



MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD

Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6:30 p.m.

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Pro Tem Hindman Called into session 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tem Hindman

III. ROLL CALL – Mayor Karspeck was not present.

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION –

Mark Chaffee spoke about Berthoud Lodging Tax. He feels it could be used to the betterment of our community and have a more positive impact. He also stated that we should set a separate fund for tourism. The Berthoud Community Tourism is the cleanest money that comes through Berthoud because it does not leave a footprint and only leaves money behind. It is here today and gone tomorrow. He gave an example of Loveland and how they use their revenue. To his knowledge he is the only contributor to this. However, in his research he found that there are nine other lodging opportunities in Berthoud that are not paying sales tax or lodging tax. He appreciated Administrator Kirk for shutting down some VRBO. He feels that there should be a level playing field and collect the tax from all forms of lodging. He stated that the two issues are fairness and the right in terms of those paying and not paying.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of April 23, 2019 Agenda
- b) Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019
- c) February 2019 Financials Information

Trustee Laak Motioned to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda with the change in the minutes being Berthoud High School. Trustee Dower Seconded the Motion. WITH ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. 50th Annual Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Hindman read.

3. Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Hindman read.

Rachel Iverson who works with Laurie Stolen on the new Behavioral Health Initiative 1a that was passed in the last Larimer County Election. She proceeded with a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to his Law Partner in Washington.

“I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family, there would not be one cheerful face on the earth. Whether I shall ever be better I cannot tell; I awfully forebode I shall not. To remain as I am is impossible; I must die or be better, it appears to me”.

Lincoln is cherished in American history as an impressive historical figure who overcame great odds; he is one of the most revered former president and his accomplishments social policies skills as commander-in-chief and talent for oration are historically vital. Lincoln lived in a time that mental health was misunderstood and mistreated. He still however, made personal and historical achievements.

Mental illness doesn't discriminate. It does not care what race, nationality, age, gender, culture, or socioeconomic status

a person is. A country and a county where floods, tornadoes, mass shootings and other devastating events of taking homes, businesses and precious lives, our humanity and charity rise above. We have come together as a unified community to support and care for one another during these times of need. Mental health is an ongoing struggle and debilitating illness that continues to affect our community, our residents, our family members, friends, schoolmates, neighbors and co-workers who suffer from untreated depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol and substance abuse disorders and other issues. This is another circumstance in which we need our community strength in numbers, knowledge and compassion to overcome. We must continue to push for parity and treatment for mental illnesses as any other chronic health issue. Please join us in proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month. We have the exciting opportunity- not just in May- but every day to help others seek the help they need. As we all take the time to learn about the effects of mental illness, we can be better prepared to help our community members and we can achieve the goal of lowering the negative stigma surrounding mental illness. Then we can roll up our sleeves and get to work by Saving Lives of those around us who are too ashamed to admit they need help or simply don't know where to find it. We too, like Abraham Lincoln, can make noteworthy historical accomplishments.

4. Model Traffic Code for Colorado Updates

Trustee Tomassi Motioned to direct staff to schedule this item for a public hearing on May 14, 2019. Trustee Hardy Seconded the Motion. WITH ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Karspeck: Not Present

Administrator Kirk: He reminded that there is a joint opportunity for a meeting with the school district tomorrow night. Things that will give us a chance to discuss is the indoor competition pool for the high school and middle school swim team, dog park location and other issues of common concern.

Next Tuesday April 30, 2019 will be a study session. They will bring in front of the Board the code changes that have been made and adopted by the Board. Then talk about areas of concern and what the Board would like the Town to focus their attention on. Also, discuss the Development Code and additional updates to it.

Later the Town would like to bring the Water discussion to the board. It was scheduled for tonight but not all Board members were able to be present. Another issue to look at is the Metro District and follow up at a regular Board Meeting with Alan Pogue.

He asked the Board to e-mail any other issues that need to be addressed in the upcoming months.

