Town of Paonia
214 Grand Avenue
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6:30 PM
Town Board Meeting 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 Hunter
Trustee Tarnow (via Zoom)

Absent:
Trustee Mejorado
Trustee Heck

B) Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

C) Announcements

Mayor Smith announced that the Town is accepting applications for one open seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with applications due by noon on February 18, 2026. She also noted that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of Presidents Day.

D) Public Comment

No Public Comment

E) Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

F) Staff Reports

1) Town Administrator/Treasurer

Town Administrator Wynn's reported that revenues are currently exceeding expenditures and the Town is operating with a positive surplus. Capital and utility funds are tracking within budget, with grant reimbursements received and additional project expenses forthcoming. He also provided updates on the water tank project and upcoming discussions with CDPHE regarding state water rulemaking

2) Police Chief

Police Chief Laiminger reported on the Police Department's coordination with the school district on safety planning, progress on implementing the code enforcement program, and completion of training certification for a new field training officer. The department is also reviewing municipal penalties to ensure compliance with a recent Colorado Supreme Court ruling.

3) Public Works Director

Public Works Director Poulos reported progress on the Stewart Ditch project, repairs to recent water main breaks, and installation of new pedestrian signage. The department also completed shop reorganization and safety improvements, conducted confined space rescue training, and is preparing for the upcoming standardized trash can rollout.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion for a 3-minute recess. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

The Board goes into recess at 7:33 PM.

The Board reconvenes at 7:36 PM.

G) Actions & Presentations

1) Consideration of the Final Draft 2026 Construction Standards - *Public Works Director Poulos*

The Board reviewed the final draft of the 2026 Construction Standards and discussed revisions related to utility trench backfill.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion for the language in Section 3.3.1.D (Flowable Fill) that the town's preferred option in utility trench back fill in streets and alley cuts, from two feet above the utility to within a foot of the paving surface, shall be flowable filled. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

2) Consideration of the Town Acquiring a Police Officer Candidate Employment Contract - *Chief Laiminger*

The Board received an informational update regarding a proposed employment agreement for a POST-certified police officer candidate. The contract relates to reimbursement of academy training costs, is within the Town Administrator's approval authority, and requires no Board action.

No motion made.

3) Consideration of IGA between Delta County Road & Bridge for Center Stripe Painting - *Director Poulos*

The Board discussed modifying the annual IGA with Delta County to use County equipment for repainting center stripes instead of paving work. Town Administrator Wynn explained that full-depth street reconstruction is needed in many areas, making additional overlays impractical at this time. The revised IGA is to proceed with striping instead of paving.

M. Durlin: inquired about underground utilities infrastructure.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the change in the IGA with Delta County Road & Bridge. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

4) Ratification of the Decision to Extend Construction Inspection Services with the City of Delta for Another Year - *U & P Coordinator Bachran*

The Board discussed ratification of extending the Town's agreement with the City of Delta for construction inspection services, noting continued satisfaction with the inspector's responsiveness and support on Town projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to ratify the decision to extend the construction inspection services with the City of Delta for one more year. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

5) Consideration of Resolution 03-26 Temporarily Suspending the Tree Board while the Trustees Consider Hiring a Certified Arborist Consultant - *Town Clerk Vetter*

The Board discussed temporarily suspending the Tree Board due to expired terms and a resignation, leaving it without a quorum. Staff explained the intent to pursue a certified arborist consultant to assist with long-term tree planning and maintenance, and that suspension would pause required monthly meetings while that process moves forward.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve Resolution 03-26. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

6) Consideration of Approval of Change Order #1 for Additional Inspection Hours for KLM Engineering - *Administrator Wynn*

The Board discussed a change order to extend inspection services for the 2-million-gallon water tank recoating project due to project delays. The Trustees expressed concern about cost increases but acknowledged that on-site inspection is required to complete the work and meet regulatory standards. During discussion, Trustees addressed two specific changes, which include, 1) Extending inspection services for up to three additional weeks (at $1,568 per day) due to project delays that required continued on-site oversight, and 2) correcting the contract language to strike the incorrect reference to "Landmark Reserve and Resort" and ensure the agreement properly named the Town of Paonia as the contracting party.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve Change Order #1 in an amount not to exceed $ 32,935.00 with correction to agreement language as discussed. Seconded by Trustee Tarnow.

The motion carries unanimously.

7) Consideration of the Ad Hoc Short Term Rental Committee's Request for Funds for a Facilitator for Their Meetings - *Administrator Wynn*

The Board discussed the Short Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee's request to hire a professional facilitator to assist with consensus-building and public input. Trustees supported exploring the option and provided direction.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve directing staff and the short term rental ad hoc committee to move forward with obtaining a facilitator to be selected by the committee and to provide a draft contract or fee arrangement to be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval at a later date, and to see this discussion as an agenda item on the next Board of Trustees meeting. Seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

8) Consideration of Approval of Agreement with Net2Phone Business Communications for the Town's Phone Systems. - *Town Clerk Vetter*

The Board discussed upgrading the Town's phone system to Net2Phone due to existing phone system owned by previous I.T. services provider. Town Clerk Vetter highlighted some of the new features, which include improved call routing, customizable messages, voicemail-to-text capability, and greater administrative control. Staff noted the system would enhance efficiency and customer service, and it is coming to the Board for approval due to being a multi-year agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stelter makes a motion to approve the agreement with net2phone business communications for the Town's phone systems. Seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

H) Mayor & Trustee Reports

1) Ad Hoc Short Term Rentals Committee

Town Administrator Wynn presents the survey results from September 2025 and notes the next Ad Hoc STR Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, at 5:00 PM.

No action taken.

I) Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourns the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk

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