



BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES JANUARY 31, 2023

**January 31, 2023 at 5:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

MINUTES

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

5:00 PM WORK SESSION:

Land Use Code Review: Chapter 16B Continued and Introduction to 16C

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING:

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Toby Babich

Trustee Joel Dixon

Trustee Kelly Finley

Trustee Mark Fossett

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Pilling

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Also present: Town Attorney Bob Widner; Town Manager Michelle Eddy

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes for December 20, 2022

B. Approval of Bills-\$63,232.79

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III. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.

C. Communications to Trustees

- a. Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.
 - i. It was noted communications related to the Spruce Creek Road project were received over the weekend. The Mayor noted there will not be public comment later in the evening on the project as it is an introduction. He noted there will be a public town hall later.
 - ii. Dan Cleary, Rustic Terrace remarked on the land use code and encouraged the Trustees to review the landscape code, and asked when the public comment would take place on the land use code.
 - Attorney Widner noted the review will conclude in February and then will launch to a public hearing with Planning & Zoning and then the Board of Trustees.
 - iii. Barrie Stimson, Spruce Creek Road discussed the issues at Spruce Creek Road largely centered around the volume of traffic. He encouraged the Trustees to not focus on the traffic flow. He stated speeds, drainage and increased maintenance need to be the focus including speed humps. He offered to approach the county about addressing the traffic to the trail head.
 - iv. Doug O'Brien, Crown Drive agreed with comments made from Mr. Stimson including the speeds and maintenance.
 - v. Martie Semmer, Blue Grouse Road noted Aaron Watson, Chair of the International Chapter for Colorado is attending via zoom.
 - vi. Mark Orton, Nugget Lane discussed the traffic on Spruce Creek Road coming from Lakeview and needing to work with the County. Speeding needs to be addressed first.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

D. Lot 1 Timber Creek Estates Subdivision

- i. Mayor Babich opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.
- ii. Sandy Pief, Timber Creek Estates HOA Board of Trustees. Noted that it was not intended to have anything other than the duplexes.

- Attorney Widner explained that it is taking the single lot and subdividing the lot to allow for each side of the duplex to be separately owned.
- Manager Eddy explained the history and reason for the subdivision request.
- iii. Mayor Babich closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.
- iv. Trustee Finley moved and Trustee Fossett seconded to approve the subdivision of Lot 1 Timber Creek Estates as presented. Motion passed. Trustee Pilling abstained.

V. ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

VI. RESOLUTIONS

E. Resolution 2023-1 Notice of Meetings

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

F. Spruce Creek Road Capital Project Review-Muller Engineering

- i. Jeff Wulliman, Engineer Project Manager Muller Engineering and Stephen Humphrey Principal Group Manager Muller Engineering presented the background of the project, information and options for the Board of Trustees to consider for possible improvements to Spruce Creek Road.
- ii. For the traffic routing. Discussed a need for additional coordination with the County and CDOT. Possibly coordinating with the Quandary shuttle. It was noted that changing the routing is not desired by the residents in the neighborhood. The Engineers noted that the safety at the intersection at Spruce Creek and Hwy 9 will remain less safe than the exit from Crown. Discussion to focus on longer solutions understanding the intersection will remain a challenge. Decision to not change the traffic pattern.
- iii. Discussion of the physical improvements. Noted the grade on Spruce Creek Rd is 13% to 9%. The Engineers provided both light scope and heavy scope options.
 - Spruce Creek
 - a. Light Scope-pavement, minor roadway, drainage and Hwy 9 improvements avoiding property impacts.
 - b. Heavy Scope-regrade sections, especially at Hwy 9 approach to avoid physical impact to houses and private utilities and wall treatments requirements.
 - c. The Engineers cautioned not going to light on the scope. They stated there would need to be considerations for materials used to be fully effective and long-term benefits and maintenance considerations. The Engineers noted that speed bumps at the current grade or on

dirt roads are effective.

- Crown
 - a. Light Scope-roadway and drainage improvements to avoid significant property impacts or right of way needs.
 - b. Heavier-regrade steep sections, widen Crown, formalize drainage, conveyance including offsite basin to extent possible without projects.
- Next steps: establish a base project for Spruce Creek and Crown. Identify high profile opportunities.
- iv. Discussion to focus on a heavy scope on Spruce Creek Road. Suggestion to start high and see what can be done. Suggestion to evaluate a speed assessment and control of the overall project. Discussion this would start with attempting to lower the profile at Gold Nugget and at the bottom before the intersection of Hwy 9. The evaluation will include materials, drainage, traffic calming options, profile changes. Possibility of compacting after mag chloride during maintenance.
- v. It was noted once the Engineers have developed a concept to host a special meeting. It was recommended to include discussion with the road contractor, and the county as part of the discussion.

G. Review of International Dark Skies Application & Information

VIII. CONTINUING BUSINESS

H. Open Space & Trails Report

IX. REPORTS

I. Mayor

J. Trustees

- i. Citizen Advisory Committee - Trustee Finley
- ii. Open Space and Trails Committee - Trustee Dixon
- iii. Planning and Zoning - Trustee Hopkins
- iv. Transit Authority - Trustee Pilling
- v. Wildfire Council - Trustee Slaughter

vi. CDOT - Trustee Fossett

K. Attorney

L. Staff Reports

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Eddy noted Timberline Disposal will not be servicing Blue River anymore. In addition, there are reports Uber and Lyft may not be picking up riders anymore however, this has not been confirmed.

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING -

Reports from the Town Manager, Mayor and Trustees; Scheduled Meetings and other matters are topics listed on the Regular Trustees Agenda. If time permits at the work session, the Mayor and Trustees may discuss these items. The Board of Trustees may make a Final Decision on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of whether it is listed as an action item.