He would like to implement once a month a meeting with the public that no action would be taken. An opportunity for the Public to bring their concerns to the Board in an informal way. It would take place the Fourth Tuesday of the Month starting May 28, 2019. (The Board agreed to go forward with this.)

CML generates a lot of ideas and would like to schedule a retreat with the Board. Administrator Kirk will send out an e-mail with a couple of date ideas for a half day retreat in the afternoon for the Board Members to reply to.

Attorney Long: Had nothing to report.

Trustee Dower: She will be attending the meeting with the School Board tomorrow night.

Trustee Laak: Would like to know what policy we have or do not have for Chemical Waste. Wants to know what we can implement to be an example for proper disposal.

Trustee Tomassi: He has concerns with dogs not on a leash, and how we can better enforce that. He understands that we do have a Code Enforcer now. It was brought up with other Board members, good signage and utilizing Facebook to get the word out that dogs need to be on a leash. The Town of Berthoud did address the difference with being on a leash and playing fetch. The community can share the Town's post on their own page to help get the word out.

The other concern was streets in front of Ivy Stockwell, 3rd Street between Mountain and Welch, 1st Street and others. We will have people visiting for the Golf Tournament and we want to make a good impression. Also stated that the parking lot across from the Post office is in bad shape.

Trustee Alaback: Saturday was Arbor day. It was very well attended by the Boy and Girl Scouts and lots of parents. It was very well organized. They planted 60 trees. It was a great example of volunteers working with the Town and having people work together. To make it even more perfect, it also fell on Earth day.

He also stated that he will be attending an Open Space meeting coming up on Thursday. They have a lot of activity going on right now. He also wanted to mention that Larimer County has a program where they lead hikes for families and others that want to learn more about our area, plants, animals and other things. It is free; you just have to get on their website to register. As a Town when we get more developed they could expand the program into our area.

Trustee Hardy: Had a Public Service Announcement, with the weather getting nicer, bees are coming out; it is swarm season. There is also a nice article the Surveyor about that. He also stated that if you have a problem with bees you can call 970-658-4949. They have a beekeeper/s to come to the rescue. They also have a website NOCOBEE.SORG with more information and the phone number.

SGT. Anderson: Reported that this Saturday April 27, 2019 is Drug Take Back that will be in Town Hall Parking Lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is an opportunity to get rid of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. They have filled up two huge trash bags every year.

Mayor Pro Tem Hindman: Reported that Administrator Kirk sent out an e-mail to the board about the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Mayor Pro Tem Hindman really encourages Board Members and Planning Commission Members and Interested Citizens to sign-up. He stated that it is incredible. It gives an understanding of how precarious our water situation is here on the Front Range. There is an East Slope Tour in May and September and a West Slope Tour in June.

He also Introduced the Resolution 2019-11 for Growth and Economic Development.

Walt Elish Community Development Director: Came up and spoke regarding this matter.

He felt it appropriate to provide feedback regarding Berthoud Growth and Economic Development. He feels that there are unattended consequences in the E-Mail that was sent out about the petition mentioned. Development tends to follow the path of least resistance. Berthoud had a growth cap that affected its ability to attract developers. He attends many meetings with professionals and stresses the fact that Berthoud has changed in that we welcome new businesses. He feels that the Growth Resolution that is being discussed tonight indicates the Boards interest in continuing to welcome and attract new business. In his opinion, the petition that was mentioned will still restrict or curtail development based on his frequent conversations that he has with potential developers and commercial brokers. These two items could send conflicting messages to the Development Community. Berthoud currently has been very positive in recent years. Berthoud and the Staff want to continue that now and into the future. He will have an opportunity tomorrow at a meeting to emphasize Berthoud's business friendly and welcoming environment which is essential to our ability to attract additional development.

Mayor Pro Tem Hindman Motioned to adopt Resolution 2019-11 Growth and Economic Development. Trustee Tomassi Seconded the Motion. WITH ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. ADJOURNED AT 7:53 p.m.

Michelle J. Adams
Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk



Winnie Karspeck
Mayor Karspeck or Mayor Pro Tem Hindman