

TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008
FIRE HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Da Silva called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Assembly members in attendance were Anthony Da Silva, Ken Kiesling, Mary Ann Closson and Jan Lackey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the agenda.

It was seconded by Ken Kiesling and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the minutes of 10-22-2007.

It was seconded by Anthony Da Silva and passed unanimously.

II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Mary Wheeler stated that in the past two weeks she has been involved in W2s, 1099s, ADPI billing for Fire Department, budget adjustments, entering new budgets into QuickBooks, Group Insurance through the City of Albuquerque, two letters out to disgruntled residents, petitions for PRC Qwest, setting up an account with Investment Advisor, keeping in touch with Joseph Suina at CCDC about the road project and reimbursement for damages for sewer problems, assessing interest charges for another quarter of delinquent taxes, measuring office space needed for the Main Street Project, reviewing two ordinances for possible revision, talking with insurance agent about the Town Liability and obligations for a Recycling program, inquiring about the status of our Errors and Omissions policy, making suggestions to Zoning Board, paying bills, showing Annette some of Administrator Duties, scheduling time off for four employees. The road project is the most current one with \$100,000.00 from a grant for road improvement that can only be spent on road improvement. Mike Abeyta of the Sandoval County Road Department said to start the road project and then ask Sandoval County for reimbursement. Mary asked Mike Abeyta how long a reimbursement would take. Mr. Abeyta said theoretically the reimbursement would not take long, however the Town would have to spend the money first. The scope of practice according to the bill is for repair and repaving of roads within The Town of Cochiti Lake. Mary Ann Closson asked if the humps in front of the Fire Hall could be flattened out. Mary said that it could be done with only one concern (tree roots) that are causing the humps. Ken Kiesling asked about bids. Mary explained that two companies will be putting in their bids. Concern was also expressed about CCDC coming in to repair sewer lines after roads have been repaired. Mary explained

that CCDC would be responsible for any damage they may cause. Ken Kiesling asked if more could be done than just filling in the cracks and asked if we could also resurface the roads. Mary said that she would look into it. Ken Kiesling asked about any specific reassurance we get reimbursed. Mary explained that she was promised we would be reimbursed. Mary also mentioned that she had a meeting with Group Insurance who are in the negotiating process with various providers for health care.

2. Art Guild

Art Guild had a very successful white elephant sale / bake sale / art fair / silent auction this year. 500 people in attendance, the total earnings were \$4,868.50 and this profit was distributed as donations to the following organizations: Pena Blanca Head Start \$300, Cochiti Pueblo Head Start \$300, 2 \$500 scholarships to UNM for a total of \$1,000, Pena Blanca Senior Center \$150, KNME \$150, Irene Sweetkind Library \$500, Friends of Cochiti Lake \$800, New Mexico Symphony Orchestra \$280, Santa Fe Art Museum \$60, Albuquerque Museum \$100 and The Town of Cochiti Lake \$300 which will be used for flowers & pots. Pueblo De Cochiti invited the Art Guild to join their Art Fair that was held on Saturday, December 1st.

Our Town Artist's were invited to have a table based on the availability that they had, and to help with the publicity. 8 Artists from Cochiti Lake participated and every indication was that it was a successful event. On December 4th Mary Ann Closson once again hosted the annual Christmas party for the Art Guild and the cookie exchange, and as usual it was well attended and everyone had a good time. There are some exciting events now planned for this coming year.

3. Beautification

Beautification is in the dormant stages this time of year however looking forward to spring. Wonderful improvements have been made from last year with great cooperation from many of the people who volunteer. Beautification Committee is always looking for volunteers. Lukas Garrett was commended for always volunteering and all his hard work.

4. Community Fund

No report was given.

5. Disaster Response Planning

Mayor Da Silva asked about the Fire Department and Sandoval County Disaster Plan, if there is a new plan in place. Mary Wheeler stated that she did not know about Sandoval County having a new plan but we have the one Andre drew up for us.

6. Election Board

Mary Ann Closson spoke on behalf of the board for Freda Donica.

No report was given for the Board however they are working on the Bylaws.

7. Fire Department

Mary Wheeler spoke on behalf of the Fire Department stating that for the year they had 370 runs. The fiscal year billing for the ambulance is up.

Anthony Da Silva is an EMT candidate. The Fire Department has a new air compressor that is set up better and less noisy than the old one. The Fire Department is also receiving new fire truck bay doors with one keypad to open all doors. There was also a structure fire in Pena Blanca that The Town of Cochiti Lake Volunteer Fire Department helped put out. Thank You went out to all Fire Fighters.

