



BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 2023 MEETING

**March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

MINUTES

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Babich called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Toby Babich

Trustee Joel Dixon

Trustee Kelly Finley

Trustee Mark Fossett

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Pilling

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Also present: Town Attorney Bob Widner; Town Manager Michelle Eddy

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Fossett, Seconded by Trustee Finley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Finley, Trustee Fossett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter

A. Minutes for January 31, 2023

B. \$81,236.77

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.

Mayor Babich reported he will be following best practices and limiting public comments to designated areas on the agenda to allow for work to be conducted by the Trustees moving forward. He will be noting this at the beginning of each meeting for all in attendance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

C. Pay-As-You-Throw discussion

Mayor Babich introduced the topic and reviewed previous discussions. It was noted that the information in the packet was from a previous presentation.

Jen Schenk, Executive Director HC3 and Allie Flynn, Programs Manager were present to discuss what is happening in other towns in the county. Breckenridge and Frisco have adopted PAYT (pay as you throw) and will be implemented by October 1st of this year. A large educational campaign has been released. It was noted that Timberline is no longer servicing Blue River. She noted the County Commissioners are reviewing and considering options for later this year for effective next year.

Discussion on how the program works and the potential costs based on size of container. It was noted that towns are being asked to consider the program. The pricing is geared towards encouraging families to recycle more and reduce the size of trash can they need for a lower cost. Discussion of need to watch how it works in Breckenridge and what the County ends up deciding.

Discussion to wait and see as there is a concern of the costs and whether or not it will have the necessary effect desired. Mayor Babich reviewed reason for the program and ongoing larger discussions taking place. It was discussed that residents utilizing Garbage Gurus have the option to use a pay as you throw model as an option. If the Town chose pay as you throw it would be mandated and not an option. The ordinance would require the diversion.

Discussion that there are currently struggles with services and a concern that this would further hinder services. Suggestion to reach out to haulers to discuss overall services and would this be viable. Decision to continue to wait and see how everything moves forward with the County and how it works in Breckenridge and Frisco.

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS

D. Articles 8 & 9 of Chapter 16B-Sign Code & Lighting

Attorney Widner reviewed rules around signs and lighting. Noting what the Town can regulate and what it cannot regulate. He noted that much of what is proposed currently exists in the code. He noted there are currently illegal signs within the town that will remain illegal in the new code.

He asked the Trustees what the reasonable size for an address sign. It was discussed to follow the fire district's sizing. Noted for addressing along Hwy 9 should be limited to the address and not naming of the property. Discussion to limit the size to a max of three square feet and limit it to an address and located 7' away from the road. Noting there can be two signs. One on the home and one 7' from the road. It was noted an exception for shared driveways or duplexes will be allowed three square feet. Illumination of signs will not be permitted except as noted to be consistent with the illumination code. This does not apply to reflective numbers.

Subdivision signage is drafted as currently allowed. Discussion for the Town to create and maintain the neighborhood signs. It was discussed to include a review and application process. It was agreed to allow for downlighting consistent with the illumination code.

Yard statues will be regulated to a maximum height of 12' and eight feet wide. Anything larger would need a special hardship. It was noted that anything existing will be allowed to remain. It was noted that smaller statues do not require a permit. Yard statues may not be illuminated.

Temporary sign code exists. It was recommended to be limited to six square feet. Banners are not allowed. As far time limits, it is not allowed to restrict time unless it is in public right of way.

For the lighting code, it is recommended to leave as currently adopted and modify later if desired. The Town Attorney recommended to maintain the landscaping, streets, roads and environmental standards as they currently exist. He noted the last section 16C is the process to be reviewed in April. A revised draft will be presented to the Trustees and given to Planning & Zoning for a public hearing and review. There will also be a public hearing with the Trustees prior to approval.

VI. REPORTS

E. Mayor

Mayor Babich reported the Finance Committee discussed reviewing accounts and reinvesting in other money market accounts with higher interest rates.

F. Trustees

i. **Citizen Advisory Committee** -Trustee Finley reported the Committee met and discussed dark skies. The Committee received a checklist for review of the night sky. The Committee has discussed upcoming events and incentives centered around wildfire and noxious weeds. The Town will be assisting with the marketing of utilizing the Boy Scouts for weed pulling.

The committee has recommended a \$1,500 scholarship for the one high school applicant. Trustee Hopkins moved and Trustee Fossett seconded to approve the high school scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Finley reported the Committee met with Captain Matt Benedict and the wildfire grants and mitigation along with weed mitigation.

ii. **Open Space and Trails Committee** - Trustee Dixon reported the Committee conducted a couple of field trips to review existing areas of focus. The field trips were beneficial for the committee members to understand the larger vision.

He also noted a need to meet with the committee and the fuel treatment group to understand the project and work to be conducted. Manager Eddy noted once there is a better understanding of what will happen, there will be an opportunity.

iii. **Planning and Zoning** - Trustee Hopkins reported the commission did not meet in March.

iv. **Transit Authority** - Trustee Pilling reported the Transit Board has filed for a grant to study micro transit in the area. Bruce Camping has retired and his replacement has been hired.

v. **Wildfire Council** - Trustee Slaughter reported the council met March 9th. There is a wildfire resiliency code board being formed by the state. There was a discussion around insurance costs and a need to educate on all of the work being done. The chipping program and field trips will continue this year.

vi. **CDOT** - Trustee Fossett had no report.

G. Attorney

Attorney Widner noted Keystone is voting for incorporation Tuesday, March 28th.

H. Staff Report

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Finley relayed an issue in calling dispatch and reporting an issue and being unable to reach an officer. Manager Eddy noted she was aware of the situation and the issue is with the 911 Center and following the town protocols for on call services. It is an issue the Chief is working on with the center.

VIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Finley, Seconded by Trustee Fossett.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Finley, Trustee Fossett, Trustee Hopkins,

Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter

NEXT MEETING -

April 25, 2023

Reports from the Town Manager, Mayor and Trustees; Scheduled Meetings and other matters are topics listed on the Regular Trustees Agenda. If time permits at the work session, the Mayor and Trustees may discuss these items. The Board of Trustees may make a Final Decision on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of whether it is listed as an action item.