

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Buckridge called the regular October 11, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Board Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Alisa Darrow called the roll, those present were: Mayor Pro Tem Buckridge, Trustee Baker, Trustee Dunkelberger, Trustee Hindman, Trustee Karspeck, and Trustee Laak. Mayor Mulvihill was absent.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Buckridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORDINANCE: ADOPTION OF 2014 ELECTRICAL CODE

Community Development Director Freese presented on this item.

Trustee Hindman moved, seconded by Trustee Baker, to set the public hearing for the adoption of the 2014 Electrical Code for November 15, 2016. The motion passed 6:0, with Mayor Mulvihill absent.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- a. Stu Boyd – Spoke about crosswalks on Mountain Avenue and the need for improvements to slow traffic and create awareness regarding pedestrian presence.

Trustees expressed agreement with the issues raised in relation to crossings on Mountain Avenue and the need for better signage and possibly flashing lights alerting drivers.

Administrator Hart reported that Public Works Director Stephanie Brothers was in contact with CDOT and their traffic operations engineer. CDOT responded that they had a staff member in Berthoud who agreed there were crosswalk improvements that could be made. He also noted that Berthoud was on the list for a speed study on Mountain Avenue.

Chief Anderson relayed information from a meeting with CDOT, he noted that they had spoken about signs and flashing lights. At the time, CDOT chose to put up the signs currently in place and opted to not go with the more expensive option with flashing lights. He also noted that he had budgeted funds for crosswalks with flashing lights for Mountain, but he was told the Town was not able to put those up on a state highway.

- b. Marita McDonough – Thanked the Town for paving her street today and spoke about her concerns related to mosquito spraying.
- c. Amelia Cooper – Spoke about the harm to insects and organic gardens caused by mosquito spraying.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckridge stated that there would be a full discussion on mosquito spraying in the late winter or early spring and the meeting would be highly publicized.

Trustees expressed support for a discussion on the mosquito spraying policy.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the September 27, 2016 minutes, the August 2016 Financial Statements and the August 2016 Bills Allowed.

Trustee Karspeck moved, seconded by Trustee Laak, to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes amended. The motion carried 6:0, with Mayor Mulvihill absent.

7. NORTH FRONT RANGE MPO PRESENTATION

Administrator Hart introduced Terri Blackmore who presented on this item.

Trustee Baker and Trustee Karspeck spoke about their experience being the liaisons to the North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO).

Ms. Blackmore talked about the future of transportation and autonomous vehicles. She commented that the NFRMPO was already thinking about autonomous vehicles and how they would change the amount of people able to move around such as children and senior citizens.

No action was taken on this item.

8. REPORTS

Administrator Hart had no report, but asked Chief Anderson to give a report on the police presence in Berthoud earlier in the day.

Chief Anderson relayed that there was a report that someone had broken a window to get into the closed Subway restaurant. Two Sheriff's Officers responded to the scene and two men were barricaded inside the building. It was known that the owner of the restaurant had kept guns on the premises in the past and they did not know if they had been removed when the shop was closed so precautions were taken. It was believed the two men were high on drugs, both were former employees of the business. A number of officers from the area who had SWAT training responded to the burglary and a dog was brought in. Both men were uncooperative, but were

detained and there were no injuries. Reverse 911 was used to notify residents to lock doors and remain in place. Businesses and schools were locked down during the incident and some businesses close to the scene were evacuated. Chief Anderson also commented on all the inaccuracies on social media while the Sheriff's Department was handling the situation.

There was further discussion about enforcement on Mountain Avenue for both drivers and jay walkers.

Trustee Hindman noted that he was on the memorial bike ride for Jason Holden, a cyclist from Berthoud that had recently been killed when he was struck by a car while riding.

Trustee Baker stated that she had attended the Northern I-25 Coalition meeting and was pleased to hear that the climbing lane would be built by the end of the year. She also attended the MPO meeting where they discussed the call for projects. She was also given a tour of the new Town Hall and was impressed with the condition of the furniture and building. She asked if there was interest in discussing parking downtown as an agenda item. She asked the Board if they would support her attendance at CML's Affordable Housing Summit.

Trustee Laak praised the Berthoud Historical Society for their work and was curious if an agenda item could be scheduled to discuss how the Town could further support them. He also attended PORT meetings and was impressed with the organization of the meetings and the preparation that committee members were showing and he was excited to hear their recommendations. He also attended the HPAC meeting on Monday. He talked about an app for smartphones that give information on historical homes and interesting information about them. Trustee Laak also reviewed the Wikipedia page on the Town of Berthoud and he felt like the information could be updated and improved. He wanted information about the HOA covenants at the new Town Hall building so he could review them and he wondered what the signage would look like.

Trustee Dunkelberger reported that she attended Oktoberfest and was impressed with the number of people who attended. She suggested there could have been more identifying information for the booth so people passing by would know it was the Board of Trustees. She also attended the PORT committee meetings and was impressed with the work they were doing.

Trustee Karspeck attended Oktoberfest also and was happy with the turnout. He agreed with Trustee Dunkelberger that the booth could have been improved, he really liked the hammers they were able to give people at the event. He noticed that the HPAC booth had no information to give attendees at Oktoberfest.

Trustee Laak responded that he had received a call from an HPAC member concerned about the lack of information available for their booth.

Trustee Karspeck also attended the tour of the new Town Hall and felt like he had a better understanding of the space and the needs related to the Board Room remodel. He commented that he had walked the new sidewalk on the Nielson Greenway Project and thought there was a trail connection in there that was supposed to happen, unfortunately, he could not remember

the name of the trail it would connect to. He wondered if there was supposed to be a trail built from Hillsdale to the Little Thompson Schoolhouse.

Trustee Hindman explained there was a plan for that, but there was private property involved and easements required before the trail could be built.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckridge thanked Trustee Baker for covering his shift at Oktoberfest when he wasn't able to attend. He reminded the Board about the retreat on October 28 and 29 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. He also attended HPAC on Monday and was happy to see every chair filled. He reported that HPAC wanted to approach Foursquare Church about partnering on improvements. He praised staff and the Trustees for their hard work and time.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Approved this 25 day of October, 2016

ATTEST:



Alisa R. Darrow, Town Clerk
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY:



Mayor Steve Mulvihill

