

**TOWN OF KERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021 – MINUTES**

The Kersey Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 446 1st Street and via a hybrid meeting due to COVID. Mayor Gary Lagrimanta at approximately 6:03 p.m. called the meeting to order. Trustees present in person were Clay Luce, Michelle Vannest, Allen Salser, and Mike Theorine. Trustee Stan Sameshima was attending virtually. Trustee Nathan Roth was absent.

Town Staff present: Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Julie Piper, Town Clerk, and Rick Zier, Town Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation – Mayor Gary Lagrimanta reads the proclamation declaring April 23, 2021 as Arbor Day in Kersey.

Additions to the Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the consent agenda to include approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting, approval of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid. Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Vannest to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Invited to be Heard

New Business – None

Old Business

1. Project Updates
 - a. Centennial Trail – Christian states the bridge was installed and a lot of earth moving is going on now. The crossing over the railroad should be complete by mid-May. Phase 2 will start in November when more work along the ditch can be completed. He states he is very impressed with J2 Contracting.
 - b. Union Pacific Acquisition – Christian states no new information on the acquisition, awaiting completion of the 9th Street crossing.

Staff Communication

- a. Chamber of Commerce– Trustee Luce states they had a meeting last evening, April 12th. They will have a Business After Hours at Kersey Community Center on April 22, 2021 hosted by Bear Saddle Ranch. He invites the Board of Trustees.
- b. Tree Board – Trustee Salser states no meeting was held today as it was to be a workday but weather delayed that a week. Future workdays are listed in the packet. Trees at Memorial Park will not be replaced until a water system is in place. Arbor Day will be held Friday, April 23rd at 9:30 am at Centennial Park. Further discussion regarding the watering system at Memorial Park.
- c. Town Manger – Christian states he met with CDOT regarding the Bustang public transportation. They are starting up a route from Greeley to Sterling three times a week and he asked about a stop in Kersey. He states recently the police department has had problems hiring new officers. No one wants to be a cop and surrounding communities can offer more pay. He states he, chief, and Julie brainstormed and came up with a few ideas. Currently an officer is in FTO and Maria, our community service officer, has expressed interest in becoming an officer. Adams County is holding an academy in July. Chief would like to send Maria and present her with an employment agreement for three years with a sliding scale of reimbursement from her should she leave. The agreement is now under review with Employers Council. Current officers will

pick up code enforcement while she is at the academy. This also brought up an added benefit to other employees of tuition re-imbusement.

A large farm located on CR 53 and CR 60.5 has filed a cost agreement with the town for annexation. They plan to use their large barn for events. It was confirmed today that the water leak on First Street is Central Weld Water District's responsibility, which Mark was sure of. This should only affect the houses on Latham and part of the school when they repair. An RFP for the storm water study grant is being completed. Josh is working on the 2021 asphalt replacement plan. An update will be given at the work session. Trustee Theorine saw the street sweeper out and notes that it works really well, doesn't leave the dirt tracks. Mayor Lagrimanta asks if it was put in the budget to put a sign along Highway 34 to show what businesses are located in town. Christian states no but will check on the costs of that.

Christian shows the board the financials for the year so far

d. Town Attorney – No report.

Board of Trustee Communications

Trustee Salsler asks about the pictures of the library in the packet. Christian reviews the renderings and states construction should begin in June and be completed at the end of the year. He also notes this will be an actual branch of High Plains Library District and be a great addition to the town. Mayor Lagrimanta congratulates and presents a certificate to Christian for honorable mention of CCCMA Town Manager of the Year.

Motion made by Trustee Theorine and seconded by Trustee Luce to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, ordinances, policies, letters, and memoranda 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 memoranda. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mayor Lagrimanta adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Piper
Town Clerk