



## MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD

This was a virtual meeting on Zoom  
Town Board Room  
807 Mountain Avenue  
Town of Berthoud, Colorado  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 6:30 p.m.

### I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor William Karspeck

Mayor Karspeck called the meeting to order.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor William Karspeck

Mayor Karspeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. ROLL CALL – Mayor William Karspeck

The following Board Members were present:

William Karspeck, Mayor  
Maureen Dower, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jeff Hindman, Trustee  
Tim Hardy, Trustee  
May Soricelli, Trustee  
Lonnie Stevens, Trustee  
Mike Grace, Trustee

The following were also present:

Chris Kirk, Town Administrator  
Christian Samora, Town Clerk  
Erin Smith, Town Attorney

### IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was not any participation from the public.

### V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 1. Consent Agenda

(Christian Samora)

*Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine by the Town Board and will be enacted with a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

- a) April 28, 2020 Meeting Agenda
- b) March 10, 20 & 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- c) April 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- d) IT Professional Services Contract
- e) Resolution 2020-08 Appointing Officers
- f) December 2019 Financial Information

Trustee Grace motioned to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Hindman seconded the motion. With all in favor, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 2. LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT FUNDING

(Chris Kirk)

Administrator Kirk gave an introduction and provided background information regarding the program.

The Town Board asked several clarifying questions regarding how the program would work.

Walt Elish provided an update to the Town Board regarding the Larimer County Loan Fund.

**Trustee Hindman motioned to approve the Town of Berthoud Local Business Relief Program as presented, effective April 29, 2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Dower seconded the motion. In a 7-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. EXTENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE OIL AND GAS SUSPENSION (Chris Kirk)**

Administrator Kirk provided background information regarding the extension of the administrative suspension.

Trustee Stevens asked for clarification regarding the interest in oil wells on Town property. Administrator Kirk clarified that there have not been any applications for new wells within the Town. Kirk continued to explain that oil companies are able access mineral rights owned by the Town without placing a well on Town Property.

**Trustee Hardy motioned to approve Resolution 2020-09, a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Berthoud extending a temporary administrative suspension of oil and gas permit applications. Trustee Hindman seconded the motion. In a 7-0 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**1. Town Board – Tim Hardy, Jeff Hindman, May Soricelli, Lonnie Stevens, Mike Grace**

Trustee Hardy had a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Berthoud Mainstreet. He is hoping to see businesses get back to normal.

Trustee Hardy stated that he and Trustee Hindman would like to switch roles as liaisons on the advisory committees. Trustee Hardy will serve as a liaison on the Historic Preservation Commission and Trustee Hindman will serve as a liaison on the Parks Open Space and Trails Committee.

Trustee Hardy stated that he would like to have a future discussion regarding private mosquito spraying keeping the pollinator policy in mind. It will be brought back at a study session for further discussion.

Trustee Hindman stated that he really liked the banner over Fickle Park.

Trustee Soricelli stated that people can give to the Let's Planet Giving fund called *It Takes A Village*. Trustee Soricelli stated that 100% of the funds stay in the community.

Trustee Stevens asked if there is a single website that has all the information regarding where people can get loan and grant help for businesses. Administrator Kirk explained the various available resources.

Trustee Grace stated that he did not have much of a report. He stated that he's really starting to see a lot of kids out and the charm of Berthoud is starting to really shine.

**2. Mayor Pro Tem Dower**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dower stated that she wanted to thank the Town staff, Walt, Berthoud Main Street for really stepping up. Dower thanked Soricelli for bringing up the Lets Planet Giving Resource.

3. Mayor – William Karspeck

Mayor Karspeck and Mayor Pro-Tem Dower were on a call with Congressman Neguse. All the federal delegates are on board for local relief for municipalities.

Today Mayor Karspeck had a several-hour video conference regarding the front range passenger rail. The conversation was regarding how the BNSF Route will be the track moving forward with a possible tax question state ballot for 2021 or 2022.

Mayor Karspeck reminded everyone to fill out their 2020 Census forms. He stated that getting that returned is very important. In Weld County, Berthoud was in the top 3 response rate. Administrator Kirk stated that Berthoud is a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Loveland in Larimer County.

Administrator Kirk reported that the comp plan survey is being prepared. The process will have many opportunities to get community feedback. Kirk felt that there may be a better response rate with more people at home.

Board Retreat – Kirk spoke to Gregg Piburn regarding a retreat with a similar format to the last. The idea being that everyone can get together and focus on the strategic priorities. Zoom meeting calls will be scheduled to chat with Gregg Piburn one on one.

Trustee Hindman asked which dates the retreat will be on. Kirk stated it would be the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May. The individual calls with Piburn would be Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

VII. ADJOURN

**The Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 PM.**

  
Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk

  
William Karspeck, Mayor

