

CENTER TOWN BOARD
JULY 23, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

A financial workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 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 the addition of the DOLA Grant and Board Member Compensation was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

George Bencomo – Utility Bill is high, Sherry Lucero told Mr. Bencomo to check his meter reads. Mr. Bencomo would like to get the bills right for everyone. It was explained to Mr. Bencomo how the reads work with the roll over. Trustee McClure said that the Town of Center should once a year send the rates out. Mr. Bencomo was also told that his water usage was high.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the June financials was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

A motion to postpone the approval of the payables until a clearer report as to what they are paying was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. Trustee McClure has an issue with Anthony Garcia charging for Mileage. Alex Enriquez offered to get fireworks for the next event. The Board would like a clearer picture on the K9 finances.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA MONIES – Cole talked to the Board about the police cars and the need to replace some of the old ones that need to be repaired. Cole handed out the quote for two new cruisers at the cost of \$160,000. The biggest cost is the equipment needed. Cole would like the Board to think how they want to spend the money. Trustee Lopez would like to have some type of a relief program for the utilities on the Town using the ARPA funding. Cole said he would like to look at some of the dilapidated buildings. Trustee McClure talked about police officers living out of Town. Trustee Lopez asked about looking into different models of the cruisers. Cole will get a better understanding of what we can spend the money on and different quotes for the cars.

VALUATION OF PROPERTIES – SAGUACHE COUNTY ASSESSOR – Trustee McClure said that he was looking into this issue of the fairness in the valuations. Trustee McClure feels that the Assessor is not doing his job correctly as far as valuations. Trustee McClure gave a presentation on a few homes that are undervalued. Trustee McClure would like permission to send a letter to the Assessor to come down and look at all the properties. Attorney Trujillo said that the Town should have him at a work session. Cole can write a letter for a work session for some time in September. Motions to have Cole write a letter requesting the County Assessor to attend a workshop on September 3 at 5:30 p.m. was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

MARDI GRAS EVENT – UPDATE – The majority of the work is done. The parade will start at 10 and end at 9:00 p.m. There will be several events. The Board asked if they had an update on Rio Grande County for a donation.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION – CONFERENCE – The members are asking to go to a Housing Conference in Keystone. Three days two nights. Member registration is \$650, meals and mileage reimbursement. Trustee Lopez said that it would be good for the New Ed position to attend. A motion to approve the money for Ann and possible one other person to attend the meeting to include meals, mileage and lodging was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

AUCTION- VARIOUS TOWN ITEMS – Cole went over the list with the Board. The Goal is to spend the money from the auction on a smaller used bucket truck. Lt. Guaderrama said that there are four cars that are in bad shape and need to auction them off. A motion to post the bid list was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

DOLA GRANT – The Town received a \$2,000,000 infrastructure grant. The RFP is gaining a lot of interest. Cole will contact DCI for more information on the layout. Trustee McClure said that he hasn't seen the final layout.

BOARD MEMBER – Trustee McClure said that Board Members not showing up and being excused is not always correct. One board member is not showing up at all meetings. The Board is in agreement about

the missing of one Board member. Is there a Board Member Policy? Rose will look at the policy if there is one. Rose will also put it out on the list serve to see what other Town's do to missing.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Possible Work session week of July 29th.

Public Hearing – September 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT –

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela.

Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor