

Minutes
Town Board Work Session
Town of Paonia, Colorado
May 04, 2021

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The work session of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:15 PM followed by roll call.

PRESENT

Mayor Mary Bachran
Trustee William Bear
Trustee Karen Budinger
Trustee Dave Knutson
Trustee Michelle Pattison
Trustee Mick Johnson
Trustee Tamie Meck

Mayor Bachran reported that the agenda was posted at 6 pm, one hour beyond the required 24-hour posting requirement. The session is a work session with the Board and no decision or action will be taken.

Unfinished Business

Continued discussion regarding the Grange presentation on re-thinking conflict. Each attendee was presented with an opportunity to share how their individual days went and how they were feeling prior to attending the meeting.

1. Lambert Grange #439 – Rethinking Conflict Presentation Session Two
Cassandra Shenk with Lambert Grange #439 continued the workshop on rethinking conflict with the Board. Topics discussed were:

- Triggering events and how to re-direct reaction
- Recent conflicts at the Board level or at the meetings
- Staying on track and within timeframes allotted
- Feeling the community doesn't feel heard
- Length of meetings
- Roberts Rules of Procedure
- Alternatives to the formal process

Shirin Patterson stated community participation within other modes of social media are important and the Town does not utilize those avenues. She also noted concern with community availability to committee meetings.

Community values given

- Perspective
- Fresh ideas
- Information sharing
- Open communication
- Providing context and historical perspective

Components of Public interface:

At Board meetings - How to share the components of the value of the community members speaking during the opening of the meeting.

How to gain information to follow up with community members who speak during the meeting.

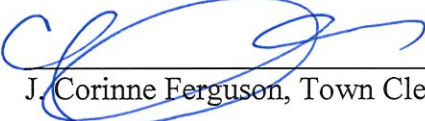
Validating efforts of the Board to try new things and the approaches taken within meetings.

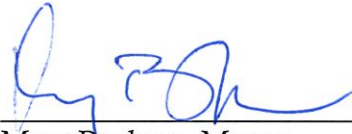
Other interfaces or opportunities for information and to gain input from the community. meetings

- social media
- newspaper
- well conducted surveys
- informal interactions
- website communication

Adjournment

The session was adjourned at 6:35 pm.


J. Corinne Ferguson, Town Clerk


Mary Bachran, Mayor

