



## MINUTES of the IGNACIO TOWN BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Avenue  
and via Remote Public Meeting

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem deKay called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She opened the meeting by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

### II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Trustee Tom Atencio, Trustee Edward Box III, Trustee Sharon Craig, Trustee Dixie Melton

Absent: Mayor Stella Cox, Trustee Sandra Maez

Guests:

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Dunavant, TBK Bank 351 Bayfield Center Drive, expressed appreciation for the warm welcome he has experienced from the Town Board. He is retiring September 30, so this may be his last meeting at the Town of Ignacio. He stated that, at one meeting he attended in a different community, one of the Trustees approached him and asked why he was there. The welcoming attitude that the Town of Ignacio Board and Staff have expressed have made it very nice; he commended different staff members by their titles. He stated that the Town is very successful and he is delighted to transfer the care of the town to Annette Gallegos, the new TBK representative for the Town.

Clark Craig, 15682 Hwy 172, Chamber of Commerce President, gave a brief report on the Green Chile Fest, stating that every aspect of that event exceeded the expectations of the Board. After the event was over, Amos Lee, of Farmers Fresh, approached Clark and requested that the Chamber host a beer tent at their annual Brisket Cook-Off which is scheduled for October 9.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021
- B. Financial Records – August Check Register and August Accounting Reports
- C. Wells Liquor South Liquor License Renewal Application

**Action:** Trustee Craig moved to approve the consent agenda; Trustee Melton seconded the motion.

Trustee Atencio requested a voice vote since a liquor license application was included. Mayor Pro Tem deKay request a voice vote; the motion passed unanimously.

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Garcia stated that the Hybrid Meeting Ordinance was overlooked to be put on the agenda for this evening's meeting. It will be place on the agenda for the October meeting.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Resolution 04-2021 – Ignacio South Property Acquisition

There have been a couple of executive sessions (the seller requested that the terms of the contract be discussed confidentially) to discuss the potential purchase of Lot 2 of the Williams Subdivision. The Town and the seller have come to an agreement and the closing is scheduled. Property is purchased by the Town via Resolution, outlining the terms of the contract.

**Action:** Trustee Atencio moved to accept Resolution 04-2021, authorizing the acquisition of real property with legal description of Lot 2, Williams Field Service Subdivision in the Town of Ignacio. Trustee Craig seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem deKay called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. Broadband Speed Test Certification – Public Hearing and Certification Letter Approval

Mr. Garcia stated that FastTrack applied for a grant last year, with the Town's cooperation, but was not awarded the grant for fiber to the premises. The grant cycle has opened again, and FastTrack is applying again. Part of the application process is to certify that the area is either underserved or unserved; this is a formal process that includes notifying the wire line providers that are listed on the grant application paperwork (which we have done), notice a public hearing in the local paper (which we have done), hold a public hearing (which is happening this evening), and certify the results. There have been no comments from the wire line providers. There were 26 respondents to the speed test survey; 3 met the criteria and all others failed.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay opened the public hearing at 6:47 PM; there were no comments, so she closed the public hearing at 6:47 PM and called for a motion.

**Action:** Trustee Melton moved to write a certification letter for Broadband test certification; Trustee Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### C. Regional Housing Alliance Intergovernmental Agreement Review and Approval

Mr. Garcia stated that he thought this IGA would be ready to review and take action on this evening; however, the final draft has not yet been received from the RHA.

The monthly RHA Meeting will be in Ignacio tomorrow; Mr. Garcia invited any trustees to attend who desired to do so.

### D. COVID-19 Update

San Juan Basin Public Health approached Dixie and Mark about hosting a booster clinic; they declined due to the fact that there are many other local agencies hosting these events.

Still have about \$17,000 Corona Virus Relief Funds available; these will need to be expended by the end of 2021.

Town is considering having a rapid test available at Town Hall for staff.

## VII. STAFF REPORTS

### A. Police Department

Chief stated that this is the first meeting he has been at in-person for about 18 months.

Officer Lott is completing his training program and will transition to working alone in about two weeks. Officer Perez will transition to the School Resource Officer position at that time.

Hope Christian Academy has 111 students and 16 staff members. Chief met with the principal to go over safety protocols and plans to bring them under IPD's umbrella of safety protocols.

He has approved the special event permit for Farmer's Fresh Brisket Cook-Off. He will not be at the Special Meeting for the Chamber's Special Event Permit Public Hearing and he wants the Board to know that he has no issues with the application. The Chamber has always done a great job at these events.

Chief has sat on the LPYS Board of Directors for 10 years; he resigned effective today. He would like one of the Trustees to sit on this board, as was the practice in the past, and asked anyone interested to reach out to him. The Board meets once a month on Monday at noon.

#### B. Public Works Department

Received Heath Consultant RMLD leak detector for gas leaks

Storm drain cleaning beginning on September 16

Mr. Mickey received waste water certification from the State

Garry is working with those businesses that are not yet compliant with Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control; he is also staying up to date with Building Code Inspections

Trustee Craig expressed appreciation to Jeremey's staff for all their help with Green Chile Fest

Chief echoed Trustee Craig's sentiments about the help that PW gave during school events

Trustee Melton asked for an update on the signalization of the Becker/Goddard intersection. Mr. Mickey explained there were some issues with ADA ramps and the contractor had a COVID outbreak and were not able to work for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Atencio asked about the irrigation pump. Mr. Mickey stated that the PW Department will test the pump at the end of this season and hope to put it into operation next season.

#### C. Clerk/Treasurer

Ms. Dunton stated that the Special Event Permit application from the Chamber requires a public hearing. She asked the Board for input on the date of a special meeting that must be a minimum of 10 days prior to the event. Mr. Garcia suggested that the Board also have a work session to review the draft budget immediately following the special meeting for the Public Hearing for the Special Event Permit for the Chamber. By consensus the Board chose Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for the special meeting and work session.

Ms. Dunton stated that Ocianna, the Administrative Assistant, resigned to pursue an employment opportunity that is more in line with her chose career path. The Administrative Assistant position has been posted, but no one has applied.

The CML District meeting will be on October 7 in Mancos.

**D. Town Manager**

Mr. Garcia has been working with CHAFFA on a \$25,000-\$70,000 housing grant for studying the Slaughterhouse and Lot 2 Williams Subdivision properties.

Colorado University Technical Assistance Program for Downtown Development should kick off soon. This could open the door for other grant funding.

Broadband and Rock Creek projects moving forward slowly; RHA is a focus currently to be able to move forward more quickly.

**E. Attorney**

Has been working with Mr. Garcia on the Marijuana Question, and working with Mr. Garcia & Chief on nuisance enforcement.

**VIII. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Craig stated that the Economic Alliance will have their annual summit on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Casino. She also stated that she will be attending the CML Conference on September 23 and 24.


Mayor Pro Tem deKay stated that the third grade class would like as many Trustees and/or staff to attend the zoom event on government and be available to answer questions. This event will take place on Wednesday, 8:30 AM on Sept 29, Oct 6 or Oct 13. By consensus, the Board selected Sept 29.

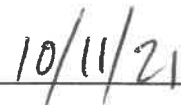
**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Pro Tem deKay adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting.

  
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**Alison deKay, Mayor Pro Tem**

  
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**Date**

  
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**Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk**