

**TOWN OF KERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019 – MINUTES**

The Kersey Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at the Kersey Town Hall. Mayor Gary Lagrimanta at approximately 7:00 p.m. called the meeting to order. Trustees present were: Nathan Roth, Michael Theorine, Clayton Luce, Allen Salser, Stan Sameshima, and Bob Kellerhuis.

Audience present were: Coralie Slusher, William Wilson Jr, Chad Judge, Betty Hatfield, Richard Hopp, and Liz Diaz.

Town Staff present were: Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Rick Zier, Town Attorney, Julie Piper, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Roseberry, Operations Manager – Parks, Streets & Fleet, Mark Herrick Operations Manager – Water, Wastewater, and Facilities, James Neill, Recreation Director, and David Gottschalk, Chief of Police.

Pledge of Allegiance

Addition to the Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the consent agenda to include approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes, approval of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Motion made by Trustee Roth and seconded by Trustee Theorine to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Public Invited to be Heard

William Wilson, 137 2nd Street, asks if an amendment to the abandoned vehicle rule be made. He received a notice about his vehicle that he is restoring for his son in his backyard off the alley. He understands the public streets having abandoned vehicles and doesn't want the town to look bad either but this is on his private property where it is not a public eye sore. Mayor Lagrimanta states there is a process and suggests he contact the Town Manager.

Chad Judge, 806 Kohler Farms Road, first inquires if there is a deadline for the previous discussion? The mayor states it is a process and that the Town Manager will discuss with the resident. He states appreciation for better line of site at the intersection of Kersey Pizza with the removal of the bushes. Mayor Lagrimanta also states the town is installing new stop signs with flashing LEDs and working with CDOT regarding the intersection as well. He notes the police have been sitting near the intersection as well which has helped. Chad Judge also asks about his previous inquiry about farming of HEMP. Christian states there are many variables and if Chad would like to put together a plan they can meet to discuss.

New Business:

1. Introduction and Appointment of New Planning Commission Member
Christian Morgan states Betty Hatfield submitted her letter of interest. She states she served on the commission many years ago and decided to again when asked. Motion made by Trustee Kellerhuis and seconded by Trustee Salser appoint Betty Hatfield to the Planning Commission. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Trustee Kellerhuis thanks Betty and Roberta Smith for their help with the flag and flag pole at Memorial Park.
2. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Cobblestone Inn & Suites
Elizabeth Diaz, new general manager for about three months, is present. Chief Gottschalk states there have not been any issues as far as the liquor license is concerned. Elizabeth has worked as a server for many years and is very strict in her training regarding the liquor serving, which all they serve is beer. Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Roth to approve the liquor license renewal for Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.
3. Approval of Ordinance 2019-0001 Amending Section 7-16 of the Kersey Municipal Code to Include Additional Definitions and Amending Section 7-47 by Adding Part (15) to Include Nuisances Located in and upon Commercial and Industrial Properties within the Town Limits

Christian states our current code just addresses nuisances such as neglect in residential zones and that this ordinance will add commercial and industrial properties within the town limits. Trustee Kellerhuis asks if this includes for contents of the building as well. Christian states only what can be seen from the outside. William Wilson asks if the property is deemed unsafe is it the town's responsibility to clean up, which could be very costly. Christian states that if a violation were found, the judge would make it the property owner's responsibility. Motion made by Trustee Roth and seconded by Trustee Luce to approve Ordinance 2019-001 as stated above. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

4. Project Update – Christian Morgan
 - a. Community Center/Senior Center – Conceptual drawings from the architect are presented. This is a 4000 sq. ft. building, one side would be the older adult side and the other side would be for assembly with bathrooms, storage, and an office in the center. The bathrooms would be accessible from each side. Parking and the entrance would be on the south side of the building. James Neill is working on a grant to purchase tables. Christian also presents conceptual drawings of the exterior with 7 different options for the board to voice their favorites. Christian states the architects will be at the work session as well. This project is slated for completion in mid to late September.
 - b. Town Center – The RFP for the contractor/architect is due tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Christian states 30 groups turned out for the pre-bid meeting. It was noted we would like the building to be completed by the end of the year. A building will be built within the brick building with the outer brick being rehabbed.
 - c. Centennial Trail – Christian has been able to get the railroad engaged and will have an onsite meeting in about two to three weeks. He has been working hard with the ditch company as well. Construction on this won't start until the fall.
 - d. GOCO Park Improvement Application – We hope to hear on this grant next month.
 - e. Safe Routes to School – We should hear on the grant by the end of March. This will be for sidewalk and gutter along the south side of Hill Street. He has met with all the business owners along Hill Street.

