

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday August 23, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Steve Kudron at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kudron led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Kudron, Trustees Bruton, Bjorkman, Calvin-Braleley and Arntson; Town Clerk Thompson, Town Manager Crone

ABSENT Trustee Southway – One Vacancy

Consideration to excuse Trustee Southway from the 8-23-2021 Workshop and Evening Meeting

Trustee Bruton made a motion to excuse Trustee Southway from the workshop and evening meeting. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Kudron announced: Please turn off all cell phones during the meeting

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Mayor Kudron stated if there are any conflicts of interest with any item on this evening agenda, Trustees may announce their conflict at this time – **None**

MANAGERS REPORT: The Delta Variant is hitting Grand County hard. Over the past couple of weeks, the county's case numbers have dramatically increased. Given this situation, the Town has implemented a new requirement that all Town workers either be vaccinated or submit weekly negative COVID tests. This was implemented for the protection of our residents and visitors. The County is still under Stage II fire restrictions. This means that no open fires or smoking outside is allowed. There are other restrictions that will be posted on our website.

The recall election will be going ahead on October 5, 2021. Ballots are being mailed out. They will have two questions: 1) Should Mayor Kudron be removed from office, and 2) if he is removed, who should be Mayor. The second question will only be considered if the Mayor is successfully recalled by the first question. Any questions should be directed to clerk@toglco.com.

With the resignation of Trustee Landy, there is a vacancy on the Board. The Board has set a deadline of September 20 for interested candidates to submit a letter of interest and all necessary paperwork. The Board will consider the candidates and select a new

Trustee at the September 27 regular Board meeting. If you are interested in the position, more information will be available soon at clerk@toglco.com.

We have almost made it through the summer; however, we still have a lot going on in Town over the next couple of months. The Corvette show will be coming to the lakefront this weekend (August 28). On September 11, the Troublesome Fest will bring some top bands to the lakefront, and from September 13 -18. Along with these two festivals, we will have our regular leaf peepers and elk buglers coming into Town throughout September and October.

With the invaluable help of Barry Young, Mike Tompkins and Ginny Wilkinson, the Town has applied for a \$1,000,000 Main Street Open for Business Grant. If the town is awarded a grant, it will go to weatherization and beautification projects at local businesses. With winter coming (we got our first snow last week), we can count on more bears coming into Town trying to fatten up. Please make sure that you keep your trash in bear proof containers and don't leave food sitting out. The Board does not have a meeting until September 13 and the CML conference is September 22 – 24.

UNSCHEDULED
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Kudron announced this time is reserved for members of the Public to make a presentation to the Board on items or issues that are not scheduled on the agenda. The Board will not discuss or debate these items, nor will the Board make any decisions on items presented during this time. Rather, the Board will refer the items to Staff for follow up. If a member of the public wishes to comment regarding items on the Agenda, time will be allocated at the beginning of each non-quasi-judicial item. For items of a quasi-judicial nature, time will be allocated during the public hearing for the item. Time limited for Public comments is 3 minutes.

Judy Burke – 390 West Mary Drive

I have a handout I would like to give to each of you. The item I would like to bring up this evening is an item in response to your accounts payable report that was held at the July 26th meeting. The letter I did hand out will explain a little bit about my thinking on this particular subject. I'm kind of funny about having in my career I've done pretty close to 8,000 closings on properties, so I think I know a little bit about this subject. I looked at the comment Trustee Southway had on an item that was a payment to Grand County for property taxes on the Stanley property and that is shown on page E5 on last month's accounts payable. It was an amount of \$2,982.30. When Trustee Southway asked about that particular entry, she was told it was a mistake on the closing and that the Town had to pay it.

That did not sound quite right to me so I called the title company and asked them about that particular item. I did tell both of the young ladies at Title Company of The Rockies that I had no official reason for asking or no official authority to ask about that entry. I was a concerned citizen trying to find out how come, at this point in time, the Town is paying 2020 property taxes on the Stanley property when we didn't purchase the property until March 10, 2021. During that discussion, I asked them if there was a mistake on the closing, which is what Trustee Southway was told. When I questioned it, I asked why the Town who should be tax exempt anyway, had paid that amount to Grand County for property taxes on the Stanley property that were 2020 delinquent taxes. Since your Treasurer is here, it might be to his advantage to know that amount is going to be paid back to the Town because it was paid in error.

