

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

TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426

TUESDAY MARCH 18TH, 2025 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 7:06pm

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Ward, John Humphries, Mark Rosenthal, Slator Aplin, Gunnar Doyle, Allyn Hart, Rachael Lackey, Doris Glynn, Janice Gerona, John Gerona, Eric Beerman, Amy Ward, Annabelle O'Neill, Catherine Gockley, Dan Forgrave, Kara Binkley, David Callicott, Eric Beerman, Jerry Oyama, Joan May, Kim Wheels, Lucas Leighton, Mark Ridders, Natalie Fijalkowski, Tyler Schultz, Teri Steinberg, Phil Hayden, Larry Rosen, Ryan Taylor, Dave Chew, Parke Ehlers, Ryan Ehlers, Corinne Platt, Jacey DePriest, Mark Worth

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Hailey Carmer, John Wontrobski, Corey Hiseler, Glenn Pauls, Cindy Wyszynski

2) ADOPTION & SIGNATURE March 18th, 2025 Regular GA minutes
Mark Rosenthal motions, Mark Worth seconds.

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda w/ addition of long form audit exemption

Mark Ridders motions, Mark Worth seconds.

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

4) BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Long form audit exemption is read by Andy Ward

Mark Worth motions to approve, Mark Rosenthal seconds.

b) EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION WITH TOWN ATTORNEY

Andy Ward motions, Mark Worth seconds

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

Executive session begins @ 7:14 and recording is stopped.

Executive session ends @ 8:44 and recording is resumed.

Andy requests that if anyone has any concerns regarding the discussion during the executive session to speak now. No one speaks.

c) GA approval for tolling agreement between the town of Ophir and Waller/Cornwall/Whitaker

Mark Worth motions to accept the tolling agreement with a modification to make the agreement for one year, making it effective until March 18th, 2026. Jerry Oyama seconds.

All in Favor (Yay): unanimous

d) Andy moves that we table first reading of ordinance 2025-1, an ordinance authorizing residential construction and improvements in moderate avalanche hazard zone when hazard mitigation procedures are followed.

John Humphries seconds.

Mark Worth recommends that we deny the motion. He would like to vote now.

Andy wonders if P&Z could take another try at a recommendation to the town on this issue.

Kim Wheels is in favor of tabling.

Jerry is not in favor of tabling, would like to vote it down.

Teri notes discussion should stick to motion on the floor.

Voice vote taken: 10 no votes, motion passes.

5) STAFF REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER - Town bought a new backhoe and is researching new plow blade for next winter.

Kim notes Ophir days is June 14-15.

OEC – Dark skies, mining regulations, and grants are in the works for greenhouse, composter, plants & pollinators.

New Dominion mine cleanup – USFS funding is in limbo.

For Ophir days : Bee Happy will be here weeding, Katrina Blair will come back again for a foraging walk, early season wildfire prep for both town and residents.

P&Z – Plan to modernize LUC in 2025. Email P&Z if you have ideas/suggestions.

6) NEW BUSINESS

Tyler notes mapping apps do not work correctly because Ophir Road is marked closed during winter. Maybe town staff can contact providers to fix. John W. will look into it.

7. ADJOURN

Andy adjourns the meeting @ 9:24pm

Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk

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