# TOWN OF BOW MAR, COLORADO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING April 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Bow Mar was called to order on Monday, April 22, 2019 by Mayor Feldkamp. The meeting was held at Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley, CO 80123. A quorum was declared present at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Trustees Tom Feldkamp Margo Ramsden

Jane Carlson
Doug Champion
Marsha Dennis
David Wadsworth
Steve Fabricant

Clerk

Sue Blair

Angie Kelly

Police

**Chief Cottrell** 

<u>Public Comment</u> – none presented.

#### Consent Agenda:

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> –Trustee Champion moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting as presented. Upon a second by Trustee Ramsden, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

<u>Approval of Treasurer's Report and Payments</u> – Trustee Dennis outlined the report for March 2019. Trustee Fabricant moved to approve the report as presented. Upon a second by Trustee Champion, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Commissioners Reports:**

<u>Public Safety</u> – Trustee Wadsworth expressed a concern shared with him about dogs off leash being aggressive toward other dogs who are on-leash. Please be mindful of other dogs, Bow Mar does not have a leash law. Chief Cottrell outlined the report provided to the Trustees.

Chief reviewed a theft case where a package was stolen from a porch. The Ring doorbell and the Flock cameras were essential in determining who was responsible for the theft. The theft was posted on the Neighbors App as the theft was caught on the homeowner's Ring doorbell cameras. A resident called Columbine Valley Police to report they had seen the truck involved in this theft. With the description of the truck, Chief Cottrell was able to review the Flock cameras and find the license plate of the truck. They have been able to track down the truck owner, who told the police the identity of the person who committed the theft. Chief was also able to obtain the video from both the Ring Doorbell and Flock Camera to correlate data. With that, it was noted that the Flock trial is ending. Trustees discussed a one-year trial period for the cameras. The Town will pay for the cameras for one year and then evaluate, with Chief Cottrell, if the program should continue. The cameras cost \$1500 a year per camera. This price includes Flock installing the cameras, installing solar power for operation, backhauling over LTE / Cellular to Cloud storage, insurance, software tied to license plate data base allowing for review, etc. It was discussed if 3 cameras would work or if there should be 6 so cars and plates can be identified coming and going. Trustee Wadsworth moved to have Flock install 6 cameras, 2 at each town entrance/exit, for a one-year period.

<u>Finance</u> – For the month of March, the total revenues were 37% of the year-to-date budgeted amount while operating expenses were at 14%. General government was 11% of budget, public safety 25%, parks and rec 4%, and public works 9%.

Total year-to-date operating surplus was \$182,628 and the net non-recurring income (building permits/road impact fees less building inspection expense) of \$60,550 results in a total year-to-date surplus of \$243,179.

The Town collected \$234,562 in property tax and road mil funds from Arapahoe and Jefferson county. Other sources of revenue included specific ownership tax, highway user tax, Xcel franchise, lottery and interest income. Expenses of note were \$5,565 for the traffic study that is on-going and \$6,645 for snow plowing, salt and sand.

<u>Building</u> – Trustee Carlson outlined her report and noted that \$10,317 was collected in January for building permits, \$4,370.85 was collected for the transportation utility fee, and \$1,240 in license fees: totaling \$15,927.85. Trustee Carlson also noted that the Design Review Board is finalizing the Design Guidelines so that a review and vote can be taken at the May meeting.

<u>Parks and Recreation</u> – Trustee Champion noted that Xcel is going through the engineering process for the new electrical pedestal. Vegetation management has started treatments for the year. Adding more dog stations was discussed and it was decided to leave the stations as is for now. The path in Mary's Meadow was discussed. Trustee Champion is going to discuss more gravel with Than.

<u>Public Works</u> – Trustee Fabricant noted that he talked with Jason Miner about the 2019 road work plan. The roads to be addressed are Bow Mar Drive (from Sheridan to Yellowstone), all of Sunset, and the section of Barry that was not completed in 2018. Sealcoating will also be completed on the roads that were done 2 years ago. Pothole work will also be completed throughout the Town. Trustee Carlson asked that the pothole work be completed before the road work in August. Jason Miner will also do a culvert walk-through and ensure all are functional and present. Homeowners will be asked to repair or reestablish a culvert if there are issues with the current culvert.

