

NORWOOD TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes For: Thursday, August 22, 2024

Special Meeting starting at: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: Zoom only option.

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees, San Miguel County, and State of Colorado was called to order by Mayor Candy Meehan at 6:31pm.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

MAYOR - CANDY MEEHAN- VIA ZOOM

MAYOR PRO TEM - SHAWN FALLON- VIA ZOOM

TRUSTEE – NIVEN DRYBROUGH- ABSENT

TRUSTEE – MORGAN RUMMEL- VIA ZOOM

TRUSTEE – MICHAEL GRADY- VIA ZOOM

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

TOWN CLERK – AMANDA PIERCE- VIA ZOOM

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – RANDY HARRIS- ABSENT

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – BECKY HANNIGAN- VIA ZOOM

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Multiple community members via Zoom. Those in person are asked to sign in on the sign in sheet.

BOARD BUSINESS AGENDA

- a. Designation of Hearing Officer for Protest Hearing
- b. Approval of cost for Hearing Officer

BOARD DISCUSSION: Amanda Pierce presented the board with the request by Mayor Meehan to designate a hearing officer for the protest hearing of the recall petition due to the fact Mayor Meehan stated it was a conflict of interest to have Amanda do the hearing. Amanda stated that she and Mayor Meehan have both had procedural conversation with Karen Goldman specifically around the recall petition.

Kattie Neesham, community member, commented that she felt “if there is a conflict-of-interest with Amanda being the Hearing Officer than it’s a conflict-of-interest for the Colorado Municipal League (CML) lady to do it as well”.

Morgan wanted to know the reason for the protest hearing, Amanda stated that a protest was filed by Mayor Meehan and the protest hearing is to solidify or unsolidly the initial sufficiency of the recall petition and everything that is required by statute to be a part of the petition. There will be a hearing next week according to statute, the Hearing Officer will be given all the evidence of the petition from both sides and then the hearing officer will determine if the petition is sufficient or not. If sufficient the recall process will proceed, if it’s not then another set of statutory requirements will be in place to see what can be done with the recall after that. The board will not be part of the hearing, just the recall committee, the officer (Mayor Meehan) that is being proposed for recall, Amanda (herself), any personal Attorneys, the town Attorney, and the Hearing Officer. The meeting is open.

Shawn asked, why Kattie Neesham felt there was a conflict of interest with this lady from CML or if “she was being petty”. He asked if Mayor Meehan was friends with her, Mayor Meehan stated no. Then asked if Amanda was a friend to her. Amanda stated no, she is an acquaintance because she is a CML resource. Kattie Neesham stated that she felt that both Amanda and Mayor Meehan have spoken to her regarding the recall petition, and she felt

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that someone completely removed from this matter would be better. Mayor Meehan mentioned that she didn't feel like there was a conflict because she was fair-minded and is well respected and that she would be a great choice if Amanda was good with it too. Amanda stated she was fine with Karen being the protest hearing officer especially under the time constraints.

would be \$90.00 an hour and stated that the town Attorney David Reed felt that this is not required but would be cleaner to remove Amanda as the hearing officer just to avoid future conflict and that if Mayor Meehan stated that she didn't have a conflict with the voted-on hearing officer speaking to Amanda. David Read would say that the board was ok to proceed.

Mayor Meehan asked if the hearing officer was traveling or would be virtual. Amanda stated "Karen will attend virtually but everyone else is in person".

MOTION: Morgan Rummel made a motion to designate Karen Goldman as the hearing officer and agree to the \$90.00 hour that she is requesting.

- a. Shawn Fallon seconded.
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

Kerry Welch, (A community member, commented that Mayor Meehan should not have voted on this due to a conflict Mayor Meehan stated that she didn't know if she needed to vote on this or not.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Morgan Rummel made a motion to adjourn at 6:43pm

- c. Shawn Fallon seconded.
- d. All others approved. Motion Passed.

APPROVED

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DATE APPROVED:

September 11, 2024


Minutes Taken by: Becky Hannigan, Deputy Town Clerk


Amanda Pierce, Town Clerk