

TOWN OF BERTHOUD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
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The Board of Trustees for the Town of Berthoud met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the Board Room of Town Hall. Mayor Milan Karspeck called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Milan Karspeck
Trustee Don Ashcraft
Trustee Glen Buckingham
Trustee David Gregg
Trustee Michael Patrick
Trustee Peder Thorstensen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Jenny Foote

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Jim White
Public Works Director Bill George
Town Planner Wayne Reed
Town Attorney Bruce Fickel
Deputy Town Clerk Charlene Reed

AWARD BID – RAW WATER PIPELINE

Public Works Director George summarized the information regarding the bids received for the raw water pipeline. He noted we sent out over 28 sets of plans, with 15 qualified bids received. He noted the low bidder, E-Z Excavating, has worked with the Town previously on other projects, and requested that the Board approve the Notice of Award to E-Z Excavating and authorize the agreement to be signed.

Public Works Director George thanked J. L. Walter for his assistance in getting this project underway. Mr. Walter helped with the easement acquisition process, allowing them to take the job from design to concept in four months. He noted they anticipate completion for the project in 75 days.

Board members requested clarification of the planned route and discussed the projected cost, noting it was under the amount that was originally projected for this project.

Trustee Buckingham moved to approve the Notice of Award to E-Z Excavating and to authorize Town Administrator White to sign the agreement. Second by Trustee Gregg. All members voted YES and the motion carried.

Public Works Director George noted the water conservation efforts have been successful, and while we are still requiring water conservation, we should have water available until we receive our water in the spring.

Public Works Director George also reported that construction has begun at the new wastewater plant. He noted they anticipate pouring concrete for the clarifier within the next few weeks.

Mayor Karspeck commended Public Works Director George and Mr. Walter for their good work in getting this project underway.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

Board members asked Administrator White when he anticipates being able to bring the projected rates to the Board. Administrator White noted a meeting is scheduled for this Friday, January 10, 2003, to go forward with the projections. He noted we are hoping to have preliminary information for the Board by the meeting next Tuesday. He asked the Board to set the public hearing for the ordinance with the revised rates for the Board meeting scheduled on January 28, 2003.

Trustee Patrick asked that reduced rates be considered in the plan for water and wastewater rates for residents of Berthoud on fixed incomes and for those who cannot afford continuing increases. Mayor Karspeck noted this information is not usually available and would have to be provided by residents to prove they were eligible.

Administrator White noted the individuals would be the only source for this information, but noted he would pass this request on to the consultants who are working on our rate projections.

Trustee Patrick moved to set the public hearing for water and wastewater rates for Tuesday, January 28, 2003. Second by Trustee Buckingham. All members voted YES and the motion carried.

DIRECTION REGARDING ALLOCATION ORDINANCE

Attorney Fickel noted one reason this item was on the agenda was that we anticipated we would have information from McWhinney Enterprise regarding the proposed re-annexation. He advised the Board that there are currently two petitions being circulated; one to nullify the current growth cap and another to establish guidelines regarding how development will be handled in the Town of Berthoud. These petitions will be presented to the Town Board once the signatures are gathered. The Board will have the option at that time to approve the petitions and put the changes into effect or forward the issue to the voters. He questioned with this under way, whether it is worthwhile to continue working on the allocation ordinance.

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Trustee Patrick noted the Committee, Town Staff and the Board have expended considerable effort to get this ordinance to this point and spoke in favor of continuing with the effort to completion.

Board members agreed with Trustee Patrick's comments and suggested we are close to finalizing the plan. Once the plan is complete, then the Board can go forward with deciding whether to put it in place.

Attorney Fickel agreed, but noted there are no permits available to allocate for the year 2003.

Administrator White noted the next meeting of the allocation committee is scheduled for January 14, 2003 at 6:30 a.m.

Mayor Karspeck noted the Board is scheduled for a Study Session to consider Master Plan Goal Setting, and following the Study Session will adjourn to an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel issues.

ADJOURN TO STUDY SESSION: 8:00 p.m.
RECONVENE BOARD MEETING: 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:40 p.m.
RECONVENE: 9:05 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Milan Karspeck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary K. Cowdin, Town Clerk