Kirsten Heckendorff – 846 Lake Avenue

First I just want to say Thank You to the Chamber for an incredible weekend. It was a really great weekend. My question is actually more about the recall election and what you talked about on the ballot. Is there a way to have people be able to vote in person? I am having a bunch of people tell me that in the past they have not received ballots. I have asked everyone to check and go online with the Secretary of State but some of them, because of the timing of this weird election, they are missing their mail because they are not where they currently are listed. What should they do if they want to vote?

My second question is, they may not want to change their address, because this is such a funky timeframe of this election, so if they want to come in and get a ballot from you, is that possible? If the mailing address is let's say in Texas, but they stay here through October, they won't get their ballot.

Jennifer Thompson – Grand Lake Town Clerk

Anyone who has questions about their registration can reach out to me directly and I can check with the County Clerk as to the status of their registration. If they still have concerns about receiving their ballot, they must make sure their address is current online at govotecolorado.com to ensure they receive a ballot.

It is possible that they can receive a provisional ballot from me at Town Hall, but I have to review my mailing list to see if they had a ballot mailed to the address on file with their voter registration first. They need to ensure they update their mailing address at a minimum of two weeks before the election.

Craig Wilkerson – 607 Shadow Mountain Drive

Last week the Chamber president spoke and asked everyone who uses the ball field at the Grand Lake Center. The statement was, since nobody uses it, why don't we put FEMA housing there? That just set me off. I'm very disturbed that we haven't done anything with that park again this summer. It was watered a few times, cut once, weeds are overtaking it. Everybody knows that ground squirrels are overtaking it. It's just being left in the dark. I don't think we need to wait for a consultant to come in and tell us to fix that park up and the playground is getting run down. The wood chips haven't been changed in a couple of years; it's just getting run down. I don't know if that's on purpose, I don't know what's going on there.

The same issue with Winter Pioneers Park, nothing has been done there. Now there is another abandoned car over there. I hope that the Board follows up on some of the things that you guys talk about. One of them being the house on the Stanley property. We were supposed to get an estimate on how much it's worth and rolling ahead with possibly selling it. We haven't heard a darn thing on that. There are just so many things like that which never gets followed up on, sometimes it goes for months before we hear anything. I just hope that the Board will start following through on some of these things. I don't know if the manager forgets or just gets too much on his plate or what is going on. I just wish you guys would help out in that regard. Thank You

Keith Everhart – Public Works Director

We actually contacted Grand County Pest Control last year about the ground squirrels and there were so many complaints, because really the only way to take care of those is by poison. That is what they would utilize. With the complaints that they had received they are a little hesitant in wanting to do anything over there. So, the Board would really have to stand behind them as far as wanting to take control of that situation. I am reaching out to them and they will come over and meet with Mr. Crone.

David Rafaelli – Owner Rocky-Hi Speedway 510 Center Drive

I have a suggestion regarding the ground squirrels, an old school method to get rid of them. You take pure propane and you put it in the hole. Propane settles to the bottom, unlike natural gas which comes up. I was playing supervisor at Ferrell Gas in Granby for many years. But, if you take propane unlit, no fire, put it in the hole they will suffocate. It takes the place of oxygen. Oxygen comes up out of the hole. There are always two exits. It will settle to the bottom, they will go to sleep, no poison if a dog or something eats the dead groundhog. It makes fertilizer, it closes the hole and another groundhog won't want to live there. One afternoon someone could go around with a propane tank and a hose and just fill the holes, walk away and its done, it may take thirty minutes, maybe an hour? I'm not sure exactly how many holes are over there.

One other thing, totally different, is housing. Employee workforce housing is an issue that has been discussed for quite a while. I as a business owner for seventeen years, and a lot of businesses here in Town are having trouble finding employees, especially now. I'm having to close one day a week to cut back hours. I've got one out of four employees and I will have to close early this season. I was having a record year, better than last year, which was a record. A solution: the different levels of employee housing as to what we could do. We could build a nice, big, beautiful house and let working people live in it. We could build an apartment building and maybe rent it out, remembering they are seasonal employees it's summer workforce housing.

