

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

The Financial Workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Beiriger	P
Trustee Lopez	P
Trustee Gonzales	E
Trustee Sanchez	P
Trustee Barela	P
Trustee McClure	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. McCormick has come to the meetings three times in a roll to ask that the Board allow the Town of Center considers something to allow Center to become green. It would be helpful to the residents. Trustee McClure said that they just held a financial workshop and the water has lost income, If the Town lowers the rates we would go into the hole.

FINANCIALS

Trustee McClure asked about the CIRSA bill, Attorney Trujillo said that the rates are dependent upon litigation. A motion to approve the May Financials was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the Payables was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

KEITH BROCKHURST APPRECIATION

Mayor Gallegos thanked Keith for his appreciation to the Town of Center. Mr. Brockhurst was presented with a card of appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Arellano – Center Post Master – Retirement Plaque – Trustee McClure presented the plaque to Paul Arellano. Mr. Arellano had been with the Town of Center Post Office for 25 years and 12 of those being the postmaster prior to his retirement.

Vendor Permit Form- The form has not been updated in many years. The current form does not have everything that is needed to have a vendor's permit. Trustee McClure wanted a closer look at yard sales and needing vendor's permits. Trustee McClure feels that it does meet all the requirements. If they are going more than a month they should probably have a business license. A motion to approve the new form was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Zollars – Court of Record and Criminal Code Updates – Judge Zollars wanted to know what is needed to be a court of record. Have recordings of all court proceedings. Appeals currently into County, if a court of record would have to follow appealable reasons. There are different rules. If the Town would go to a Court of Record It will be an increased cost to the Town. The initial cost is more expensive. The Town of Center has minimal criminal court ordinances. Law enforcement in Center does not have very many tools in their toolbox. Center Police Department has less ability to charge into municipal court. Attorney Trujillo said that we should get more ordinances and criminal codes. Attorney Trujillo said that we should hold off on the Court of record and have more tools and more offenses. Judge Zollars would suggest revise our ordinances. Judge Zollars suggests that we should start recording the Court. A motion to direct Attorney Trujillo to research the Criminal Codes was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries

Variance Requests

160 N. Broadway – Torres – this variance would be able to rent a camper trailer. This is not in line with our ordinances. A motion to deny the variance request was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

670 W. 1st ST. – Trustee Sanchez would like to have a variance to put a fence on the Town's right of way. The Planning Commission recommends that there be conditions to this variance and that the fence be semi-permanent. Mr. Sanchez said that It is a dead end street and not very busy. The fence is 43 in. high and 20 to 30 ft. long. Mayor Gallegos feels that it would be opening up a can of worms. Attorney Trujillo asked how much of the right of way would be encroached. Mr. Sanchez said that it is in the total area of the right of way. Attorney Trujillo said that typically you should not build on the right of way. Attorney Trujillo said if the Town Board agrees it would need an agreement that if there is a need or that anything that is damaged it would be at the Cost of Mr. Sanchez. Also, in the agreement it would state that the Town is not liable for any injuries caused by being in the Town's right of way. Trustee McClure said that it should be recorded for anyone buying the house and there are additional costs. The Town should look at codes, about letting people put cement to the road. Trustee McClure said it needs to be recorded in the County. A motion to approve the variance with all the conditions

that were discussed and that it be recorded in the County was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ED Transfer Amendment – April 23rd \$300000 – only transferred \$250000. A motion to amend the April 23rd meeting stating that it is the \$250000. A motion to amend the prior motion was made by Trustee McClure made a motion to amend the ED transfer, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. Trustee McClure would like clarification that we could incorporate the two accounts.

Fullenwider Bridge Inspection – No weight limit signs are on the Fullenwider bridge. Mayor Gallegos is worried for the school buses. Jaime will have to look into the inspection of the bridge.

Town Manager Employment Contract – Keith said that the Town Manager is currently working.

Attorney Trujillo is working to have the contract drawn up. Trustee McClure would like a 3 yr. contract, there should also be after the evaluation prior to the raise, and then the evaluations and wage increases would turn into a yearly. Attorney Trujillo will make those changes.

IGA Addendum – Keith said that we have an IGA agreement with the Sanitation District. There is going to be a reduction to \$24556.38 monthly. This will be an amendment to the current IGA. Trustee McClure said that it will need to be re addressed next year. It will be reviewed annually. It will be back dated April 1st. A motion to amend the current IGA was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mitch Garcia – Church Event – Geraldine Jaramillo read a letter from Mitch about drugs in Center. Mr. Garcia is requesting street closure for all three days between 5th St. and Main St. and the alley. Mitch said it will be 100% free for the community. Mona Garcia said it is being hosted by Focus Center. They will be providing hot meals for the church. The event will be held on July 25, 26 and 27th. There will be booths set up like Mental Health and Valley Wide Health. From 5-7 daily they will feed the community. The Garcia's have been asking the community for donations for different things. There will be churches within the Valley in attendance. Mr. Garcia was asking for a \$2400 donation to have give aways during the event. Mr. Garcia is also requesting usage of the Town stage and the employees to help putting up the stage? They would like to give away 200 t-shirts. Town Manager Cole said that he welcomes any events to the Town of Center. The stage is new and we need a policy and a contract. Trustee McClure is said that this is a real issue; it is a separate for church and state. Religion and government should be kept separate. It is a request for Town money and Town assets. Mr. Garcia would like to remind the board that there was an event last weekend. A motion to table the request until July 9th so that the Board could research a policy for the use of the stage was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Trustee Barela – Said that he attended the CML and everything was very interesting. There is an event tomorrow for DCI.

CALENDAR ITEMS

August 24th will be holding summer festival.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Court of Record

Lease Money

Mitch Garcia

Discussion to put pressure on the Assessor to do an audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive Session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to give Keith an appreciation of \$10,000 was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera –CMC
Town Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor