

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Town Hall.

## Members Present

Mayor  
Trustees

Borchard  
Creecy  
Day  
Gutierrez  
Kindall  
Lockwood

## Town Staff Present

Administrator  
Attorney  
Police Chief  
PW Superintendent  
Admin. Assistant

Cook  
Massih (attended by phone)  
Thompson  
Overton  
Pakuer

Citizens Present: Madison, Jeff; Borchard, Kristofer; Borchard, Kevin; Sellers, Liz (attended by phone); Turner, Nicki (attended by phone).

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Borchard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL

All Board members were present except for Trustee Nielsen.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Day to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Creecy to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021 as presented. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the disbursements dated April 20, 2021. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jeff Madison residing at 625 Garfield Street expressed his concerns regarding the unwanted items that are accumulating in town at various residences. Mr. Madison was inquiring if the Town would consider reinstating the community clean up like it was done in years past and representing the Lions Club stated they are willing to supply the labor one weekend each year in May to help with it. Mr. Madison proposed the Town supply the equipment and the manpower and the Lions Club would provide the labor on the ground, stating the Lions Club does have liability insurance. If the Town approves doing this Mr. Madison will attempt to discuss this with the County Commissioners and see if the County would be willing to participate as well. PW Superintendent Overton reported in the years past this project took two weeks to accommodate all the residents, it is next to impossible to accomplish a full town cleanup mission in one weekend. PW Overton also informed the Board there are only five Public Works employees if there is a water leak or another emergency it will pull all the PW men off the cleanup project. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table for another meeting after Mr. Madison talks to the County Commissioners and reports back to the Town Board.

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## STAFF UPDATES

Chief Thompson reported there were 368 incidents for March, ten summons and two arrests.

PW Superintendent reported 9,928,000 gallons of water pumped; staff has been working on parklets; flushing out the fire hydrants; brooming out gutters and cleaning up. Nick Smith, and Levi Dinwiddie completed and passed their Class D Water and Class One Distribution tests and received their licenses.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Consideration of accepting a Fermented Malt Beverage Manufacturer's License (Brewery), a Wholesale Beer License and a Liquor Sales Room Application by Smoking River Brewing Company LLC and scheduling a public hearing.** Mayor Borchard stated Mr. Kevin Borchard and Mr. Kristofer Borchard were present. Mayor Borchard specified he will abstain from any participation, due to the fact Kevin and Kristofer are his sons. Administrator Cook informed all present that requirements have been met and the Board would need to set the public hearing for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hearing no discussion, Mayor Borchard called for a motion to accept the Fermented Malt Beverage Manufacturer's License (Brewery) a Wholesale Beer License and a Liquor Sales Room Application by Smoking River Brewing Company LLC and schedule a public hearing for June 1, 2021. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Board authorization for the Mayor and Town Administrator to execute a Construction Agreement between the Town of Meeker and Rocky Mountain Asphalt Schreiner Inc. for the 2021 crack sealing project.** Administrator Cook stated this bid was awarded by the Board at the last meeting, and Attorney Massih has put the agreement together and approved it. Mayor Borchard call for a motion to approve the Construction Agreement between the Town of Meeker and Rocky Mountain Asphalt Schreiner Inc. for the 2021 crack sealing project. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Pioneers Medical Center's request for waiving building permit fees for their Negative Pressure Room project.** Administrator Cook received a letter from CEO Liz Sellers at Pioneers Medical Center asking the Board to waive the building permit fees for the Negative Pressure Room project in the amount of \$2,085.75. This room is for COVID and/or other infectious patients. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to waive the building permit fees for the Negative Pressure room. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. Ayes: Trustees Creecy, Day, Gutierrez, and Kindall. Nay: Trustee Lockwood. Motion carried.

**Consideration of RBC Fair Board's request of sponsorship for the 2021 Fair.** Administrator Cook received a letter from the President of the Fair Board requesting a donation for the 2021 Fair. After discussion it was decided to donate \$500 to the Fair and allowing the Fair Board to decide what category they would like to apply the funds. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to donate \$500 allowing the Fair Board to decide what category it will be applied to. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Consideration of approving a letter of commitment allowing participation in the Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap process.** Administrator Cook informed the Board the Town of Meeker has been invited to join forces with Steamboat, Hayden, and Craig to create a northwest region for the Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap Process while combining efforts with the Just Transition program, formed by the state to plan for the closing of our coal fired power plants. If the Board agrees to participate, they are requesting a letter of support for a grant application agreeing to participate in the

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Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap process, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be forthcoming. Cook stated the Town of Rangely and Rio Blanco County have been invited as well. The group plans to hire a consultant to help the region through the process and DOLA will pay for all expenses but they must be approved prior to spending. Cook said she saw no reason for the Town not to participate. Mayor Borchard called for a motion for the Town of Meeker to participate in the Regional Resiliency and Recovery Roadmap process. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Borchard stated there have been two applications submitted for the Town of Meeker manager. The ad will continue to stay online until April 30<sup>th</sup> when the applications close.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Administrator Cook stated the Just Transition committee meets Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am via Zoom. A workshop for Land Use Code will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm via Zoom. Trustee Gutierrez was approached by a Rangely citizen who asked her to hand out a document explaining the Town of Rangely Resolution 2021-03. Administrator Cook reminded the Board this was discussed at a previous meeting and the Board decided not to participate; however, a representative of this committee is more than welcome to come and talk to the Board during Public Participation. After some discussion, the Board's decision remained the same to decline.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

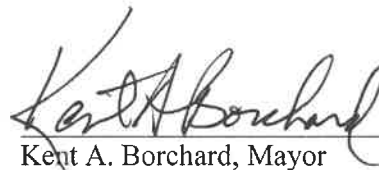
Attorney Massih informed the Board she would be returning to meetings in person.

### **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**


Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.



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Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



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Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant