BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

MONDAY, February 24th, 2025, at 7:00 PM

I. **Call To Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Lee Berenato.

II. **Roll Call: In Person:** L. Berenato, M. Gitlin, R. McDonald, M. Frey, T. Frey, B. Monseu. Public Audience: Brooke Franklin, Miles Franklin, Sherri Wilson, Sam McCloskey. Via Zoom: Christine Strickland (MALT)

III. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** Lee calls for motion to approve agenda. Tammy motioned to approve the agenda, R. McDonald second, motion passes with all in favor.

IV. **Bills for Approval:** R. McDonald motioned to approve the bills as presented. Tammy seconded the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

V. **Approval of Minutes: February 10th, 2025:** Marty moved to approve the minutes from February 10th, 2025. Tammy seconded the motion. Bryon abstains as he was absent. Motion passes with all others in favor.

VI. **Public Comment –** Sam McCloskey joins Board, he got behind on his water bill, owes $1500.90 dollars, paid $1000.00 today. He would like to pay between the middle of March and then middle of April in addition to his minimum payments. Lee requests he put that in writing with the Town Clerk, which he is aggregable to. The Board approves this payment plan.

VII. **Administrative Items:**

- **a. Mayor Report:** Mayor reports that the Town Clerk identified several meters that were not operating correctly. Those property owners were sent certified letters informing them of the issue and letting them know that these meters need replacement. Also, the Town Clerk sent certified letters to all delinquent utility users. Folks will need to pay in full or make a payment plan with the BOT and Town Clerk. If an account is past due and has not been paid for three years, the Board can and will turn off the water and require a new tap fee to be paid, in addition to past due balance, before the water service is restored.
- **b. Town Clerk Update:** Town Clerk is out sick this evening, no report given.

VIII. **New Business / Action Items**

a. **Silver Plume Provisions Liquor License Hearing, Review, and Determination by the Silver Plume Local Licensing Authority (L. Berenato):** Lee Berenato Adjourns the Regular Board of Trustees meeting at 710pm and calls the Silver Plume Local Liquor Licensing Authority Public Hearing to Order. Miles and Brooke Franklin; co-owners of the Silver Plume Provisions, join the Silver Plume Board of Trustees. They have recently applied for a liquor license. Lee understands that Miles and Brooke have done their fingerprints and background checks, however they submitted the results directly to the state so SP Town Clerk could not receive the results. Town Clerk advised the Board to proceed with their review, and if the State has issues with the results from the fingerprints/background check the state could raise that concern during their review. Marty motions to approve the Silver Plume Provisions Liquor License Application. Randall seconds. Motion passes with all in favor. The Franklins will work with the Town Clerk for the remainder of the licensing process. Lee closes the meeting of the Liquor Authority at 712pm.

- **b. Caboose Update (R. McDonald):** Randal spoke with Austin; they are getting ready to move forward with work on the caboose. Next weekend they will be gathering the cupola from Cheyenne, which will be stored temporarily in the Town Shop. Lumber is

ready, so once materials are gathered work can finally begin. Sam states more work will occur this summer than in the last 10 years, so although it is not guaranteed to be finished this year but will be in a better place.

c. **Taylor Kennedy Land Update (C. Neely/C. Strickland):** Cindy Neely did not attend the meeting; Christine speaks for the both updating the Board. They have been looking into all sorts of funding opportunities; Christine and the director of MALT have been meeting discussing various foundations they can approach for funding. Cindy has been working on two grant applications, one with the Department of Local Affairs Energy Assistance Department, which may be a long shot, and then also the State Historical Foundation. Cindy is leaving the country in a few weeks so her personal deadline is March 2nd for those two applications. Christine is currently working on an application to Keep it Colorado for funding for some technical areas surrounding the Conservation Easement. She is feeling good about that, has had some positive and exciting conversations with them. Both are working on various other funding sources. Received some good insight into the GOCO funding cycles, which the Town was recently declined by, but it seems this last cycle had some pretty big projects already submitted, so Christine and Cindy are still working with GOCO staff as the next funding cycle begins in July. From a due diligence standpoint, Christine has been in communication with Title companies to try and get a good understanding of what the master budget looks like. Christine feels that this part, the budget, is coming together. Cindy is also working on letters of support. So far, there are 10-15 various agencies and individuals that she has requested letters of support from. This will help with pursuing funding as well. Randal spoke with mutual contact regarding appraisers and got a few leads. Marty asks if we have been able to contact the big claim that Eli co-owns. Lee states that the Town has not been able to contact the co-owner as well. Lee asks if he needs to sign the History Colorado Fund Application Page, and Christine confirms that Cindy would like the Board to sign this. Christine clarifies where Lee should sign. Lee will provide to Chelsea and she will get it to Cindy.

d. **Green Solution Public Restroom Discussion (C. Nihiser):** Lee is unsure what this agenda item is about, but he does know that with the Green Solution closed there are no longer public bathrooms, so someone put up a sign on those bathroom doors directing people to go to the coffee shop to use the restroom. Tammy states that people were peeing on the trucks owned by the Windsor Folks, and so they put up the sign directing people to the coffee shop. Julie at the coffee shop was not happy with that. Randal states the only option is to direct people to the Georgetown Visitor Center. Tammy asks if the Town could pay for porta potties down there. Mickey will inquire into the cost of porta potties. The Randal states that the Georgetown Visitors center services over a half a million users a year. Lee will contact CDOT to inquire into bathroom assistance and also use the Green Solution Parking lot as a bus stop for school children.

IX. Updates:

a. **Road and Bridge Committee:** Mickey asks if there is an opening on the Road and Bridge committee. Tammy states she will step down so Mickey can join. Chris Frey will clean up the scrap in the lot next to the Connex when he can. Need to schedule a R&B meeting.

b. **Budget Committee**

c. **Personnel Management Committee**
d. **Cemetery Committee:** Needs to schedule a cemetery meeting
e. **Short Term Rental Committee**
f. **Silver Plume Mountain Park Commission**
g. **Miscellaneous Updates:** Spring clean up needs to be scheduled. Bryon states he cannot serve on the Fire Authority Board; it is not something he has any interest in doing. Marty suggests he could serve on this Board if needed. Lee will look into appointing this

X. **Adjournment:** Tammy motioned to adjourn meeting at 743pm. Mickey second's motion. Marty states he would like to invite the County Commissioners to the next Board meeting. Lee does not want to invite them if Marty is just going to yell at them. This discussion is tabled for the next meeting. Motion for adjournment passes unanimously.