

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CARBONDALE TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
MEETING**

Mayor Richardson called the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Ben Bohmfalk
	Marty Silverstein
	Lani Kitching
	Erica Sparhawk

Arrived After Roll Call	
Trustee	Luis Yllanes

Absent	
Trustee	Heather Henry

Staff Present:

Interim Town Manager	Kevin Schorzman
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Finance Director	Renae Gustine
Town Attorney	Mark Hamilton

CONSENT AGENDA

- Accounts Payable totaling \$664,570.75
- BOT 8-24-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

5 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Silverstein, Kitching, Richardson, Sparhawk

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Carbondale resident Amy Krekow told the Board that she is confused about the trash overage charges. She believes the overflow charges are subjective and the trash company is not being consistent with fines.

Melada Lee said she too is confused with the trash overage fines. She used to put cardboard outside of the can and the trash company took it without charging a fine but now they are charging a fee.

Patricia Savoy stated that the trash service doesn't work for her. She takes her trash to work. She doesn't want to be charged for a service she doesn't use. Mayor Richardson responded that the Trustees had a discussion on this scenario and they agreed not to give anyone the ability to opt out of trash service.

Joyce Cohen asked the Board to consider passing an ordinance outlawing the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Sparhawk stated that she will be attending the Colorado Municipal League Conference next week. She will be a panelist on a climate action discussion.

Trustee Silverstein stated that he attended the Chamber meeting where they discussed businesses inability to hire enough employees and retain them. On Wednesday the Chamber will be holding their annual Business Confluence at the Third Street Center followed by a Business After Hours event at the RVR Ranch House. Trustee Silverstein stated that the last summer concert was held last Sunday; they had an excellent turnout. The promoters will host another concert on Potato Day. Trustee Silverstein thanked the community and businesses for their support. Trustee Silverstein stated that Potato Day will have a parade, food and a tater tot run for the first time in two years. It feels like we are getting close to returning to normal.

Trustee Bohmfalk informed the Board that a new student trustee (Bowden Hamilton) will be joining the Board. Trustee Bohmfalk attended the Garfield Clean Energy Strategic Planning Retreat. They discussed energy efficiency and how commercial buildings are the biggest challenge. They also discussed rebates on solar installs which has been a very successful program. Garfield County contributed an extra \$150,000 to the rebate program.

Trustee Silverstein thanked Mayor Richardson and RFTA for extending the circulator bus route to City Market.

Mayor Richardson thanked Trustee Silverstein for helping provide the music in the park concerts – it has been a labor of love and it is a Carbondale gem. Mayor Richardson also thanked public works and pool staff for all of their hard work this summer. Mayor Richardson thanked Kevin Schorzman for agreeing to be the interim town manager. He

also thanked the Chamber, Carbondale Arts and the parks and recreation staff for all of their work on First Fridays. Mayor Richardson announced that the Chamber Business Confluence is tomorrow. Mayor Richardson informed the Board that he has contacted several people about being on the interview panels for town manager and there is a lot of interest. Mayor Richardson stated that he attended the RFTA Board meeting. The circulator bus stop at City Market started on September 7th. They discussed the draft budget and the promotion of the \$1 youth fare. Also, the Elected Officials Transportation Commission (EOTC) tax source is changing. The tax revenue funds the free bus service between Snowmass and Aspen. The EOTC asked RFTA to help fund the service; the discussion was continued to a future meeting.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mark Hamilton informed the Board that David Broadwell, Senior Attorney for the Colorado Municipal League, is retiring. David has been an incredible resource with a vast amount of institutional knowledge.

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he thought that at a previous meeting the Board agreed that appointments would be on the agenda as a regular item only when there are more applicants than seats.

Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to appoint Sky Quarto to the Tree Board. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

5 yes votes: Richardson, Silverstein, Sparhawk, Bohmfalk, Kitching

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to appoint Nicole Rebeck-Stout to the Environmental Board. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

5 yes votes: Silverstein, Sparhawk, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Richardson

COVENTURE ANNUAL CHECK-IN

Coventure Executive Director Michael Lowe gave a presentation on Coventure's 2020/2021 operations/accomplishments. Key points included:

- Last year's funding was put on hold due to COVID but they were able to meet their budget – core funding has returned
- They helped 62 businesses secure COVID PPE funds
- They have been focusing on helping businesses with employee retention and are working on back to work initiatives
- Originally their fundamental outreach was programming, the co-working space and professional services. When COVID spread most businesses resorted to ZOOM

- They are establishing apprenticeship and internship programs for displaced workers and students
- They are supporting the BOCES trade school initiative (EPIC Center)
- Michael stated that the Town's financial commitment to Coventure has been fulfilled but he asked the Board to extend the \$20,000 contribution for one more year

Trustee Yllanes arrived at the meeting.

Trustee Silverstein asked Michael if Coventure joins forces with BOCES will they consider moving out of the co-working business? Michael stated that they may possibly open a co-working space in the Third Street Center. Trustee Sparhawk noted that co-working is not conducive during a pandemic.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he wants to see more outreach to the Spanish speaking community. Michael responded that they have been actively looking for Spanish speaking businesses but it has been very challenging.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL UPDATE

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Andrea Stewart gave a presentation on the Chamber's 2021 achievements. Key highlights included:

Chamber of Commerce

- In the last year they have brought in over \$91,000 in member revenue; they experienced a 10% increase in membership, along with a 94% retention rate
- They have a job posting board that reaches 450 members
- This year's Business Confluence will focus on "The Future of Work"

Tourism Council

- The Tourism Council's mission is to create a strong tourism economy by promoting the Town
- Carbondale Tourism will focus on the core values of sustainable tourism, promote smart growth and support local businesses, take pride in the unparalleled outdoor recreation and natural assets, and celebrate and preserve our small town character and culture
- Their strategic goals for 2022 include: formalize their Destination Management Plan, grow local and regional tourism partnerships, promote outdoor recreation, promote responsible tourism

First Friday

- The 2021 events have been very well received by both the community and businesses – people want to socially connect
- For the past three years 1st Bank sponsored First Friday but the Chamber is looking for a Town partnership

- The have restructured their 2022 funding request – they are asking for \$40,000 for Chamber programming, increased labor resources, communication and outreach and \$10,000 for First Friday

Trustee Sparhawk informed the Board that she encouraged the Chamber to ask for more funding. For the last three years 1st Bank has sponsored First Friday and a corporate sponsorship is not Carbondale's style. First Friday requires a great deal of work and it does provide a lot of benefits to the community.

Trustee Bohmfalk asked if there is any overlap in what the Chamber and Coventure do? Andrea explained that Coventure is a business incubator and when new businesses open the Chamber steps in to help promote them. The Chamber values Coventure as a partner and it's great that they co-exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. Trustee Silverstein made a motion to go into an Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II). Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Yllanes, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Richardson, Sparhawk, Silverstein

At 9:20 p.m. Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Sparhawk, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Richardson, Silverstein, Yllanes


ADJOURNMENT

The September 14, 2021, regular meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in person and virtually on September 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

ATTEST


Town Clerk, Cathy Derby


Dan Richardson, Mayor

