

TOWN OF MERINO

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date March 25, 2024 | Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Carol Nye

In Attendance

Carol Nye Ken Salmon Chad Wettstein Robert Jones Adam Krier
Garie County Craig Cook
Guests in attendance were Kennton Luther, Jeremiah Curtis, and Steve Curtis

Approval of Agenda, Minutes and Bills

Agenda was reviewed and approved by all in attendance. Ken made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ken 1st Craig 2nd Passed.

Last meeting's minutes for March 11, 2024, were reviewed and were approved with the changes by all in attendance. Ken made a motion to approve the March 11 minutes with the changes. Ken 1st Adam 2nd Passed.

Approval of Bills: Adam made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Adam 1st Chad 2nd Roll Call: Carol-yes Ken-yes Craig-yes Adam-yes Chad-yes Garie-yes Bob-yes Passed.

Payments by check:

Aaron Silva	\$17.64	Beaver Ranch Gravel LLC	\$1,569.41
CIRSA	\$7,679.78	CO Division of Fire & Control	\$200.00
Colorado Analytical	\$405.00	Dan Wiebers	\$1,213.32
Farmers Pawnee Canal	\$472.50	Hajoca Corp./DAHL	\$1,488.03
NAPA Auto Parts	\$525.44	Northeast Auto	\$336.58
OK Auto Parts	\$37.49	Shipping and Stuff LLC	\$16.36
Timberline Construction	\$11,231.04		
	Total	\$25,192.59	

Expenditures:

Highline Electric	\$46.68	Prairie Mountain Media	\$24.96
Prairie Mountain Media	\$126.72	Prairie Mountain Media	\$60.48
U. S. P. S.	\$8.97	U. S. P. S.	\$153.46
Walmart	\$37.48	Xcel Energy	\$17.43
	Total	\$476.18	
	Grand Total	\$25,668.77	

Payroll Approval of Employee Time Sheets: Chad made a motion to accept the payroll as presented. Chad 1st Adam 2nd Roll Call: Carol-yes Ken-abstain Craig-yes Adam-yes Chad-yes Garie-abstain Bob-yes Passed.

Committee Reports

- Clerk Updates – Pam reported that Marick's will take appliances with freon for a fee during town cleanup, and she updated the signs around town with the new information. The bill for town cleanup is going to be \$1800 for 2024.

Pam reported that she spoke to Pam at Logan County Landfill about the dumping fees for town cleanup. They never waive any fees and for town cleanup they only charged the town \$1.17/ton for 2023.

Pam mailed out certified letters to Hutchison.

Terry reported that the ordinances voted on in the March 11th meeting have been published and in 30 days they will become effective.

Terry reported that everything else she has is on the agenda.

Old Business

- Water/Sewer Project Update – Terry Reported that she and Carol met with the USDA Friday on the search grant. Since they are still reconciling the books with the accountant and the auditor, the town has too much money in the sewer fund, so they cancelled the search grant for now. Carol reported that once the books are reconciled, the town may not qualify for the search grant. Terry reported that the town may be able to get a 50/50 grant.
- Election Items – Terry reported that a few people showed up for 'Meet the Candidates' night. She has everything ready for the election. The election will be April 2nd from 7:00am to 7:00pm in the Merino Community Center.

Mayoral Election – April 2, 2024

Sales Tax Fund – November 2024 Ballot

- KCI Agreement Update – Carol spoke to the new attorney on this item. Since KCI has been sold to a different company, Carol thought the town attorney could help the town with this matter, but she still has an ethical relationship with KCI and suggested that the town stay with the new attorney.
- Annex of Property by Hwy 6 Update – Carol reported that she hasn't had time to talk to the town attorney about this item. She will report on it at a later date.
- MVFD Pension Options – Carol reported that Dan sent her a copy of the check for Mark and that she spoke to the bank about the MVFD Pension Options. They had some questions for her. Carol will have the person come and present it to the board.
- Gravel for the Alleys and Roads – The board discussed the holes in the alleys and getting some gravel. Would need around three semi loads to start with, Ken said we did not need to do this until the weather was going to be dry. The board decided to have this item moved to the next meeting.
- Furnace for the Rental House – Jeremiah reported that the rental house needs a new furnace. In an estimate from DAHL, a new furnace with AC will cost \$3701.50. The town needs more than one bid which Terry will get.
- Progress on the Rental House – Jeremiah reported that he had to stop working on the basement because there were other things that were more important to spend the money on rather than finish the basement. The egress window has been put on hold for now. The house needs gutters to prevent damage to the foundation. The town will need to get two estimates on this item.
- Rental House Updates – Jeremiah reported that he replumbed, rewired, and textured all last week. He got the ceilings finished up and will probably start on the flooring this week. There will be LVT throughout and tile in the bathroom. He put in a fiberglass tub and a pocket door in the bathroom. The

upper cabinets in the kitchen and the refrigerator are salvageable, but the stove needs to be replaced. He said that the laundry room has been wired and plumbed and the town will need to get a stacked washer and dryer to put in there. The stacked unit costs about \$1500. The stove and stacked unit will be figured out at a later date.

- Septic for the Rental House – Jeremiah reported that the rental house needs a septic tank and leach field as it doesn't have one right now. It will cost about \$5,000 for a concrete vault tank. The town will need to get and estimate on this item.

New Business

- Switch-It-Up – Kennton Luther presented to the board an opportunity to get free light bulbs from Xcel Energy including free installation for ceilings under 15 feet and a one-time flat fee of \$50 for ceilings fifteen feet and higher that require a lift to replace the bulbs. The bulbs come with a 5-year warranty. The board voted to get the free bulbs. Ken made a motion to accept the Switch-It-Up LED lights and have them all replaced free of charge. The board discussed replacing all of the lights at the Hall, Community Center, Fire Department, and the water shed and asked Kennton to come back and they will vote on the sizes of the bulbs at that time. Ken 1st Chad 2nd Roll Call: Carol-yes Ken-yes Craig-yes Adam-yes Chad-yes Garie-yes Bob-yes Passed.
- Building Permit for a Fence at 415 Lee – The board discussed the need for a building permit for this fence and asked Pam to contact the property owner Leslie Sager to attend the next board meeting.

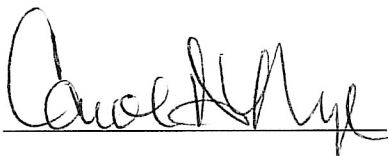
Public Discussion Items

Comments from the Public: Steve asked about getting the Lumen lot on Colorado Ave. cleaned up. Carol said that she would write a letter and get it sent out. Steve Curtis asked about the fence the board talked about putting up along the north side of the park and watershed. No decision was made. Steve also asked if the town was going to move the mosquito fogger. He also recommended that the sewer line west of Lee Street needs to be cleaned and videoed. Steve offered to get the process to obtain a permit started.

Adjournment

Date: Merino Town Hall

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 PM by Adam and seconded by Chad and was passed unanimously.



Mayor

4/8/24

Date



Clerk

4/8/24

Date