

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF GRAND LAKE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Judy Burke at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1026 Park Avenue.

ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

Mayor Burke; Trustees Gasner, Lanzi, Lewis, Ludwig, Peterson, and Weydert; Town Manager Hook, and Town Clerk Kolinske.

ABSENT:

Mayor Burke announced that there were no absentees at the afternoon workshop and all Trustees were present for this evening's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 26, 2013:

Trustee Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 regular meeting as written, seconded by Trustee Peterson. All Trustees voted aye except Trustee Weydert, who abstained.

September 9, 2013:

Trustee Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular meeting as written. Trustee Lanzi seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Burke announced that it would be appreciated if cell phones were turned off during the meeting.

Mayor Burke announced that all excavators and contractors in the Grand Lake area are reminded that the deadline for right-of-way permits is October 15. No road cut or right-of-way permits will be permitted after this date.

Mayor Burke then announced that the Chamber of Commerce will host a "*Spook-tacular Halloween Celebration!*", Saturday, October 26th at 11 a.m. There will be a costume contest with prizes given to the top three costumes. Refreshments and treats will be provided. Following the Contest children are invited to trick-or-treat the shops around Town.

CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST:

Mayor Burke stated that if there are any Trustees wishing to announce a conflict of interest with any items on this evening's agenda, they should do so at this time.

No Trustees had a conflict of interest with any items on the agenda.

LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. XX-2013, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST AND THE BOWEN GULCH PROTECTION AREA TO INCLUDE AN AREA REFERRED TO AS THE "WEDGE" – Mayor Burke asked Town Manager Hook to present this matter to the Board. Hook explained that Rocky Mountain Nature Association (RMNA) has requested the Town's support in their efforts to initiate federal legislation to adjust the boundaries of Arapaho National Forest (ANF) and the Bowen Gulch Protection Area (BGPA) to include an area referred to as the "Wedge". RMNA is a non-profit cooperating association that works with the USFS and the NPS on a number of issues, including land acquisition and boundary modifications related to ANF and RMNP. The Wedge is a narrow strip of land between RMNP and the BGPA within ANF north and west of Grand Lake. RMNA and the Trust for Public Land, in partnership with the US Forest Service (USFS) and the National Park Service (NPS), have worked for 20 years to acquire parcels within the Wedge. The USFS currently owns several of these parcels while RMNA owns one. Some parcels within the Wedge are still in private ownership. None of the parcels within the Wedge are formally included within the boundaries of ANF or the BGPA. Modifications to the boundaries of ANF and the BGPA require federal legislation. RMNA plans to propose to Colorado's federal delegation that they introduce legislation to modify the boundaries of ANF and the BGPA to include the Wedge area. This will allow parcels currently owned by the USFS to officially be a part of ANF and the BGPA and managed accordingly. It will also allow parcels purchased by the USFS in the future to immediately become an official part of ANF and BGPA. In the past, the Board has provided letters and resolutions supporting land acquisition related to ANF and RMNP. Staff believes that support from the Town can make a positive difference in the consideration of federal legislation. In light of the discussion held at the afternoon workshop staff believes that more information needs to be provided before addressing this matter. If the Town were to not support this effort of RMNA, it is possible that the effort would stall and the boundaries not be modified. This would have an adverse effect on how the land is managed.

Trustee Peterson moved to table consideration of this matter until such time more information is provided regarding the management of this land. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2014 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE – Mayor Burke asked Town Manager Hook to present this matter to the Board. Hook explained that pursuant to §29-1-105, C.R.S., the proposed 2014 budget was submitted to the Board of Trustees for its consideration on

September 16, 2013. Although further budget discussions will be necessary, particularly with respect to the compensation portion of the budget, the only budget activity at this time is setting the public hearing. Staff recommends the Board move to set the 2014 Budget for the Town of Grand Lake for public hearing on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., with notice of the Public Hearing to be published in the Middle Park Times on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

Trustee Peterson moved to set a Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget for the Town of Grand Lake for Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO BROADBAND LEGISLATION – Mayor Burke asked Town Manager Hook to present this matter to the Board. Hook explained that in 2005, state legislation supported by Qwest and Comcast was passed regarding broadband services. In its existing form, the legislation places certain restrictions on the role that municipalities can undertake regarding broadband services within their community. Several larger Front Range communities are seeking to change that legislation so they have more flexibility in meeting the expectation of their communities regarding broadband services. Martin Woros, Grand County IT Director, believes that the effort being led by these Front Range communities will, in time, benefit small, rural communities such as those in Grand County. He is asking the communities in Grand County to support this request to the CML Policy Committee. Mr. Woros' email requesting support from the Town also contains some background information on the issues and indicates that the Town Managers of Fraser and Kremmling are expected to support the request. This matter only came to the attention of staff on October 10, 2013 through Trustee Weydert. Thus, staff has not had sufficient time to comprehensively look into all the issues associated with this matter. The Board discussed this matter during the afternoon workshop. Marin Woros, Grand County IT Director was present to provide additional detail and answer questions. Based on the workshop discussion, staff now has sufficient information to develop a draft letter of support, present a staff recommendation and a suggested motion for Board consideration. Staff believes that support from the Town can make a positive difference in the CML Policy Committee's consideration of whether or not to pursue legislative action on an issue. The Board should discuss the merits of supporting the proposed request to the CML Policy Committee and the contents of the draft letter of support. Staff recommends that the Board authorize Mayor Burke to sign the letter of support as presented. The Board should authorize or not authorize execution of the letter of support.

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Trustee Peterson moved to authorize Mayor Burke sign the letter of support for the broadband legislation as presented. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye.

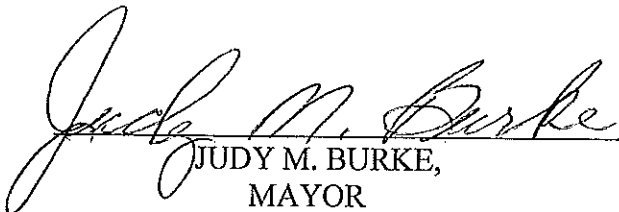
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
September, 2013:

Trustee Peterson moved to examine the Accounts Payable and Prepaid for all Funds for the Town of Grand Lake. Trustee Weydert seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye. Trustee Peterson then moved to approve the Accounts Payable and Prepaid for all Funds for the Town of Grand Lake. Trustee Weydert seconded the motion and all Trustees voted aye.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Lewis moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Weydert. All Trustees voted aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m., October 14, 2013.



JUDY M. BURKE,
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

RONDA KOLINSKE, CMC,
TOWN CLERK