

**TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AT 1:00 PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, MUSEUM ROOM, 108 W. GALENA AVE.,
CRESTONE, CO. 81131**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call-** Present were Trustees Diane Bairstow, Kizzen Laki and Lonny Roth. Trustee John Grotenhuis was absent with notice, and Trustees Mark Talbot and Adam Kinney were absent without notice. Mayor Kairina Danforth who was present and presiding, declared a quorum present. Also present were Attorney Gene Farish and Acting Town Clerk Allyson Ransom.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** *Trustee Laki moved and Trustee Bairstow seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the inclusion of an update on the East Golden Avenue road repairs up to Scott Swordy's property. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*
4. **Skoglund Excavation** – Mayor Danforth reported on the funding situation with FEMA and not having money available at this time to pay the full contract amount to Mr. Skoglund for drainage work. The Board discussion included the following: that no actual contract from FEMA was found, the irregularities during the bid process that involved Cooley and Skoglund, the need to fill in open trenches on Galena Avenue due to safety concerns and to prevent water lines from freezing, and the concerns of residents who were not notified before work began in front of their properties. Trustee Laki also presented historical information on previous drainage work and detailed which studies were completed. *Trustee Laki moved and Trustee Bairstow seconded to cancel the Skoglund contract on culvert work and request a refund from Skoglund for the Town's overpayment for their partial work already completed, and the work will be put out for bid again in 2016. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*
5. **Water Court Statement of Opposition** – *Trustee Laki moved and Trustee Bairstow seconded to authorize Peter Nichols to prepare a Statement of Opposition to the Water Court. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*
6. **Town Center Renovation – Railings/Greenhouse.** The Board discussed the need to wait until spring to finish painting railings and installing the greenhouse. Further discussion followed including revisiting designs for enlarging Town Hall office and meeting spaces and understanding the full scope of renovation grant. *Trustee Laki moved and Trustee Roth seconded to wait on installing the greenhouse due to the General Fund being low and winter weather considerations. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*
7. **East Golden Avenue Improvements- Scott Swordy.** The Board discussed that they had previously approved, by motion, to spend no more than \$2500.00 on E. Golden road repairs up to Scott Swordy's property. Mayor Danforth agreed to contact the appropriate people and have road base and grading started as soon as possible.

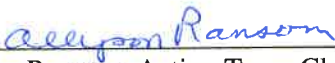
8. *Trustee Laki moved and Mayor Danforth seconded to give Acting Town Clerk Allyson Ransom a raise to \$15.00 per hour, effective immediately, to reflect the work load and added responsibilities asked of her. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*

9. **Citizens' Comments-**

The Town of Saguache Mayor, Greg Terrell, shared an announcement/invitation to the Board to attend a meeting on November 23rd with the Saguache Sheriff on law enforcement coverage for the smaller towns in Saguache County.

Resident Warren Stephens commented on the Town's sewer rate increase and that it should be reviewed because it looks incorrect. He thinks the percentage that was calculated may have been applied to a Baca Grande contract amount that included a debt service amount that was already paid off in 2014. The Board requested that Stephens outline these points in writing; meanwhile, Treasurer Busby has contacted Baca Grande Water and Sanitation requesting a copy of the original contract.

10. **Adjourn-** *Trustee Laki moved and Trustee Bairstow seconded to adjourn meeting at 3:10 pm. The vote of the Trustees present was unanimously in favor, and Mayor Danforth declared the motion carried.*



Allyson Ransom, Acting Town Clerk



Kairina Danforth, Mayor