



Regular Meeting May 22, 2023

Call to Order: The Board met in person in Council chambers at Richfield Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anita Gantner, Board Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Anita Gantner, Mike Lyons, Steve McPeake, Holly Price, Mark Robeson, Dave Wehner
Excused: Mike Selig

Also in Attendance: Park Director John Piepsny, Township Trustee Don Laubacher, Village Council representative Sue Ann Philippbar, Administrative Coordinator Polly Wheeler, Volunteer Coordinator Susan Czaplicki, and approximately 10-12 other attendees.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 27 regular meeting were approved. A change was requested for the April 24 minutes. Amended minutes will be available at the June board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Governance: Mr. Lyons reported that a meeting of the governance committee is scheduled for June 14. The topics will include RJRD Board bylaws and the Oviatt House work agreement.

Grants & Fundraising: No meeting and no report.

Administration Report:

Park Director John Piepsny announced that Maintenance Technician Chris Moore passed the first of his invasive species tests, allowing him to supervise the chemical treatment of invasive species in the parking lots and paved areas. He will take the second test for wooded area invasive species treatment soon.

Mr. Piepsny also stated that, since the park is now much busier on weekends than it used to be, the Saturday morning volunteer group will check trash and latrines while they are here, in addition to the cleaning of latrines and emptying of trash on Wednesdays by the TLC crew.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Wehner reported the following numbers for May:

About \$737,000 in the bank, with about \$165,000 in outstanding checks, for a balance of \$570,000.

Of this, \$248,000 is restricted for the bond retirement fund, leaving about \$320,000.

Receipts this month were \$9,500 for the brush hog, and about \$10,000 from The Lodge. Expenses were standard for the month, plus the bond payment..

Old Business:

Ms. Gantner reintroduced the levy discussion. The board reviewed the changes made by legal counsel Bill Hanna to the original resolution written by fiscal officer Tim Clymer.

New Business:

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Mr. Lyons to approve **Resolution 11-2023- A Resolution declaring it necessary to replace an existing .5 mil tax levy for parks and recreational purposes and requesting certification from the Summit County Fiscal Officer of current tax valuation and dollar amount of revenue to be generated by that additional levy.**

DISCUSSION: None further

Ms. Gantner called for the vote.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by roll call: Mr. Lyons (Yea); Mr. McPeake (Yea); Ms. Price (Yea); Mr. Robeson (Yea); Mr. Wehner (Yea); Ms. Gantner (Yea).

Ms. Gantner introduced Resolution 12-2023 to amend the 2023 budget to provide for current expenses and other budget appropriations.

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Mr. McPeake to approve Resolution 12-2023: To amend the 2023 budget to provide for current expenses and other budget appropriations.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by roll call: Mr. McPeake (Yea); Ms. Price (Yea); Mr. Robeson (Yea); Mr. Wehner (Yea); Ms. Gantner (Yea); Mr. Lyons (Yea).

Ms. Gantner introduced the Summit County tax budget .

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Mr. Lyons to approve **the 2024 tax budget for the Summit County fiscal officer.**

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice Yea, which was unanimous.

Announcements:

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 26, 2023.

Comments from the Floor:

Pat Norris asked for clarification on who passed the invasive species test.

Action items:

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner and seconded by Mr. Lyons **to enter into executive session** for the sole purpose of considering the purchase, sale or lease of public property; and also to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by roll call: Ms. Price (Yea); Mr. Robeson (Yea); Mr. Wehner (Yea); Ms. Gantner (Yea); Mr. Lyons (Yea); Mr. McPeake (Yea).

The board entered into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 7:22 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Mr. Wehner, seconded by Mr. Lyons, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by:



Polly Wheeler, Administrative Coordinator

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson

