

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2020 7:00 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 PM

(**Voting Member:** Sydney Roop, Andy Martin, Monica Carey, Kim Wheels, Emma Gerona, Jesse Rose, Jen Rose, Jerry Oyama, Natalie Fijalowski, Tyler Schultz, Ellie Greene, Robert Miller, Allyn Hart, Amy Ward, Phil Hayden @ (970-728-3204), Valerie Sloan, Janice Gerona)
(**Non Voting Member:** Ken Haynes, Alex Shelley SMPA Communications, Wiley Freeman SMPA, Matthew Combs, Corinne Platt, Henry Mitchell, David Callicot, Dayna Baer,)

ADOPTION & SIGNATURE OF September 15th, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Monica motions to approve and adopt, Corinne seconds,
All in Favor (Yay): Andy Martin, Sydney Roop, Monica Carey, Coach Miller, Jerry Oyama, Teri Steinberg, Emma Gerona, Natalie Fijalowski, Tyler Schultz, Jen Rose, Jesse Rose, Kim Wheels,
Not in favor (Nay):
Abstain:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Corinne motions to add a discussion on Halloween to the beginning of the agenda. Monica would like to add to the motion to remove the OEC Ordinance. Corinne removes her motion. Monica motions to remove the OEC Ordinance and to add a Halloween discussion to the agenda.
Corinne seconds Monicas motion.
All in Favor (Yay): Andy Martin, Sydney Roop, Monica Carey, Coach Miller, Jerry Oyama, Teri Steinberg, Emma Gerona, Natalie Fijalowski, Tyler Schultz, Jen Rose, Jesse Rose, Kim Wheels,
Not in Favor (Nay):
Abstain:

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Halloween Update

Halloween is on! There will be certain protocols in place this year for Halloween. Town staff is encouraging residents to not invite their friends to Ophir to Halloween. Residents can bag candy individually and leave outside to limit human contact. There is discussion amongst the GA as to best practices during 2020 Halloween.

B. COVID Update

- The State is beginning to pick up on COVID cases. Overall in the region we are doing pretty well with the precautions in place. Stay vigilant and stay safe.

C. Evacuation Exercise- Henry Mitchell

- Henry Mitchell goes over how the San Miguel County and Town of Ophir September 19th, 2020 Test Fire Evacuation went. Henry is encouraging that all phone holders and email holders get their information to the Town to assist with Town of Ophir Text notifications. There is always room for improvement, and there is an improvement plan in place for Ophir to better the town's emergency and disaster planning. There needs to be an alternative alert system in Ophir like a siren system on vehicles. San Miguel County is looking to put this into parts of San Miguel County. SMC is working to establish a preset evacuation point and to place signage for hikers. SMC will continue to look at the Source Water Protection Plan to protect water in Waterfall canyon in the case of emergency. Please sign up for CodeRed for every household member. In the case of getting stuck out of Ophir due to an avalanche, there are hotel vouchers available to Ophir residents. This would be through the Red Cross.

D. Eco Action Partners Presentation- Kim Wheels & Emma Gerona

- Presentation by Emma Gerona and Kim Wheels from Eco Action Partners on the state of greenhouse gases in the area, why it is so important to reduce GHG emissions, San Miguel County GHG and Energy Use, Sneffels Energy Board, 2019 Regional GHG Inventory, and Eco Action Partners programs. Programs: SMPA Income Weatherization Program. SMPA Rebates. Plastic Film Upcycling. Electronics Recycling. Truth or Dare! How is the Town of Ophir doing? Since 2010 the Ophir's electricity use is down, woohoo! The compost program has been a great success at reducing GHG emissions and sets an example for other communities. As of now, the town has diverted 17, 350 pounds of food. The average daily collection is 20 pounds, and is increasing. What should goals of the Town be? Water Conservation needs to be a goal of the Town, our water use is up. Please go to <https://www.ecoactionpartners.org/> for more information on programs!

E. SMPA Annual Presentation- Wiley Freeman & Alex Shelley

- San Miguel Power Association Presentation on partnerships and programs. SMPA is in the 3rd year of a 4 year reliability work plan, working to have backups in case of loss of power. SMPA discusses partnership with Eco Action Partners. Update on "Totally Green" program. \$20,000 grant program to contribute to promote economic development Nov 11th. Sharing Success Program.

F. P&Z Appointments- Valerie Sloan

- 3 full time and 1 alternate seat are up for reappointment. The full time seats are Phil Hayden, Jen Rose, and Sonja Allen. The alternate seat is Janice Gerona. They would all like to reinstate their 1 year terms. No one nominates themselves or anyone else from the GA. Valerie Sloan motions to nominate Phil Hayden, Jen Rose, and Sonja Allen for 1 year full time Planning and Zoning seats. Valerie Sloan nominates Janice Gerona for a 1 year alternate seat in Planning and Zoning. Sydney seconds.

