

TOWN OF SAGUACHE
Board of Trustees
Special Session
October 17, 2012

The Town of Saguache Board of Trustees met for a Special Session on October 17, 2012, with Trustees being present as follows:

Mayor Milton Jones	Present
May Engquist, Trustee	Present
Lyn Miles, Trustee	Present
Carla Quintana, Trustee	Present
Tina Serna, Trustee	Present
Greg Terrell, Trustee	Present
Kate Vasha, Trustee	Present

Town of Saguache employees present as follows:

Therese Garcia, Town Clerk	Present
Johnann McKee, Deputy Clerk	Absent
Dan Pacheco, Public Works	Absent

Town of Saguache Attorney present as follows:

Eugene Farish, Attorney	Present
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Citizens in Attendance: Ed Gonzales, Viaero Wireless; Tim Lovato; Tom McCracken; Sarah Koehn Frey; Lorraine Lopez; Pete N. Garcia; Iris Garcia; David Hammel; Eddie Garcia; Julia Hammel; Mackenzie Hammel; Kezsa Hammel; Alyssa Hammel; Rick Barandes; Loraine Quintana- Williams; Elvie Samora; Stacey Samora; Riff Fenton; and Kelsey Hauck

Call to Order: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Discussion on access easement for Viaero Wireless: Mr. Gonzales gave a brief summary of the proposed tower site. Mr. Gonzales mentioned that what Viaero is asking from the Town of Saguache Board of Trustees is an access easement. Several citizens expressed concerns of safety for workers, placement of proposed tower site; Possible tee pee rings located about on hill and concern about them getting damaged. Citizens in support for the cell tower and allowing access to Viaero were expressed, some of the discussion was in regard to: Viaero providing competition; economy impact would be for Saguache; rebuilding of road so it may not scar hillside too much (reclamation on road); does not want to town to die off, believes that having the means for individuals to run their personal businesses would be a benefit; and Mr. Gonzales addressed questions.

Discuss/Review/Approve Access Easement: The Board members asked questions and discussed the tower and the easement. The board was concerned about the road reclamation; free availability to emergency responders; investigate tee pee rings; Mr. Gonzales responded to the questions.

MOTION by Trustee Serna; Second by Trustee Quintana

Trustee Serna moved to grant Viaero Wireless the access easement for the tower with the conditions as discussed.

Vote as follows: Trustee Vasha – no; Trustee Terrell – aye; Trustee Miles – aye; Trustee Engquist – no; Trustee Quintana – aye; Mayor Pro-Tem Serna –aye; Mayor Jones – aye

VOTE: 4 – Aye; 3 – No; 0 – Abstain

Motion approved

Town Board members gave a brief explanation of each of their votes:

Trustee Kate Vasha (voted – no): Feels town does need a tower; Writing grant for Historic District on 4th St. – impact to downtown.

Trustee Greg Terrell (voted no): Condition of Viaero road; vast majority of citizens against.

Trustee Lyn Miles (voted – aye): Concerns about tee pee rings and road.

Trustee May Engquist (voted – no): Not pleased involved in project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tina Serna (voted – aye): believes town does need to move forward to be able to work and live here in Saguache.

Trustee Carla Quintana (voted – aye): Agrees with Mr. McCracken- good for town; believes not going to ruin the Town.

Executive Session (if needed): None was needed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jones at 8:03 p.m.

TOWN OF SAGUACHE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SAGUCHE, COLORADO

Milton Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Therese Garcia, Town Clerk