8. Friends of Cochiti Lake

Nan Stackhouse spoke on behalf of the committee stating that a Chautauqua Presentation on Lena Horne will be in the Library Feb.16, 2008. Friends of Cochiti Lake managed to get Chuy Martinez who is a Musician and a Professor who is very knowledgeable of all kinds of Folk Music from the USA to South America. He will be appearing here on the 27th of April. Friends of Cochiti Lake is asking everyone to attend. Nan asked if she could represent the Rock and Mineral Club at this time as she had another meeting to attend.

13. Rock and Mineral

Nan stated that the Rock and Mineral Club is very informal and all involved decided never to have meetings only trips. The club will be going to Ghost Ranch on Saturday, all are welcome. Nan named a few places of interest the Rock and Mineral Club will be going during the year. Any questions can be directed to Nan Stackhouse.

9. Hospitality

Mary Ann Closson spoke on behalf of Hospitality, stating that if you have a new neighbor Hospitality does not know about please notify Mary Wheeler, Mary Ann Closson or Marge Knightly.

10. Joint Commission

No report was given.

11. Library

Mary Badarak spoke about a new drop box waiting to be installed. The drop box will be a drive up type box. The new box will put the Library in a position to start charging fines for late materials. Library has a number of new projects being worked on including the archiving project. The Library has applied for and is waiting to hear about a grant with which to buy the technology to do the digitizing. There is a great possibility that the Library will receive the grant from the State Library or the American Library Association. Mary also submitted a proposal to give a presentation about the project to the State Library Association in April. The conference will be in Las Cruces. Mary stated that including the archiving, maps will be inserted, social documents such as photos

and brochures of the very early days before houses were here to put in our collection. Working in conjunction with the New Mexico Main Street Mary hopes to have a larger space for the Library. Dieter asked Mary if the archiving would be from the Town or the surrounding communities as well. Mary stated that the surrounding communities are welcome to contribute to the archiving. Mayor Da Silva asked Mary Wheeler what had been going on with the DSL. Mary stated that Hal and Mary Ann Closson delivered over 100 names to the office of Jeannette Wallace our State Representative. Mary also mentioned the conversation Jacque Cooper had between the PRC Representative and Qwest Representative who were very impressed with the petition.

12. Recycling

Jim Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Recycling Group stating that things are moving along great. Volume has been reduced due to winter. All time is staffed. Between 18 and 30 volunteers show up for the 4 hours on Saturday. Volunteers are still needed to deliver to Buckman Road Recycling. The Recycling Group is now selling aluminum cans. Any money donations can go through the Friends of Cochiti Lake. Jim and Buckman Road Recycling have an appointment to discuss partnering for our grant. Jim had a conversation with Mary Wheeler about insurance and what it may entail. Ideas were mentioned about a Town cleanup day.

14. Zoning

Jim Hamilton spoke on behalf of the Zoning Committee and stated that an attempt or a request by the Town Assembly to have the Zoning Board revise the zoning ordinances of 1982. The Town Assembly established the Zoning Board on July 25, 1979 and the ordinances with amendments was enacted on July 27, 1982. There are parts of the ordinances that are not relevant for today and some that are. Jim mentioned that instead of rewriting the ordinances do a recap for the Town citizens, realtors and builders to give them an outline of their rights and responsibilities. Jim mentioned the placing of political signs. Permits, parking and procedures were mentioned and need to be clarified. A resident asked about the streetlights that are not working and when they would get replaced. Mary Wheeler took down the address and said she would take care of it.

15. New Mexico Main Street

Lukas Garrett spoke on behalf of the committee and stated that Dieter and Barbara received a grant of \$50,000.00 in services from New Mexico Main Street for improvements to the Town. The grant could be used for an expansion of the library or a community center. Dieter stated that CCDC would have to be aware of the New Mexico Main Street projects. Ken Kiesling asked if the organization would assist us with estimates and the application process. Dieter stated that we would need to have a budget to submit for any project. Questions about the New Mexico Main Street can be directed to Barbara Hinnenkamp.

III. TOWN HALL REPORTS

Anthony Da Silva stated that the Assembly is looking into revamping the Town tax ordinance.

Ken Kiesling asked the date of the reception for our State Representative Jeannette Wallace. Anthony Da Silva suggested April 30th at the next Town Meeting and present her with a plaque to show our appreciation. Ken asked if there were any updates from CCDC about the sewer system. Anthony Da Silva responded that there was nothing specific at this time. Ken asked that with the resignation of Frank Hart from the Assembly if there was any information Mr. Hart may have passed on about the recreation of the Newsletter, which was due in January. Anthony Da Silva responded that he had not spoken to Mr. Hart about the Newsletter.

Mary Ann Closson thanked everyone who signed petitions to submit to our State Representative Jeannette Wallace. Suggestions were mentioned on how to show our appreciation to Jeannette Wallace for all her help.

Jan Lackey had nothing to report.

Mary Wheeler thanked all who react positively to all situations in the Town.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting. **It was seconded by Anthony Da Silva and passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Anthony Da Silva, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk

