BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
MONDAY, December 23rd, at 7:15 PM

Call To Order: At 7:17pm Mayor Lee Berenato called the Regular Meeting of the Silver Plume Board of Trustees to Order.

Roll Call: Mark Basham, Lee Berenato, Randall McDonald, Martian Gitlin, Town Clerk Chelsea Nihiser, and Mickey Frey via Zoom

Motion to Approve Agenda: M. Basham motions to approve the Agenda as presented. M. Gitlin seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

Bills for Approval: R. McDonald motions to approve the Bills as presented. M. Basham seconds the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: R. McDonald motions to approve the minutes from December 9th, 2024. M. Gitlin seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

Public Comment: N/A

Administrative Items:

a. **Mayor Report:** N/A
b. **Town Clerk Update:** Town clerk reports that she has been in contact with the new Accounts Payable gal over at Timberline Disposal. Timberline is working on reconciling the royalties they owe the Town for 2023 and 2024. Once they know how much they owe us they will send that information to the clerk, and the clerk will have the approval of the back payments to appear as an action item during a future meeting for Board vote. The Town Clerk also has spoken with the Owners of Plume Provisions regarding parking on Main Street. The aforementioned owners had planned on being at this meeting however it is the day before Christmas Eve so the Clerk told them they were excused from the meeting. They wanted to communicate that they have no issues with the Post Office having a dedicated parking spot with signage. Additionally, they brought up the idea of using the vacant lot, albeit small, at the back of their store as parking in the summer months. The Board discusses alternative parking locations, such as parallel along Cherokee. The Clerk wraps up the update by informing the Board that she has also been in contact with Patrick Hall, who was recommended by the Town's previous Auditor to take over TOSP Audits. Patrick is interested in working with the Town and will submit a Proposal letter to the Clerk in the coming weeks. Once received, this will also be an action item for Board discussion and vote.

I. **New Business / Action Items**

A. **Final Discussion Regarding Potential Candidates to fill Vacancy on Town of Silver Plume Board of Trustees:** L. Berenato leads the discussion by stating that there were three total applicants to fill the Vacancy left by Chris Frey on the Board of Trustees. They were Mickey Frey, Jose Acevedo (Junior), and Austin Grisham. Austin unfortunately submitted his letter of interest late, and per the Resolution declaring the Vacancy late submittals cannot be accepted. This leaves M. Frey and J. Acevedo, who both submitted letters of interest that were quite brief. Mickey has joined the last few meetings by Zoom to be available to answer questions, Junior has not. M.

Gitlin states that he will need to abstain from voting as he is personally connected to both individuals. Lee states that he has a small concern with Mickey and Tammy (mother and son), serving on the Board together, however the fact that Mickey has shown up and is involved speaks for itself. Mickey states that there will not be any issues serving on the Board with his mom. He is involved with the Town and is and active member of the community. Lee states he would like to vote for Mickey Frey to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees as he has shown the desire to be involved. M. Basham motions to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees by appointing Mickey Frey. R. McDonald seconds. Motion passes with all in favor. *M. Gitlin does vote, in favor of appointing Mickey Frey.*

B. **Adoption of Resolution 2024-12, A Resolution to Fill the Vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silver Plume by Appointment:** M. Basham motions to adopt Resolution 2024-12: Resolution to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees by Appointment of Mickey Frey. R. McDonald seconds the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

C. **Final Review of 2023 Financial Audit and Statements:** Lee discussed the 2023 Financial Audit and Statements with Auditor David Green in person. David had some substantial recommendations for improvement. The prior clerk was frequently 8-10 months behind on bookkeeping tasks, which meant that the bank statements were not being reconciled in a timely manner. This issue has resolved itself with the current clerk, and things should be on track moving forward. Lee calls for a motion to approve the 2023 Financial Audit and Statements. R. McDonald motions, M. Basham seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

D. **CDOT Traffic Concerns Along Frontage Road Update:** Lee has met with CDOT multiple times. CDOT wanted to move the stop sign from Water St. to Woodward Street, which the Board was strongly against. Lee has instead advised CDOT to keep the stop sign where it is but move it closer into the intersection. CDOT responded by telling lee that there would be time constraints preventing this relocation from happening any time soon.

E. **Silver Plume Mountain Park Updates (C. Neely):** Cindy Neely not in attendance, SPMP update given by R. McDonald. The land appraisal of Taylor Kennedy Trust Land came in at $875,000. R. McDonald spoke with the Trust and had a pleasant conversation. The Town was given permission to post a no trespassing sign on the land. R. McDonald also learned that Eli Josephs reached out to the Taylor Kennedy Trust to ask permission to cut a road across the property and was told he could not cross or damage their land. Cindy Neely had asked McDonald to reach out to the other landowners, but he has had no luck yet. McDonald is worried that other landowners may not be aware of the damage that has been done. McDonald also has not heard anything positive regarding the way the Sherriff department handled the report. Lee sent letters to the landowners but has not heard back from them yet. Once he does, he will set up a meeting with the DA.

II. Updates:

a. **Road and Bridge Committee:** N/A
b. **Budget Committee:** N/A
c. **Personnel Management Committee:** N/A
d. **Cemetery Committee:** N/A
e. **Short Term Rental Committee:** N/A

f. **Silver Plume Mountain Park Commission**: N/A
g. **Miscellaneous Updates:** N/A

III. **Adjournment:** At 751pm M. Basham motioned to adjourn. R. McDonald seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.