

HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2023

Town Board: Mayor Jim Kabonic, Kevin Eldredge, Kurt Sawyer, Melissa Poulsen & Jon Spendlove

Staff: Jaycen Walter and Jacie Torgersen

Public: Richard White and Shae Timothy

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting began at 7pm with Councilor Sawyer offering the opening prayer and Mayor Kabonic leading those present in the pledge.

2. Approval of January 18, 2023 Minutes

Councilor Eldredge motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review January Invoices, checks & financial report

Councilor Sawyer motioned to accept January expenditures and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Richard White – Water Study & Impact Fees

Mr. White obtained a grant for the town to re-run a hydraulic model of the town's water system. The town has a lot of 4-inch 6-inch and 8-inch pipe. The town has 119 service connections and a 200,000-gallon tank. The tank is 150 feet higher than the system. There are 24 fire hydrants on the system. There are two more fire hydrants needed in town to meet code. Fire code says that the hydrants should be no more than 500 feet apart but the town streets are 600 feet apart so they are grandfathered in. The state requires 20 PSI at every connection during peak day demand. Without peak, it should be at 30 PSI and at 40 PSI during the day without fire demand. Projected growth for the town to 2060 goes from no growth to .5% then 1% growth. The first two PSI regulations meet requirements but with fire demand, it does not. There are two problem areas in the system, one is at Russell Riggs home on the northwest corner of the system and the other is the Riverside Campground on the northeast corner of the system. The pressure drops at the Riggs home when running the model and it goes negative at the Riverside Campground.

The model is ran with the tank ½ full. In order to make the system come into compliance there are areas outlined on the map (see attached) where the pipe would need to go from 6- inch to 10- inch and other areas where it would need to go from 8- inch to 12-inch pipe. The Riverside would need to go to a 10-inch line. This is one option. The other option would be putting a booster pump on the west side to pressurize the system. Even with this booster pump, the riverside line would need to go to at least an 8-inch line. The town needs to consider if growth were to occur, where would it occur? The state would require

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two booster pumps so there would be a back up. The State Division of Drinking Water still has some COVID funding that the town may be able to apply for.

Mr. White also did an impact fee study for the town. This would allow the town to recoup the costs of new connections. This is an investment for new connections. The town could charge up to \$5,551 impact fee per connection along with a connection fee. This is based on the town's current system. Escalante charges \$4700 in town and \$5100 out of town with a \$1500 connection fee. The water impact fee can only be used for the water system.

Once Mr. White is finished with the hydraulic model will be submitted to the state and be on file to help the town out with future points and funding.

5.2 Possible full- time employee for town or water meter reader

After discussing this last month and getting more information Mayor Kabonic does not think, the town has enough to offer someone a full time job at this time. He would like to go ahead and post the meter reader job to see if the town can get someone in place before they need to start reading meters this spring.

Richard White said that there are grants available for radio read meters from the State division of Water Resources. This helps to conserve water and have accurate reading. The radio read meters fit the same yokes. The town has 119 connections now so they should apply for 125-130 meters to re-do the system. Councilor Eldredge said a lot of the town's current brass meters are worn out. There are two kinds of radio read meters either hand held or antenna. If the town were to get funding for this it could be a full time position for someone this summer changing out all the meters. For now, the town will advertise the water meter position for \$150/month with \$25/hourly rate if needed to help with maintenance on the water system.

Shae Timothy is here from the health department just checking in with all the communities in Garfield County. She is the community health specialist and is carseat certified if anyone needs help with that.

6. Ordinances

6.1 2023-03 Water Rate Ordinance

Councilor Sawyer motioned to raise rates \$2/connection and Councilor Eldredge 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. This will take place on the April water billing.

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

The estimated water usage is 500,000 gallons a month. It takes approximately 6 days to fill the tank. The earliest date to repair well #4 is in April. The CAT Dealership is going to do the maintenance on the generator.

7.2 Fire Department-

The turnouts and boots have arrive. There will be a fire meeting held tomorrow. Councilor Eldredge asked the fire department to please grease the hydrants in the spring.

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7.3 Road Department-

There are a couple problem spots on the town's roads that will need to be addressed this spring. A culvert needs to be put in below Mayor Kabonic's house and the chip seal will need to be replaced in front of Jon Spendlove's house. There is also some crumbling out by Russ Riggs home and a pothole on Proctor Road that will need to be fixed.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.7 Cemetery

The cemetery is planning to have a meeting soon to discuss applying for a grant to have the cemetery plotted and marked so it is accurate.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

Easten Torgersen has been working on the snowplow for the town and Mayor Kabonic told him to keep track of his time and hours and submit an invoice to the town.

Melissa Poulsen is resigning from the town treasurer job and the town council. There have been some changes in her life and she has too much on her plate right now. She is done with the town council immediately. She has everything ordered for the Easter Egg Hunt and will take care of that though. Mayor Kabonic thanked her for all her time and service, she has been a great asset to the town. Jacie Torgersen will need to advertise an opening for town council and for town treasurer. The starting salary for town treasurer will be \$500.

The council discussed participating in the passport program with Garfield County and decided to be a stamp location for \$50.

Richard White will help the town do the proof of beneficial use. It is due in January of 2024.

The next meeting will be March 15th.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Sawyer motioned to adjourn and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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