

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
January 14, 2025
Meeting Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mGN_ZKsreo

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith
Mayor Pro-Tem John Valentine (Zoom)
Trustee Kathy Swartz
Trustee Walter Czech
Trustee Lucy Hunter
Trustee Mike Heck

ABSENT

Trustee Rick Stelter

Approval of Agenda

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

The motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

Appreciations - Trustee Swartz

Paula Martin has resigned from the Tree Board effective January 22, 2025. She has served as both Chair and Secretary during her time on the Board and was the person leading the charge to renew Paonia's Tree City USA designation. The Town thanks her for her service and dedication.

The Town is accepting applications for the available seat on the Tree Board. The Tree Board meets at least once a month and is an advisory board for the Board of Trustees and the Town Administrator. Applications and a letter of interest are due to the Town Clerk by January 22nd at 12:30 PM.

The Town is still seeking a new member to fill a seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The ZBoA only meets when public hearings are scheduled for it. Applications and a letter of interest are due to the Town Clerk by January 22nd at 12:30 PM

Public Comment

Any topic not included under Actions & Presentations; 3-minute time limit.

S. Watson: Resigns as the Planning Commission member on the Zoning Board of Adjustments

Consent Agenda

Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Heck, to approve the consent agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator Wynn and Police Chief Laiminger present their staff reports

Actions & Presentations

Public comments must be related to the agenda item, 3-minute time limit.

Presentation- Wright Water Engineering Hydrogeological Study Project Update - Marshall Haworth

Marshall Haworth and Jonathon Kelley are in attendance and present on behalf of Wright Water Engineering.

Public Comment:

S. Park: questions about quantity of water from the springs.

S. Watson: comments on water use efficiency and wildfire risk.

M. Bachran: comments on data presented.

M. Durlin: comments on temperature.

Item #1 - Choosing a Mayor Pro Tem to serve while Trustee Valentine (Mayor Pro Tem) is participating remotely.

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to appoint Trustee Swartz as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #2 - Consideration of Approval of Resolution 01-2025 Designating Holiday Office Closures

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz to approve Resolution 01-2025 Designating Holiday Office Closures.

Motion carries unanimously.

Item # 3 - Consideration of Approval of Resolution 02-2025 Designating the Public Posting Places for the Town of Paonia

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech, to approve Resolution 02-2025 Designating the Public Posting Places for the Town of Paonia.

The motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech, to take a five minute recess.

The motion carries unanimously.

The meeting is called back to order.

Item # 4 - Consideration of a Contract for Mary Bachran to Continue Grant Writing and Associated Assistance

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter to approve a contract for Mary Bachran to continue grant writing and associated assistance.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #5 - Consideration of Referendum Petition to Repeal Ordinance 2024-05 Enacting Article 5 (Short Term Rentals Licenses) of Chapter 6 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Paonia Municipal Code and Revising Articles 1 (General Provisions), Article 3 (District Regulations) of

Chapter 16 (Zoning), and Enacting Article 9 (Short Term Rental Regulations) of Chapter 16 (Zoning).

Public Comment:

M. Durlin: comments on election

Member of the Public: comments on ordinance impact

Member of the Public: Comments on impact of license cap

S. Watson: comments on impact to homeowners

C. Menges: comments on impact on homeowners

J. Park: comments on impact on affordable housing.

J. Yeamans: comments on STR impact

K. MacNeil: comments on STR impact

S. Yeamans: comments on ordinance impact

S. Park: comments on ordinance and economic impact.

Discussion: repeal vs. election, timetables, extra ballot question for the cap, grandfathering and possible amendments after repeal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to approve Resolution 03-2025 Authorizing a Special Election and 04-2025 Setting Special Election Language.

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz, Trustee Czech, Trustee Hunter, Trustee Valentine

Voting Nay: Trustee Heck

The motion carries.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech to extend the meeting to 9:45 pm

The motion carries.

Item # 6 - Consideration of Bid Recommendation for 2MG Tank Rehab-Site Civil Work

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech, to accept the bid of Earthworx Excavation LLC for \$336,270.00 for being the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item # 7 - Consideration of Appointing Town Administrator Wynn as Proxy for the North Fork Farmer's Ditch Association & the Stewart Ditch and Reservoir Company Annual Meetings

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech to appoint Town Administrator Wynn as proxy for the North Fork Farmer's Ditch Association and the Stewart Ditch and Reservoir Company's annual meetings.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item # 8 - Appointment of a Citizen Member to the Planning Commission

Mayor Smith appoints Mary Bachran to the Planning Commission.

Item # 9 - Consideration of How Best to Consistently Convey Town Information, Accomplishments and Progress to the Public

Public Comment:

M. Bachan: comments on social media

M. Durlin: comments on face-to-face communications

S. Watson: comments on propaganda

Mayor & Trustee Reports

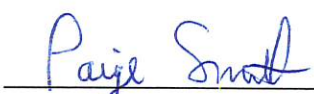
None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 9:33 pm.


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Paige Smith, Mayor