Staff Reports

1. RH Water & Wastewater – Richard Hopp states the plant was in compliance last month. Six loads of biosolids were hauled in January and the biosolids report has been submitted. Various lab tests were run and submitted today. The water side is doing well.
2. Operations Manager, Streets, Parks and Fleet – Josh states they have received the LED stop signs and they will be installed in the next few weeks. He also thanks Betty Hatfield and Roberta Smith for their help with the flag pole and flag at Memorial park. He also thanks Trustee Theorine for the new flag at Centennial Park. Four items were recently auctioned at the public auction and three of those vehicles have been picked up. He is also getting the street sweeper ready for auction in the near future.
3. Operations Manager, Wastewater, Water, and Facilities – Mark states he has been finishing up the back flow compliance and everyone is in compliance with just a couple who are working on it. Pressure testing is continuing and looking good. He is doing a visual compliance check on the collection system at the manholes and the pipelines before he starts cleaning with the truck to check for flow and any obstructions. The grease trap inspections will be done in April. He is working on getting all the facilities ADA compliant and notes the CIRSAs audit is coming up. He states there is a valve at the sewer plant that when the weather gets cold, it does not open and extra hours were spent at the plant to get going again. Christian notes he met with Xcel Energy regarding the franchise agreement and noted the problems with the deficient electrical service to the plant.
4. Recreation Director – James states January was busy. He had 40 kids attend the Nuggets skill camp and one Kersey kid has qualified for the state event. The basketball season is wrapping up and volleyball is getting started with eight teams total. He is working on online registration and spring and summer activities. He states there is a meeting at Platte Valley Fire District for those interested in forming a recreation district, which currently there are about 8-10 people showing interest. The next Kersey Days meeting will be February 28th.
5. Tree Board – Allen Salser states March 1st will be a work day at the east and west wedges. The Arbor Day celebration will be April 26th. Memorial trees will be planted for several local residents with plaques placed near those trees. Donna Davis, the state forester, was at the meeting today as well.

6. Chief of Police – Chief Gottschalk reviews his attached monthly report. The officers are spending more time on the Parkway and at the Hill Street/First Street intersection. Rick Miller started last week as the Community Services Officer. He is also working on a grant from Homeland Security for security at the new buildings.
7. Town Manager – Christian Morgan states he met with representatives from Tall Grass pipeline regarding their large project, which goes through Cecil's recently annexed property. He and Barb are working on a conditional use application and building permit for this project. The budget for the Grange demolition was \$13,000 and the contractor charged \$11,000 which is something he didn't need to do but is much appreciated. Silicon Ranch would like to start Phase 2 of their solar panels project. Construction for this should start in June. The Boettcher Foundation check for \$40,000 for the Grange project was received last week to be added to the \$70,000 from the Daniels Fund and \$50,000 from PDC Energy. He was invited by Julie Chesnut to speak to the Heartland Flying Farmers group this last Saturday who are a group of vets from surrounding states who have come together and became pilots. On February 19th, he will be taking a personal day. On February 26th the work session will be at 6:00 and then the TriBoard meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. here at Town Hall. He reached out to the high school who has a complete fabrication shop to come up with a design for the signage that the CU Denver kids worked on. There is \$30,000 in the capital improvement plan for this project and it would be great to have the local kids design and even do some of the work on the Welcome Sign. The CML Conference is in June and rooms have been reserved. Christian will sign up board members for the classes/meals he feels would be beneficial and then a packet of that information will be given to each before the conference. His employment contract is due for review and will be done at the work session in March. Trustee Kellerhuis asks how much the LED stop signs cost. Christian states they are paid for by an SEP grant. A UTV was to be included in that grant but Polaris has stopped production. Trustee Kellerhuis inquires about the double turn lane at highway 34. Christian states CDOT hired a firm to evaluate but their results wouldn't help a thing. He will keep on it to find a solution.
8. Town Attorney – Rick would like to compliment Christian on a job well done with the discussion with Xcel Energy as far as their level of service and response.

Board of Trustee Communications

Trustee Kellerhuis asks about a WIFI provider in town. Christian states he has been in contact with a company who wants to come in but they do not offer wireless. He states the mayor attended a mayor's meeting with the company and they would like to start with some bigger cities such as Greeley and Wellington and then add the smaller towns. Rick is reviewing their proposed contract. Viaero is offering service to town residents, however, they do not have a tower in the area. He does states Rise Broadband is still in the area and is a legitimate company without any issues. Trustee Salser inquires about Sober's station and Christian states it is on the market but nothing has happened that he is aware of.

Motion made by Trustee Roth and seconded by Trustee Sameshima to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, ordinances, policies, letters, and memorandum to reflect action taken by the Town Board at this meeting and at any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, ordinances, policies, letters, and memorandums. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Adjournment

By unanimous vote, Mayor Lagrimanta adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Piper, Town Clerk