An apartment building still might be more affordable. What's the next level down? They could share some of the available seasonal weekend homeowners, who have semi empty houses, Judy suggested something to the affect. I don't know how that would work, that would be perhaps even more affordable where they could use a room in someone's house, where the homeowners only come up occasionally. They may be inspired with some financial advantage. What's next level, maybe an RV? They could have an RV which is substantially cheaper than a house. It's right for summer living but you can't do it in the winter. They could bring their own RV. If we had, like most towns in the southwest, RV's are huge! There are whole cities of RV's. It's a big thing. You can't do it in the winter, but you can during the summer. We are kind of on the edge of the RV world. As a business owner if I could have an RV where I can use it for employee housing it would be great. I'm not sure exactly what the rules and regulations are in the Town about RV's. I don't know if I'm right or wrong but we are allowed RV's on your own private property, hooked up only in the winter, you can't hook up and live in them in the summer in Grand Lake. AM I wrong or am I right? That is what I remember.

Hayden Southway – 512 Shadow Mountain Drive

Just want to talk about the ground squirrels for a moment since it was brought up. You can also trap them. I looked it up on Google. You can gas them. I don't believe poisoning them is a good idea at the ballpark. Dogs, birds, everything else would get the poison.

You can also shoot them. Those are our options. Just a little bit on not finding out about past things. I think putting old business on your agenda would be a good idea. Maybe some of those older things like the ground squirrels could be brought up when John is doing his manager report.

Mickey Rourke - 1015 Mountain Avenue

I was up here last month and I asked a question about town right of ways. I had the Mayor by the house and I talked to him about it. I had our Town Manager back in May come to my house and I showed him all of these things and he promised me he was going to get back to me. Well, it's August and I told him I would be back in August. He has not said one word to me about it. So, I'm here tonight to enlighten some of you about what's happening on my street, where I live. We have nightly rental violations, no parking of their own and they park on Town land. We have snowmobile storage on Town land. We have boat storage, with for sale signs, on Town land. We have heavy equipment storage on Town land. We have full size trailers parked, nobody in them, stored on Town land. We have trash cans and dumpsters on Town land. We have people sleeping in RV's on Town land. And besides that, there have been four buildings where they needed to get building permits. I came to the Town on all four of them and one of them was given a stop order but nothing has happened. They are just working slower so it's harder to see.

It's really hard and this is my street. All the neighbors know I'm looking and they will throw me under the bus. It's just not right. If you don't like the rules, change the rules. I'm not here because everything is happening, everything I've told you, is happening on Town land. I'm here because there are Ordinances which prohibit that. Now, change them. Put them anyway you want, just take the rules, and throw them away. I was almost not coming tonight until I started to see the political signs on Town land. Real Estate signs, there are not supposed to be any signs or advertising on Town land. It's an Ordinance and we have that. Now politics is getting involved. I think that should be cleared up one way or the other. If you want to allow it, pass the new Ordinance, or cancel the old Ordinance.

I just want to read something to you now. I, Trustees name, do solemnly swear to or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the state of Colorado, and the Ordinances of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado. That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I take this obligation freely and without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion, and that I will and faithfully perform the duties of the office of Trustee of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado. You have all taken it. There's Ordinances that are being broken. And the other thing, what if I didn't sit down right now? What if I stayed here, what would happen? Would you get the officers to remove me? So that rule they will abide by. Somebody talking longer than three minutes. The other rules don't apply.

Kathy Weydert – 811 Tallaquah

I just want to address, and I know Ms. Burke spoke about some of the financial issues, there are a lot of accounting problems going on. We have yet to see the 2020 audit. Going through the credit card bills and the financials, every month, month after month, there are late charges from bills not being paid on time. We just got our most recent water bill, that I believe should have been mailed well over a month ago. The business

license applications just came out, which I think starts the first of July? The businesses are just now getting their applications for this upcoming year. In regard to the property taxes, during Judy’s discussion with the title company, they were told that there was still an outstanding check because the Town was given a \$258 dollar refund because they had overpaid at the closing. That check has still not been cashed and that was back in March. What is happening to all of our money here? We can’t get our bills out on time, we can’t get them paid, we are letting checks go uncashed. How much do you take in on the water bills and on the business license fees? And oh, by the way, that business license fee, the majority of it goes to the Grand Lake Chamber. That is where they get a vast majority of their funding. I guess we are covering up because we haven’t collected it yet. I would just like to see more accountability in our finances.

