

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE  
MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.  
Assembly members in attendance were Ken Kiesling, Freda Donica,  
Mary Ann Closson, Linda Bradshaw, Tony Da Silva.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Freda Donica moved for the approval of the agenda as submitted.  
**It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Linda Bradshaw moved for the approval of minutes of March 25, 2010.  
**It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. West Side Town Hall Project**

Mayor Kiesling discussed that he has had conversations with some residents and Freda Donica and Mary Wheeler regarding going forward with the project. Ken turned the item over to Mary Wheeler to explain the details. Mary stated that 2 bids have been submitted and another is due on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. One bid entails tilling, spreading dirt, composting and buffalo grass for \$500. Another bid suggests 25 one gallon perennials to include chocolate flowers, euphorbia, and prairie sage, shrubbery, salt bushes and chamisa, 15 gallon containers of trees, mulch and maintenance, for a bid total of \$3,000. A third bid will be submitted by Ramirez Landscaping. Mayor Kiesling suggested a sculpture centerpiece made by a Town Artist and Freda Donica suggested asking residents to donate plants, seeds or money for the area. There was also some mention that gophers may be a problem and suggested that perhaps certain flowers, shrubs or plants could be put in that keep the gophers away. There will be more discussion when all bids are received.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Election of Town Officers**

Mayor Kiesling stated that April is the time to elect new Town Officers from the Assembly. He asked for nominations for the Mayor position. Mary Ann Closson nominated Freda Donica for Mayor. Linda Bradshaw nominated Ken Kiesling for Mayor. With no more nominations the Chair considered the nominations closed and asked for votes. With 3 voting for Mayor Kiesling and 2 voting for Freda Donica. Ken Kiesling was reelected Mayor for the next year. He stated that all the support is appreciated and plans on doing an even better job. He then asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Linda Bradshaw nominated Freda Donica, and with no more nominations Freda Donica was reelected Mayor Pro Tem with a 5 to 0 vote.

## **2. Approval of March Financials**

Linda Bradshaw turned the item over to Town Treasurer Gloria Halama. Gloria stated that Admin. is slightly over in the payroll section due to three pay periods rather than two. In the 440.03 section there was a vacuum cleaner repair and is still \$5,400 under budget in expenses this year. Library is \$800 under budget; PW is \$200 under budget. EMS has received some Medicare reimbursements and is \$5,000 under and VFD is \$17,000 under in expenses.

Community Fund had interest earned of \$89.73 and expenses were \$500 in grants and \$35.82 in Hospitality. Mayor Kiesling added that he received a copy of accounts for professional fees having to do with the Jordan-Hart case dated March 7, 2008 to April 28, 2010 for a total of \$21,245.51.

**Linda Bradshaw moved for the approval of the March Financials as presented. It was seconded by Tony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

## **3. Veteran Tax Exemption, Resolution 2010-6**

Tony Da Silva read resolution 2010-6 aloud and moved to approve.

**It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw.**

Mayor Kiesling stated that at the last business meeting Resolution 2010-4 was passed for 100% disabled Veterans and Resolution 2010-6 encompasses that. Freda Donica asked if Resolution 2010-6 was on an annual basis. Tony responded, on a continuous basis unless there are any changes. Tony stated that last time he voted against Resolution 2010-4 for several reasons. The primary reason was that when the resolution was read it stated that any Veteran who is 100% disabled would get a tax exemption, however it did not clarify that the Veteran had to be Honorably Discharged and that the disability was related to service. Cost at the time was a factor. As of now there is one 100% disabled Veteran living in the Town of Cochiti Lake. Sandoval County has exempted taxes for the individual and is exempted from the Town of Cochiti Lake. Currently there are 29 Veterans living in the Town of Cochiti Lake who are receiving tax exemptions from Sandoval County. Another issue for Tony was that he did not want to get into the business of looking at discharge papers and deciding who does or does not meet all the requirements. Sandoval County has procedures in place for that. Mary Ann Closson stated that Sandoval County already takes off the \$4,000 and wondered if the Town would do the same. Tony stated that on the Sandoval County statement it says for example, total value of property \$200,000, value of improvement \$180,000 therefore Town taxes are based on the end result. Mayor Kiesling stated that calculating percentages as opposed to adjusting values may result in a higher tax of the assessed value.

**Resolution 2010-6 passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

## **4. Budget Hearing Dates**

Freda Donica asked the Assembly if they had any preferences for the Hearings. May 11, 2010 at 7pm in the Fire Hall was agreed upon.

Freda moved for the approval of the dates for the Budget Hearings.

**It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**5. Roll-off to Collect Town Trash**

Mary Ann stated that with all the complaints about neighbors yards thought it would be a good idea to have a roll-off for residents. May 15 and May 22 were suggested. The roll-off will be situated at the maintenance barn outside the gates. There will be postings and flyers to advertise. Freda Donica asked about the cost. A roll-off is \$206 and \$27.00 a ton.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Assembly meeting, May 27, 2010 – Fire Hall

**V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There were no suggestions or comments.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

**It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

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Ken Kiesling, Mayor

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Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk