

HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2021

Town Board Present: Mayor Kevin Eldredge, Jon Spendlove, Tony Dinges & Kurt Sawyer
Melissa Poulsen was absent.

Staff Present: Dave Barnhurst & Jacie Torgersen

Public Present: Scot Walter, Mason Lefevre & Lincoln Poulsen

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Eldredge called the meeting to order at 7pm. Scot Walter offered the opening prayer and Councilor Spendlove led those present in the pledge.

2. Approval of February 17, 2021 Minutes

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Spendlove seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review February Invoices, checks & financial report

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the expenditures and Councilor Dinges seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Acquisition of Hatch Cemetery to Hatch Town

Jacie Torgersen and Melissa Poulsen met with the county commissioners and Escalante City who is in the same situation as Hatch with their cemetery. The county agreed to let the town's take over the care of the cemeteries. The county will continue to collect the taxes because that cannot be changed. They will then turn that money over to the towns. The town will maintain the cemetery and do the books and everything for it. The county will draw up an agreement with the towns for this. The county could not find anything on file with the bylaws of the cemetery. They suggested just drafting up some new ones if the cemetery does not have some. Barry Huntington, the county attorney, will take care of that. David Barnhurst said that the cemetery does have some by-laws. The cemetery board currently has three members but the town council would like to see the cemetery board have five. This way if not everyone can be available there could still be a quorum to vote. At the meeting with the county, they suggested possibly having the mayor or a council member serve on the board along with the town's maintenance person who will take care of the cemetery. Those currently listed on the cemetery board with the county are Debbie Barnhurst, Melissa Poulsen & Raquel Thompson. Debbie Barnhurst no longer lives in Hatch and hasn't for a couple years. Raquel Thompson is only here seasonal and is in Hawaii in the winter. David Barnhurst has been serving as the chairman of the cemetery board for the last couple of years and he isn't even listed as being on the committee. The county just suggested redoing the board since there are some issues with it. The town council would like to have the by-laws say that they need to be a full time resident of the Hatch Cemetery District to serve on the committee. Mayor Eldredge said he would be willing to serve on the

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cemetery board. The council decided that they could each just come up with one person to appoint to the cemetery board. Jacie Torgersen suggested that they get someone else to serve on the board besides Melissa Poulsen since she is also serving on the town board and as an employee of the town as the town treasurer. Melissa Poulsen has been working on reports for the cemetery that haven't been done the last couple years and has gotten everything turned in and completed so the cemetery should be getting their money now and be back on track. Councilor Sawyer told Dave Barnhurst if he wanted to continue to serve on the committee, he would suggest his name. Mr. Barnhurst said it is easy just marking the graves and renting the machine to get them dug. He used the dump truck for the last grave and he would like permission to get a battery tender for it to keep it charged. He said it would be around \$100 for a triple charger. Jacie Torgersen will contact Barry Huntington and so they can move forward with the bylaws and agreement with the county for the cemetery.

5.2 Website for Town

Jacie Torgersen had some names and numbers from Panguitch City and Garfield County from companies who build websites and would like to get permission to move forward with getting bids for the town of Hatch to have a website made. Councilor Dinges said that Torrey has a nice basic one and suggested that the town start out with something basic like that. The council would like something professional, basic and easy to use. They suggested coming up with an RFP to get bids for the next meeting.

5.3 Bond for Liquor License

The town received a letter regarding Hi-Petroleum and their insurance has lapsed. The insurance is required to have a liquor license in the Town of Hatch. The council would like Jacie Torgersen to send him a letter and state that his license will be consider revoked if proof of insurance is not provided within 10 days.

6. Ordinances

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

Water usage for February 2021 was 284,700 gallons from well #5. Dave Barnhurst is still running on well #5 to try and give well #4 a break since it had to run for several months straight.

7.1.a Winter Water Meter Reading Policy

Mr. Barnhurst prepared a water meter reading policy to have on file in the office so that there will be a written policy in case a question arises. (see attached)

7.1.b Chlorination Building Check Valve Repair

Dave Barnhurst packed around the valve and it is working and holding for now. The floor is dry and has been for a couple of weeks to the town may not need to purchase a new check valve.

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Jacie Torgersen says that the water has tasted different at her house and Mayor Eldredge also said it has at his. Mr. Barnhurst did have the water checked for chlorine and there is no trace of chlorine in the water. The water is not being treated but well #5 was treated with chlorine after the repair was made so maybe it needs to be flushed out more.

7.2 Fire Department-

7.2.a Jaws of Life

The town was able to get a new jaws of life from Tropic fire department. They were going to sell it but they just decided to give it to the town. The fire department members also just got new pagers from the county that were distributed at the last meeting. The county purchased them with some stimulus money.

7.3 Road Department-

7.3.a UDOT Quarterly Allotment

The town is getting \$710 more each quarter from UDOT because of the change the chip sealing that was done on the roads. Councilor Sawyer and Easten Torgersen filled in the pot hole on the Proctor Canyon road with the dirt and rocks. It needs to be compacted. Councilor Sawyer suggested renting a jumping jack to tamp it down and possible fill it with slurry or cement. The hole is big underneath the road, like an 8-foot hole.

Councilor Dinges had some information on the streetlights. It will cost the town \$400 to have them installed and then \$7 a month for each of the lights. He suggested three lights; one near the highway, one across from Blackburn and one near Janett Young's home. Councilor Sawyer suggested the town move forward with three new streetlights.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 3rd at 9am. Councilor Poulsen will have everything all ready to go if the council can just come at 8AM to set the eggs out for the hunt.

Councilor Poulsen would also like to order a cart for the TV to go on. She had some prices and examples from Amazon. The council gave her the go ahead to order the cart.

7.5 Grants-

There is a CIB meeting next week that someone from the town needs to attend if the town is planning to apply this year. It will be over zoom.

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.6.a Scot Walter Building Permit & Pods

A conditional use permit was approved by the planning & zoning commission for Scot Walter to have eight pods on his property during construction. This permit is good for one year only. The commission also approved a building permit for his home. Mayor Eldredge signed the building permit but Kerry Barney still needs to sign it. The conditional use permit that he had was for vocational rentals so Jacie Torgersen will get the correct conditional use permit for him and it will need to be signed by the appropriate authorities. There will also

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be a fee associated with the conditional permit. Mr. Walter is also planning on parking an RV on his property and living in it during construction. That is permissible as long as it is only temporary. If it goes past the dates specified on the ordinance, he would need to get a conditional use permit.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

A question was asked to the town about the location of the water line installed for Gene Wilson's home. Dave Barnhurst stated that the water line is in the same trench as South Central so they could just call blue stakes to have it marked.

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Sawyer motioned to adjourn and Councilor Spendlove seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.