ms. Cole** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Recorded by:  
Kathy Reis  
Town Clerk