- Yay: Andy Martin, Sydney Roop, Jerry Oyama, Valerie Sloan, Monica Carey, Coach Miller, Kim Wheels, Emma Gerona, Allyn Hart, Teri Steinberg, Natalie Fijalowski, Tyler Schultz, Jen Rose, Phil Hayden,
- Nay:
- Abstain:
- Phil Hayden, Jen Rose, and Sonja Allen are reappointed to full time seats with a one year term on the Planning and Zoning Committee, with their terms ending next July. Janice Gerona is reappointed as an alternate seat with a one year term ending next July.

G. 1st Reading Ordinance 2020-2 Prohibit UAS / Drone Usage on Town Property

- This Ordinance does not allow take off or landing on any Town of Ophir owned property. Allyn motions to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 2020-2, Prohibiting Drone Usage on Town Property. Phil seconds.
- Yay: Andy Martin, Sydney Roop, Jerry Oyama, Allyn Hart, Valerie Sloan, Monica Carey, Coach Miller, Kim Wheels, Teri Steinberg, Natalie Fijalowski, Tyler Schultz, Jen Rose, Phil Hayden,
- Nay:
- Abstain: Amy Ward
- The first reading of Ordinance 2020-2 has been passed. It will go to a seconding reading for adoption at the November GA.

~~H. 1st Reading Ordinance 2020-3 Re-establish Ophir Environmental Commission~~ - Removed from agenda at time of adoption.

I. Public Comment – New Dominion Cleanup Proposals

- The EPA sent Ophir a 600 page document on the New Dominion Cleanup. This document has in it the minerals and other materials that are in the ND mine area that flows down into the Howard's Fork. There are 3 proposed plans to clean this up. Plans: 1. Remove the materials, relocate, cover the materials up, manage water flows. 2. Cover up the materials up in place, manage water flows. 3. Do

nothing. The report recommended #2. To move the materials to a new location will cost more money. There is no cost to the Town for this project regardless of the option chosen. There will need to be a partnership with the Town of Ophir and the EPA to accomplish this project. They want to start the project next year with emphasis on engineering to manage the water flow. How long is public comment? Not sure- Ken will figure that out. Goal of December for completed public comment from GA? Amy Ward brings up to ensure that any engineering does not disturb the cemetery.

J. Caribou Completion Documents

- The project is done! The EPA has supplied the town the completion document and is available to residents.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager (Ken Haynes): Building: 3 active building permits in process. A couple of sheds. Steve Johnson sent to the Ferguson lawyer that there is no SUP process for building in the moderate avalanche zone. There will be some street maintenance, removing the speed bumps. Water Plant repairs. Ophir received a grant to recover costs from COVID. Plats for the vacated land (circa 1979) will happen soon. Ken will be on vacation. If the fire blows up, would Ken postpone?

Town Mayor (Corinne Platt): Corinne walked the 3 cabins with the USFS. Eagle, Hot Tub, and New Dominion. Discussed options. The USFS must bring in an archeologist to all the sites to gage historical value. Definitely taking down the New Dominion cabin. USFS considers burning the Eagle Cabin in the winter. The adits have been closed in Nevada Gulch. Corinne talked to the USFS today about closing Ophir Pass to limit the possibility of fires. Town of Ophir has a fire ban in place, the GMUG forest does not have a fire ban. Corinne and Ken are trying to get the Forest Service to reinstate it due to the Ice Fire In San Juan National Forest.

Town Clerk(Sydney Roop): I was gone and now I'm back!

Ophir Environmental Chairperson (Monica Carey): OEC has been busy with a new Ordinance that updates and amends the 1994 OEC

Ordinance. Getting ready for a review cycle of the master plan. Looking at signage and information on the website in regard to backcountry use in Ophir's water protection area (dog poop, trash, etc). Looking at the New Dominion document. Waterfall Canyon is a good wolverine habitat (doesn't mean they are there, but a good habitat!)

Planning and Zoning Chairperson (Valerie Sloan): P&Z has been really busy. P&Z has been passing exterior materials for new builds and looking to create a process for greenhouses in the LUC. (Currently not one in the LUC) Chipping away at the master plan, hopefully will get the MP out by next year. After the MP, the P&Z will then work on LUC edits.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Corinne would like the Town to investigate what is going on at Harley's son's property. What kind of operations are going on at the property at the bridge? There is concern about zoning and the potential of illegally drawing water from the Howard's Fork. Ken will reach out to the County.

Amy Ward would like an email from the Town to residents to remind residents not to feed wildlife (coyotes).

7. ADJOURN

Monica motions to adjourn, Corinne seconds
All in favor!



Town Clerk, Sydney Roop

11/17/2020

Date

Minutes prepared by Sydney Roop, Town Clerk

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