

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING April 6, 2020 MINUTES

Mayor Lenarcic called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present at roll call were Trustees Harris, Mueller, Yahnke, Loving, Box and Brancato.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Yahnke made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Harris 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes March 2, 2020

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2020. Trustee Loving 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes March 19, 2020

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2020. Trustee Loving 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously. Trustee Yahnke abstained from the vote due to her absence from that meeting.

FLOOD RESPONSE, RECOVERY AND REBUILDING

Discussion, Direction, Action:

Tara Schoedinger stated that recovery team is awaiting a start date for the CR-94 road completion project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Box made a comment that participants should be muted if they are not speaking. It makes the system run more smoothly.

Mayor Lenarcic gave an update on his activities since the last meeting. The Stay at Home order for Colorado was extended by Governor Polis to April 26th. The Spring Cleanup may be moved to the fall due to COVID-19 concerns.

IN-PERSON REPORTS

Town Clerk/Treasurer

The audit is underway. Financials for 1st quarter were distributed in the board packets.

Water Committee

Jon Ashton submitted a report. It was included in the board packet. Trustee Harris stated that there has been a lot of activity at the plant. The water and turbidity levels are currently adequate. The plant continues to struggle with organization. Moving forward, Roger Loving and Matt Kohlhaas will Co-Chair the Water Committee. Trustee Harris has agreed to attend meetings as needed.

EMS

EMS Chief Colleen Williams gave an update on the EMS team and practiced using their personal protective gear in responding to respiratory calls.

LUHAC

Interested members for the 2020-2022 committee should submit their interest to the Town Clerk to be considered at the May Board meeting.

STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Lenarcic stated that he is working on procuring the correct seed mixture for covering 59 Ward Street.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Discussion, Direction, Action:

Approval of Resolution 04-09, 2020, Amending Addendum B to Waterworks Ord 1 2015 for COVID-19 Delinquency Payment Relief

Trustee Harris stated that due to possible financial impacts from COVID-19, the Town would like to acknowledge the stress that residents may be facing. Trustee Harris stated that requests will be addressed as they are made.

Trustee Mueller made a motion to approve Resolution 04-09, 2020, Amending Addendum B to Waterworks Ord 1 2015 for COVID-19 Delinquency Payment Relief. Trustee Harris 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Ordinance 04-01, 2020: An Ordinance Permitting and Providing Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units

This Ordinance is an update to the Accessory Dwelling requirements. It allows for a tiny home but states that it must be constructed on a permanent foundation or if the ADU is fabricated off site, must be on a permanent foundation, or must be anchored or secured in a manner to withstand wind gusts of up to one hundred forty (140) miles per hour. It must also have an approved septic system and water system.

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-01, 2020: An Ordinance Permitting and Providing Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units. Trustee Brancato 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ordinance 04-02; An Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown, Colorado Adopting Construction Setbacks and Height Regulations for New Construction

This a change to the setback requirements only for properties adjoining United States Forest Service property (USFS). Setbacks for properties that adjoin USFS property will be 1 foot. In addition, the Town has no liability as far as construction on or near the USFS property and the property owner is responsible for determining property lines. Mayor Lenarcic stated that 4 of the 7 town representatives have property bordering USFS property and for the purpose of avoiding a conflict of interest, those board members might consider recusing themselves. Trustee Mueller agreed and said that some might have a potential vested interest. Trustee Box did not agree and wanted to move the matter forward. Trustee Box also stated that there is a large portion of the town members that own property adjacent to the forest service and this board is representative of the town. The Mayor then asked for a motion and a second. Colleen Williams asked why there was a need to change the setbacks to USFS from 5 feet to 1 foot. Trustee Box stated that the issue has been discussed over the last several months. The board resumed the vote to approve the Ordinance.

Trustee Box made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-02; An Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown, Colorado Adopting Construction Setbacks and Height Regulations for New Construction. Trustee Loving 2nd the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion of Municipal COVID-19 impacts on 2020 Budget and Potential Funding Opportunities.

Mayor Lenarcic said that some municipalities such as Breckenridge and Wheatridge have set aside funding to help their small businesses survive the financial impacts related to COVID-19. He suggested the town might want to set aside some funding to provide grants to area businesses that might need assistance. Tara Schoedinger said that there are many organizations set up to provide grant funding in the county and the Town should maintain its funds as much as possible. The board agreed that the town should help support small businesses obtain local grants and the town should continue to hold onto its funds.

Discussion of Encouraging Social Distancing and discouraging congregating in Town Square

Mayor Lenarcic received several concerns about people not maintaining correct social distancing. In addition, there has been concern from residents about cyclists and other visitors from outside Jamestown. Sara Vogel asked if it would be in the town's best interest to discourage cyclists from entering town. She asked if they could be limited to the Jamestown sign or the confluence. She also stated that several cyclists rode by that were less than 6 feet away and not wearing masks. Colleen Williams said she witnessed cyclists congregating at the town square very close to each other. She added that it could be problematic having tourists enter Jamestown. Tara said that during the flood, the team struggled with trying to keep outsiders to a minimum. The town doesn't own the road through town; it is a county road. She feels the county would not allow it. Sera said that the Sheriff's office relayed to her that they would enforce it if the Mayor wanted to close the town to visitors. Trustee Harris said that he is not concerned about cyclists riding through town but that when they arrive in town, they are not maintaining social distancing. It would

be important for visitors to treat our town the same as their town, which would be maintaining social distancing. Trustee Mueller thought that concerns should be discussed with the Sheriff's office and the Mayor. Ken stated that the Undersheriff told him that if they see a lack of social distancing, the Sheriff's Officers are educating those people about the benefits of social distancing. Trustee Yahnke said that she would encourage working with the cycling community, who has been very supportive of the town. Trustee Box said this is fundamentally different than the flood. That was more of an emotional reason for not wanting visitors. Currently, its more of a safety issue. He would also like to explore putting up signage in town. Tara clarified that they were able to lock down the town after the flood until a temporary road was in place. However, during the construction phase there was a huge safety concern due to big machinery in the roadways. They were not able to shut the town off because of state regulation. Trustee Mueller agreed with the suggestions of adding signage and working with the cycling community. He also said there is no other way to shut off visitors to town without the Sheriff's Office. He would advocate for continuing discussions with the Sheriff's Office. Beth Brotherton added that she hopes the parks in town will not close as many residents live alone and during this time it would be difficult not to be able to be together, as long as they are maintaining social distancing. Several board members stated that closing the parks to locals is not being considered. The primary concern is regarding visitors entering town. The town will continue working with the Sheriff's Office and the local cycling groups.

Beth Brotherton made a request on behalf of Jamestown Elementary School. The construction on the school will begin in the next few weeks and the teachers will not be allowed in the building. Due to the poor internet connectivity the teachers have at their homes, they are requesting a facility to be able to work. The Firehall and or the Town Hall would both be available for this purpose. Mayor Lenarcic will inform the County of the exception.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Box made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Trustee Mueller 2nd the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Approved,

Kenneth Lenarcic, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristi Rutledge, Town Clerk

^{*}The 4/6/20 Board Meeting was recorded in its entirety. Audio recordings are accessible by the public and are officially kept in the Town Office. They may also be kept on the Town Web site.