

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

**TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2023 7:00 PM**

**OPHIR TOWN HALL 36 PORPHYRY ST.**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Andy Ward calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andy Ward, Ben Foster, Mark Rosenthal, John Gerona, Emma Gerona, Dayna Baer, Janice Gerona, Daniel Forgrave, Dave Chew, Eric Beerman, Kelton Wright, Shoshanna Pollack, Phil Hayden, Larry Rosen, Jacey DuPriest, Marc Campbell, Sue Hehir, Heather Rosen, Catherine Gockley

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** Cindy Wyszynski, Terry Schuyler, Wiley Freeman

**2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Andy Ward motions to approve and adopt September agenda, Ben Foster seconds

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

**3) ADOPTION & SIGNATURE OF October 24, 2023 and November 14, 2023 Regular GA minutes**

Eric Beerman motions to approve and adopt, Kelton Wright seconds

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

**4) BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. EcoAction/SMPA Annual Presentations**

Emma Girona presents on behalf of EcoAction. Wile Freeman presents for SMPA

**b. Broadband Loan Payoff- Vote on Resolution 2023-02**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN FULL OF THE BROADBAND LOAN ADMINISTERED BY ALPINE BANK.**

Mark Rosenthal motions and Janice Gerona seconds.

All in favor (yay): Unanimous

**c. Budget- Second Reading- Vote on Resolution 2023-03**

**A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND, AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF OPHIR, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.**

Mark Rosenthal addresses Ken Page's concerns regarding budgeting. The water fund doesn't have enough funds so It's coming from the main fund. Ken is not comfortable with this arrangement. John Wontrobski is looking into increasing the water budget for 2025 and will also be looking to do a more long term budget, planning for between 5-10 years.

Mark Rosenthal asks what is going to be done for planning for future big expenditures. John Wontrobski is going to meet with a DOLA consultant to get guidance.

Marc Campbell asks about a line of credit for the town. John Wontrobski will look into it.

Sue Hehir asks about \$7k for weed budget, seems to expensive and would like to cut it. Mark Rosenthal agrees. Could volunteerism make up for some of the budget cut? Jacey responds that John Humphries feels very strongly that the invasive weeds need to be dealt with. Andy proposes to reduce the weed budget to \$5k and move \$2k to the mayors fund and support volunteer weed days. John Wontrobski notes he's trying to get data on what we're accomplishing regarding invasive weed removal.

Andy asks if there is a motion to approve

Cindy proposes to create a new line for open space mayor's money.

Jacey motions and Mark Rosenthal seconds.

All in favor (yay): Unanimous

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

### a. Town Manager

i. Lead and Copper Line Inventory Grant  
- Worker will need home access

ii. Looking for new Water Committee members (Ken, Dayna)

iii. Home Rule Charter Amendment Committee Creation

Discussion between Mark Rosenthal and John Wontrobski on whether committee members need to be elected. Mark is worried an election could reduce the diversity of the committee.

iv. John Wontrobski notes that Ophir mass text will be re-introduced. It will be used for general town communication, agendas, and possibly small local emergencies.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

## 7. ADJOURN

Andy motions to adjourn @ 8:45pm

*Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk*

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