

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA – A motion to move the approval of the agenda until after the Executive session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion to adjourn out of Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

AGENDA – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

POLICE RECOGNITION OF TWO STUDENTS AND TWO OFFICERS - Chief Fresquez recognized student Armando Ruybal and Aylia Garcia for helping a young boy while he was at lunch, the two students has no formal life saving training but they were able to help. Saguache County also gave the students awards for the life saving effort. Chief Fresquez also recognizes LT. Guaderrama for his personal Sacrifice for a homeless family and helping them make sure they had dinner and food supplies, Sgt. Fresquez for helping a female from possible overdose from Fentanyl.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the Financials was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –Trustee McClure-n, for an entry that is being misrepresented in the cost of goods sold, it is concerning the refund from Mean and it is being represented, Trustee Barela-y, Trustee Gonzales-y, Trustee Sanchez-y, Trustee Lopez-y, Mayor Gallegos-y, Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger-y, Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure questioned the payment for the Public Works truck was only taken out of the L&P and Gas, not all three utilities. It was budgeted out of the two accounts. A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –Trustee McClure-n, Trustee Barela-y, Trustee Gonzales-y, Trustee Sanchez-y, Trustee Lopez-y, Mayor Gallegos-y, Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger-y. Motion Carries.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the 09/10/24 was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

Trustee McClure asked about the attached notes. Rose then explained she would send them.

OLD BUSINESS

Criminal Codes – Attorney Trujillo explains that the codes would be in effect for 15 years. Attorney Trujillo said he is working with the Town’s Judge. Trustee Sanchez asked if the past charges would disappear with the new codes (will they be included). Attorney Trujillo will give an update at each meeting.

Secondary Employment – A motion to approve the Secondary Employment Contract was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor.

ED Position – Cole talked about the Position, there is one person that is interested that used to work for DOLA. Trustee McClure asked if the Ed Position would also be a Project Coordinator. Cole is just putting out fillers for this position until the Board decides which way to go. Cole will send a job description to the Board. Potential Salary may be fifty to sixty dollars. You may find grants that will also pay for being the Coordinator, and we should put this in the job description. Cole will bring the job description to the next meeting.

Shop with a Biker – Julie explained what she has done in the last year for the Town. San Luis Valley Bikers started 5 years ago picking 1 kid out of each county who was in need of gifts around Christmas. Now they have started a campaign called Shop with a Biker. They have now moved to 5 kids from each county. They’ve stepped up and given the kid that was chosen \$100 to spend at Walmart. 5 kids for the valley were chosen. They take them on a shopping spree. They want to target 5-16 year kids. The Bikers noticed that they bought the necessities when they took them on the shopping spree. Julie is asking for a donation for a Christmas shopping spree. The Bikers would like to know they know how to separate it

evenly. Even if there were no donations they would still help Center. Trustee Lopez asked what the board had donated last time. Trustee Barela said \$150. Trustee Lopez asked to double it. Trustee Barela asked to do \$500. Rose discussed that they need to look at our financials first and see how much is in donations because we have other things that will be coming up. A motion to approve the Shop With A Biker in the amount of \$300 was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mean Allocations – Trustee McClure said the expenditure was directly from L&P. It should go back to costs of goods sold in the L&P. The software upgrade should be expensed from all three utility funds. A motion to place the \$237,000 into costs of goods sold in the light and power fund. The cost of software to be split by all 3 utility funds on a yearly basis for five years was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

Establish a Utility Board – Trustee Sanchez wants to discuss the past utility board and the importance of having a utility board to discuss utilities and have an open session on a month-to-month basis, We've had one in the past Trustee Sanchez explains. Trustee McClure explains what the utility board in the past would discuss. Trustee McClure was thinking of doing a public board or should it be the town board?

Mitch Garcia – Utilities – Mr. Garcia did not come to the meeting.

On Call Vehicles – Trustee McClure explained that the gas bill is outrageous. Trustee McClure asked why the guys take their work vehicles home. Vehicles should be back and forth. Trustee McClure feels that they are wasting the utilities people's money, not our money. It's wants vs. needs. It was for information to use during budget time for the Department Heads.

Live Stream Meetings – Town Manager Cole said the Center Schools will donate an iPad. The same way the town board meetings were during COVID-19. This will be how we livestream in the future. There will be more discussion at the next meeting, with more information.

CALENDAR ITEMS

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Judge Zollars

Criminal Codes

ED Position

Utility Board -establishment

Livestream

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Barela, and seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

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Utility/Court Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor