

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
March 11, 2025

Meeting Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v9DI6lvC U&t=4851s>

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Public Participation: Must raise hand and be recognized by the Mayor, come to the podium and state your name and the street on which you live. Time limit is 3 minutes, one time per item. Direct all comments to the Mayor. No responses will be made by staff or Board during the meeting. No derogatory or demeaning statements or public displays. Please be respectful.

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

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith

Trustee John Valentine

Trustee Rick Stelter

Mayor Pro-Tem Kathy Swartz

Trustee Walter Czech

Trustee Lucy Hunter

Trustee Mike Heck

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the Berg Harvest Public Hearing, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz.

The motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment

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

None

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

The Town of Paonia has won a Budget Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association.

Actions & Presentations

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

Public Hearing

Postponed

Public Hearing

Consideration of an application to modify a Tavern License and add a sidewalk service area to Fiona's Bartique LLC dba Fiona's Bartique for the tavern premises located at 130 Grand Avenue, Paonia, CO 81428, whose managing owner is Rene Verduin.

Public Hearing Begins: 7:00 pm

Town Clerk Vetter confirms that proper notice was given.

Town Clerk Vetter gives her Staff Presentation and confirms that all legal obligations have been met for the requested modification of premises but that there were some ADA concerns with the Sidewalk Service Area that needed to be addressed for the Administrative offices, Public Works and the Police Department. Town Administrator Wynn, Police Chief Laiminger & Public Works Director Heiniger ask questions about exit doors, ADA compliant passage on the sidewalk with vehicles parked there and layout of the outside tables.

Rene Verduin, owner, answers questions to the Board about each issue and also agrees to change the seating area from 6 feet to 5 ft, to address the vehicle encroachment issue.

Public Comment

M. Brezonick - comments in support

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz asks staff if a Sidewalk for business use permit will be needed and if it is charged by item.

Town Clerk Vetter confirms that a permit will be needed and how it is charged.

The Public Hearing closes at 7:13 PM.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve Fiona's Bartique modification of premises to add a sidewalk service area given the limit of the area being reduced to 5 feet, instead of 6 feet to address ADA concerns, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz.

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

Voting Nay: Trustee Heck

The motion carries.

Item #1- Consideration of Runway Repairs at North Fork Valley Airport.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to approve the runway repairs at North Fork Valley Airport, seconded by Trustee Czech.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to amend the main motion to add "in an amount not to exceed \$15,000."

The motion carries unanimously.

Main Motion: To approve the runway repairs at North Fork Valley Airport in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #2- Consideration of Purchase of Four (4) Aerators for the Wastewater Lagoons.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) Misco aerators, two (2) 20 hp and two (2) 15 hp, in an amount not to exceed \$132,000.00, seconded by Trustee Swartz.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #3: Consideration of Resolution 08-2025 Urging Voters to Vote "NO" on Paonia Ballot Issue 2B.

Public Comment

J. Yeamans: comments against

D. Spiegel: comments against

S. Watson: comments against

D. Knutson: comments in favor

J. Canode: comments against

A. Ford: comments against

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve Resolution 08-2025 Urging Voters to vote "NO" on Paonia Ballot Issue 2B, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

Voting Yea: Trustee Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz, Trustee Hunter

Voting Nay: Trustee Czech, Trustee Heck

Item #4: Consideration of Resolution 09-2025 Urging Voters to Vote "Yes" on Paonia Ballot Issue 2C

Public Comment:

S. Watson: comments about format

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz makes a motion to approve Resolution 09-2025 Urging Voters to Vote "Yes" on Paonia Ballot Issue 2C at the April 1, 2025, municipal election, a ballot issue for the purpose of determining if the Town of Paonia shall be permitted to publish ordinances by title only, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

Voting Yea: Trustee Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz, Trustee Czech, Trustee Hunter, Trustee Heck

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #5: Consideration of Resolution 10-2025 Clarifying Water Standby Taps

Public Comment

R. Gillette: comments in favor

M. Brezonick: comments against

J. Holveot: comments on his water tap experience

D. Knutson: comments in favor

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve resolution 10-2025 with the addition of the following language, property owners must have purchased the right by deposit and/or standby fee to connect to the town's water distribution system prior to the effective date of ordinance 2020-01 or January 27th of 2020, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously

Item #6: Consideration of Resolution 11-2025 Accepting the Town of Paonia's Public Records Policy.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to approve Resolution 11-2025 Accepting the Town of Paonia's Public Records Policy, seconded by Trustee Czech.

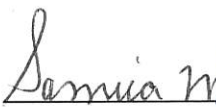
The motion carries unanimously.

Mayor & Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter gives an update on the Ad-Hoc Committee for Special Events. Its members are Trustee Stelter, Trustee Hunter, Administrator Wynn, Jess Dervin-Ackerman and Robert Bushta. The first meeting does not have a scheduled date at this time.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 9:20 PM.



Samira M Vetter



Town Clerk



Paige Smith, Mayor