Mary Hoos – 902 County Road 4980

Last meeting my husband John Hoos had asked the Board to please speak to the Loveland and Trinidad Art Space participants, Mayors and especially Trinidad, to find out how it financially went for their towns. I wondered if any of the Board members have done that. I hope that you will let the Board and the community know what the outcome was and I think you should deeply research that as we all have and I trust that the Board will as well going forward with Art Space. It’s on the Towns back, the financial responsibility on the Town can be devastating. Thank You

Rebecca Bradbury – 909 Grand Avenue

Behind the Sagebrush, the road that runs through there, that alley has been stopped and I’m not sure that they are going to open it. We did get back there this afternoon and there is a big ditch that goes back behind the other buildings. We are trying to find out if that was going to be opened up or not. Thank You

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated June 14, 2021, and June 28, 2021

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated June 14, 2021, and June 28, 2021. Trustee Calvin-Braleley seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for August 2021

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for August 2021. Trustee Calvin-Braleley seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye

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Trustee Bruton Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to appoint Trustee Bjorkman as Mayor Pro-Tem

Trustee Calvin-Braleley made a motion to appoint Trustee Bjorkman as Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustee Arntson seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to enter into a Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross

Trustee Calvin-Braleley made a motion to enter into a facility use agreement for use of the Grand Lake Center as an American Red Cross temporary emergency use facility with no fee. Trustee Arntson seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve an asphalt bid from Acord Asphalt in the amount of \$300,326.50 with a Performance Bond of \$15,000

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the asphalt bid with Acord Asphalt as presented. Trustee Calvin-Braleley seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration of a Chip Seal bid with A-ONE Chip Seal

Trustee Calvin-Braleley made a motion to table the chip seal bid. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

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FUTURE ITEMS & STAFF DIRECTION:

Draft Resolution for fee waiver for annual Craft Fair
Ground Squirrels at Grand Lake Center
Follow up on county tax bill with the Stanley property purchase
Follow up on check in the amount of \$258 not getting deposited

MAYORS REPORT:

I will make this one brief. I was really happy to see what happened over the last couple of days with Buffalo Days. It was a fun, family friendly Grand Lake time. I appreciate everybody who participated, everybody who volunteered. It was really great to see different faces and an awful lot of people stepped up to make this years Buffalo Days work. The Chamber of Commerce deserves a ton of credit. This Board really came down on that we were losing the flavor of what Buffalo Days was and had been and it got stale. I really want to applaud the Chamber for looking at the past and creating an event that all ages really, really enjoyed. In addition, when this Board named Buffalo Days as one of the signature events and dedicated funds, we put our name behind it too. Our Public Works did more than their share, in fact they were rock stars.

Things got cleaned up when they were done being used. Roads were blocked and unblocked when they needed to be. We had a really, really challenging time as we have had all summer long with the traffic because of this huge project that is finally getting done. The visitors really enjoyed themselves. I could not be prouder for the entire Town. I had visitors from all over the country stop and tell me that they would definitely be back and Grand Lake really measured up to anything that they had ever hoped for and it exceeded their expectations almost every time. Every weekend is going to be busy. We are going to start seeing some ups and downs with our visitors and that means that Public Works projects are going to start getting done.

We are still working on the rods so there is still inconvenience. When the Corvettes come it's going to be another busy, busy day down on the lakefront. Labor Day is after that and the Troublesome Fest is right around the corner too. We have an awful lot of things to do. I encourage everybody to be involved. Continue to speak your truths and we will see where it takes us. Thank you to the Board for everything you have been doing. Thank you for your voices and for sharing with our community how important your thoughts are. I do appreciate it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Calvin-Braleley seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Trustee Southway	Absent
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

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This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:37 PM.



(Attest)

Jennifer Thompson

Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron

Steve Kudron, Mayor