It is also important to note, again, that watering the streets is not necessary. As you turn on the sprinklers this year, Please make sure sprinklers are only on your grass land **not on the roads.** Water on our roads decreases the life of this \$2M+ investment.

<u>Intergovernmental Affairs</u> – Trustee Ramsden explained that a resident had asked about a composting program. She will do some research as to cost and feasibility. Trustee Ramsden also noted that the traffic information is on track for the previously outlined schedule. The contractor will present information at the May Trustee meeting; open houses will be held following this presentation; a Town meeting will be held to discuss the information and findings in detail in July.

## Attorney's Report - none.

<u>Clerk's Comments</u> – Ms. Blair noted the next regular meeting will be May 20, 2019. Ms. Blair also noted that the Columbine Valley Board would like to have the annual gathering with the Mayor and Trustees on July 18.

<u>Mayor Report</u> – Mayor Feldkamp noted that the Ring doorbell program is ending April 25. A Town email blast was sent out regarding this. 86 people have taken advantage of this offer, thus far.

Mayor Feldkamp also outlined the Denver ballot measure 300; "Right to Survive." The measure would supersede previous ordinances in which limitations were put in camping and property regulations in Denver. The concern for Bow Mar is related to Mary's Meadow. This measure could possibly allow camping in Mary's Meadow, although further legal investigation would need to be completed. Mary's Meadow is owned by Bow Mar but under the regulations of the City of Denver. Mary's Meadow is currently considered an open space.

Mayor Feldkamp also noted that the Town is moving forward with the new emails and document storage plan.

Also reported was that the Lyft Program was up and running. An email blast will go out with the code this week. The program is funded by the Town of Bow Mar in which 25 rides (max \$10) each week will be available for Town residents. A code will be distributed each week for rides to and from the Littleton Light Rail Station. The goal is to improve multi-model transportation for residents of Bow Mar. The traffic on Santa Fe is not slowing down and taking light rail is a good alternative. This option allows people to take Lyft from Bow Mar to Littleton Light Rail and back. The first 25 rides of the week are paid for by the Town. The Town will work with Lyft to gather data on the usage and will discuss the continuation of the program after the initial trial period.

The Town Attorney was also discussed but no action was taken. Mayor Feldkamp also noted that the Red Cross asked to come to the Town to provide training topics, including Active Shooter. Some Columbine Valley staff will attend, lifeguards will attend, etc.

Old Business: none presented.

### **New Business:**

<u>Discussion Regarding Air Quality</u> – Mayor Feldkamp outlined a group addressing air quality in Colorado. Air quality has improved but has not reached the 2016 standard. One item discussed was the impact of lawn mowing and moving to propane or electric mowers would be a positive move for air quality. Mayor Feldkamp noted that 1 round of mowing is the equivalent of driving a car for a week. It was discussed that the Town could offer incentives for landscapers working in the areas. There is also some money available through the State program for air quality. Further discussion will take place regarding this topic.

<u>Discussion Regarding Flex Fund Contribution</u> – Mayor Feldkamp reported that the Mayors Caucus is working to help solve the homeless population issue the area. The caucus is raising money to provide initial payment on living quarters for homeless to help get them in a place to live. Mayor Feldkamp was asking Bow Mar to donate to this cause. Trustee Fabricant moved to provide \$1000 to the Mayor Caucus for this program. Upon a second by Trustee Wadsworth, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

<u>Discussion Regarding De-Brucing</u> - Ms. Blair outlined that the State is working on a campaign to De-Bruce the State of Colorado. To De-Bruce means that the State would keep additional money collected in a year that was not budgeted for. The group is Vision 2020 and they are working to change this Constitutional Amendment, meaning they need more than 55% of the votes in favor of the change. The work to educate the public on the meaning of De-Brucing continues as the issue is likely to be on the 2020 ballot. If the State collects more than they budgeted for, they are required to give it back to the tax payers. However, this is often a more costly venture than people get returned. It costs millions to send a few dollars back to the tax payers. The money would be utilized for State programs if they could keep it.

Trustee Dennis also brought up the request for an outgoing mailbox. Ms. Kelly will contact the USPS to ask about the possibility of the Town getting an outgoing mailbox. Also to be addressed is moving the BMOI mailbox.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Tom Feldkamp, Mayor

Sue Blair, Town Clerk