

Town of Paonia
214 Grand Avenue
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 6:30 PM
Town Board Minutes

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A) Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Smith

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter

Trustee Czech

Trustee Heck

Trustee Hunter

Trustee Mejorado

Trustee Tarnow

B) Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Heck.

The motion carries unanimously.

C) Announcements

No announcements made.

D) Public Comment

No public comments made or received.

E) Consent Agenda

Trustee Hunter noted that the December 9th meeting minutes do not identify who seconded Trustee Mejorado's appointment to the Board. Additionally, the December 30th meeting minutes contain an incorrect spelling of Administrator Wynn's name.

1) Minutes

a) December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

b) December 30, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes

2) Disbursements

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the consent agenda with the aforementioned changes. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

F) Staff Reports

1) Town Administrator/Treasurer

No Town Administrator/Treasurer report presented.

2) Police Chief

Police Chief Laiminger provided a year-end overview for 2025, including call volume, staffing stability, training hours, and the successful reestablishment of regular municipal court dockets.

3) Public Works Director

Public Works Director Poulos provided updates on the water tank relining project, routine winter street maintenance, emergency tree removals, park irrigation improvement planning, progress at the Twin Lakes compost site, and completion of anti-harassment training.

G) Executive Session

- 1) The Board may enter into executive session as authorized by Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for the purpose of a conference with the Town's legal counsel regarding

specific legal questions pertaining to the Carl E. Berg Education Foundation's interest in purchasing the Town's property generally located at 3 Third Street for purposes of remediation and redevelopment into an educational museum and related uses; and as authorized by Section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, develop strategy for negotiations, and instruct negotiators with respect to actions to be taken on behalf of the Town.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to go into executive session as authorized by Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for the purpose of a conference with the Town's legal counsel regarding specific legal questions pertaining to the Carl E. Berg Education Foundation's interest in purchasing the Town's property generally located at 3 Third Street for purposes of remediation and redevelopment into an educational museum and related uses; and as authorized by Section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, develop strategy for negotiations, and instruct negotiators with respect to actions to be taken on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

The Board goes into Executive Session at 6:40 PM.

Executive Session concludes at 7:18 PM. Attendees included Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Heck, Trustee Hunter, Trustee Mejorado, Trustee Tarnow, Town Clerk Vetter, Water Attorney Sheela Stack, Town Attorney Clay Buchner, and Public Works Director Nicki Poulos.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion that an agenda item be added to the first Board of Trustees meeting in February to discuss the Twin Lakes property. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

H) Actions & Presentations

- 1) Consideration of extending the grant agreement with DOLA for the code rewrite. The Board considered an extension of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant for the Municipal Code Rewrite to allow further work aligning Chapter 16 with the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Tarnow makes a motion to approve the grant extension request with DOLA for EIA-00278 and allow the mayor to submit the necessary letter to DOLA requesting an extension. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

- 2) Consideration of Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Delta County Elections for the April 7, 2026 Municipal Election
The Board considered approval of an intergovernmental agreement with Delta County Elections to conduct the April 7, 2026 municipal election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to approve the IGA with Delta County elections for the April 7, 2026 municipal election. Seconded by Trustee Tarnow.

The motion carries unanimously.

- 3) Consideration of Approval of Resolution 01-2026 Public Posting
The Board considered a statutorily required resolution establishing official locations for public notices being Town Hall and Website.

Trustee Czech makes a motion to approve Resolution 01-2026 for public posting. Seconded by Trustee Heck.

The motion carries unanimously.

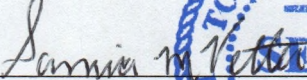
I) Mayor & Trustee Reports

1) Ad Hoc Short-Term Rentals Committee

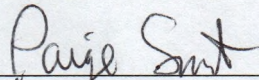
A brief inquiry was made regarding the ad hoc Short-Term Rental (STR) Committee. Staff indicated there was no update at this time, noting activity had paused over the holidays and scheduling (including use of a Doodle poll) was still pending. No action was taken and no motion was made.

J) **Adjournment**

Mayor Smith adjourns the meeting at 7:29 PM.


Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk




Paige Smith, Mayor