

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426
TUESDAY January 21st, 2020 7:00 PM
OPHIR TOWN HALL 36 PORPHYRY ST.**

CALL TO ORDER

(7:05) Voting Members: Sydney Roop, Teri Steinberg, Monica Carey, Amy Ward, Ken Haynes, Corinne Platt, John Humphries, Heather Rosen(7:00- 7:15), Andy Marin, Valerie Sloan (7:15- 7:45)
Non Voting: Henry Mitchell (7:00-7:30)

ADOPTION & SIGNATURE OF December 17th, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Teri moves to approve, Amy seconds, 7 in favor. 1 abstain

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Changes to the agenda- Corinne motions to change the agenda for a presentation by Natalie Bowers to go first- Ken seconds. 8 in favor, 1 abstain.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. ***Presentation by Natalie Bowers:*** Ophir resident, Natalie Bower's high school senior project, is creating a yearbook style book of Ophir Residents. She will be taking photographs of Ophir residents and families in different styles such as color and black and white. The yearbooks would then be sold to Ophir residents if residents were interested in purchasing the yearbooks. Town of Ophir would be involved with helping Natalie connect with residents who want to be in the yearbook.
- B. ***Presentation by Henry Mitchell, San Miguel County Emergency Manager-*** Henry is not in charge of the road conditions or avalanche control, he plans for disaster planning for the County. Henry is working with Ken on disaster planning for the Town of Ophir through preparedness planning and initiatives. Certain disaster

scenarios for Ophir would be wildfires in the summer and large scale avalanches in the winter. Roles have been delegated to Town of Ophir staff. Town of Ophir is working with Henry to implement systems of organization, alert warning systems, possibly evacuation scenarios. Henry is hoping to eventually have a “evacuation drill” for Ophir residents, with residents getting in cars and evacuating the Town, this event tentatively being planned for sometime in the spring. Having a preparedness list for Town of Ophir residents and instilling a sense of self-reliance in regard to disaster planning. Go to the San Miguel County website and emergency planning tab for lists. Street signs for all streets in Ophir? Alert warning- possibly installing a siren system?

C. Election of Town Staff: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, P&Z Members: Two Full- Time, One Alternate Seat- Amy nominates Corinne as Mayor, Teri seconds 8 in favor. 1 abstain. Corinne nominates Sydney for Clerk, Monica seconds, 8 in favor. 1 abstain. Valerie nominates Cindy Wyszynski for Treasurer. Monica seconds, 9 in favor. Amy nominates Mark Ridders for a full time planning and zoning seat, Teri seconds, 9 in favor. Amy nominates Valerie Sloan for a full time seat, Teri seconds. 8 in favor. Amy nominates Janice Gerona for an alternate seat on P&Z, Corinne seconds, 9 in favor. Amy nominates Alison Snyder to take Valerie Sloan’s alternate seat, Corinne seconds, 9 in favor.

C. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2019-4, Approval of Town Manager Contract- There is discussion on Ken’s job performance over the past year with positive reviews from the GA. Monica motions to approve, Amy seconds, 7 in favor.

D. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2019-5, Approval of Agreement with Ground Pounder, LLC for Street and Town Owned Utility Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvements from January 1st, 2020 to December 31st, 2020- Monica motions to approve, Teri seconds, 7 in favor.

E. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2019-6, Approval of Agreement with Bee Happy Lands for Weed Management Services- Monica motions to approve the amendments that the OEC has made to Ordinance 2019-6, Amy seconds, 8 in favor. The changes are “Whereas Town of Ophir has need for contracted organic weed management service” TO “Whereas, Town of Ophir has need for contracted organic weed management service to include but not limited to, management of toad flax, oxeye daises, non-native thistles, non-native mustards, scentless chamomile and white top and...” “Two Weed Mitigation Sessions” TO “Two Weed Mitigation Sessions (spring and fall, inclusive of June and mid August) This will be budgeted between Open Space and Parks funds. There will be outreach to vacant lot homeowners when noxious weeds are getting out of hand on residential owned lots. Possibility of a community day in Ophir with education on what noxious weeds look like so residents can pull them in their yards and eradicate the weeds before they get out of hand in the summer. Monica motions to approve Section 2 for weed mitigation for 3 days out of the year, Corinne seconds, 8 in favor.

F. Reading and Approval of Resolution 2020-1, Resolution for Exemption from Audit- This is a yearly thing that Ophir does. Ophir’s budget is below \$750,000 yearly. Ken motions to table until the February GA Meeting, Corinne seconds, 8 in favor.

G. Update on Tri-County Generation and Transmission

Tri-State announces retirement of all coal generation in Colorado and New Mexico, closures will result in 100% reduction of coal emissions in Colorado and New Mexico while increasing Tri-State’s competitiveness with cleaner portfolio.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Corinne- Mayor- Communication with County Commissioners in the state of the road. It’s been in pretty good condition, they have been getting a little too crazy with getting down to the dirt and destroying vegetation on the sides of the road. San Miguel County Work session happening on February 19th @ 12:00PM.

Ken- Town Manager- Continued challenges with the water plant. A “water hammer” (air gap in line) happened in September that damaged the water plant internally.

Sydney-Clerk- Register your dogs! Register your furry friend in January so you do not incur a late fee!

Amy- P&Z Chair-Amy’s final GA as P&Z Chairperson! Thank you Amy for all your hard work! P&Z did not have a meeting this month. No additional reports.

Monica- OEC Chair- Reviewed proposal for Bee Happy Lands Weed management. OEC wants to assist P&Z with working on Master Plan. Bike Park Proposal will be presented at the February OEC. March GA Bike Presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

7. ADJOURN

Sydney motions to adjourn, John seconds, 8 in favor. Meeting ends at 8:45.

Minutes prepared by Sydney Roop, Town Clerk