

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, October 09, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Palmer Lake Town Hall – 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake, Colorado

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call -Mayor Dennis Stern called the meeting to order at 6:02PM- Roger Moseley, Mike Boyett, Atis Jurka, Dennis Stern, Beth Harris present.

Invocation - by Pastor Steve Berford (Cathedral Rock Church).

Pledge of Allegiance

The mayor addressed meeting conduct: open dialogue is welcome; personal attacks, defamatory statements, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Requested civil, respectful discussion focused on solutions.

Trustee Roger Moseley issued an apology for losing their temper at a prior meeting and committed to improved decorum.

Consent Agenda - *Items under the consent agenda may be acted upon by one motion. If, in the judgment of a board member, a consent agenda item requires discussion, the item can be placed on the regular agenda for discussion and/or action.*

1. Minutes from September 25, 2025 & October 2, 2025-
2. Checks Over \$15,000 - JT Thorpe Industrial, Inc (\$13,514.50) Tank #1 Rehab, Krob Law July (\$17,395.00) August (\$23,012.50) September (\$30,100.00) Legal Fees

Trustee Jurka asked how much reimbursable Attorney Krob is stated \$45,000 to be reimbursed (Buckee's annexation work).

Motion Boyett, Jurka Motion passed 6-0

Staff/Department Reports

3. Water – September Production
 - High-zone tank epoxy coat completed (9/18); +250k gal storage back online.
 - Groundwater plant underdrain/media replacement completed, plant back in service.
 - 4Q regulatory sampling completed (first week Oct); results pending, no issues expected.
 - SCADA remote access laptop to be completed Oct 16.
 - Maintenance: chlorine dioxide feed pump bearings out (replacement ETA 3 weeks); surface plant generator repairs completed (9/20); sodium hypochlorite tank bulkhead fitting replaced in-house.

- Leak detection (Oct 7): suspected leak near surface plant found to be spring; several town segments checked no leaks.
4. Public Works including Roads & Park Maintenance -Written report provided; questions to be routed to staff
 5. Police - Overview of license plate reader (LPR) tech; suggested discussion within budget process. Estimated three cameras could cover town ingress/egress: regional alert networking possible
 6. Fire - No new report. Brief discussion on ISO rating: Town ISO 4 noted as good; staff requested specifics on reported insurance challenges
 7. Town Clerk -
 - Star maintenance: Target completion by Oct 18, 2025 (weather permitting).
 - Star Lighting anniversary event: Nov 29, 2025; volunteers/sponsors welcome; additional Veterans Day (Nov 11) lighting planned.
 - Code Compliance report: Omitted from this packet; two months will be included in next packet.
 - Special events list noted (e.g., YMCA “Creepy Crawl” fun run Oct 25).
 8. Attorney - Litigation updates:
 - *Integrity Matters* case: **dismissed** (lack of standing; First Amendment & Open Meetings claims dismissed). Attorneys to seek attorneys’ fees.
 - *Mosley/Bradick v. Town*: **dismissed** under CGIA; claims barred and not assertable against municipality.
 - Variance review (121 Lake Ave): BOA-approved side setback variance appears in compliance with conditions (ILC and elevation reference). Height limit remains 30 ft; enforcement if exceeded.
 - Annexation-election parameters: Recommend future agenda to set logistics (payer, timing, ballot question drafting, etc.) given upcoming annexation elections.
 9. Administrator – focused on budget.

Business Items

10. a) Accept Resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Amy Hutson & Address Mayoral Vacancy Which May Include Appointment or Setting Election

Acceptance of Resignation – Motion (Caves, Boyett) All in favor motion passed.

- Mayor Pro Tem Amy Hudson’s resignation: Accepted (starts 60-day appointment clock).
- b) Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem
 - Mayor nominated **Trustee Tim Caves** as Mayor Pro Tem.
 - Vote: Split 3–3 → Motion failed.

c) Filling Trustee Vacancy

- Motion: (Harris) Choose from three recent applicants/candidates (Mike Beeson, John Marble, Alex Farr). Moseley, Harris, Jurka yes, Stern, Caves, Boyett No Motion failed 3-3.
- Motion: Open a 30-day general application & interview process. Failed 3-3. Moseley, Harris, Jurka yes, Stern, Caves, Boyett No Motion failed 3-3.
- Public comment was made by Keven Dreher regarding his concerns regarding appointments. He agrees with an application process. John Marble disagrees with opening the application up he stated he has been through the process. Mike Beeson, who was an applicant for trustee, said Kevin Dreher has a point to open it up he would be satisfied either way. He also asked Mr. Boyett to clarify his request for selecting someone unbiased. Jennifer Rausch she agrees with opening up the application process. However, whoever is on board now will never agree. Trustee Jurka realizes it will cost the town money to have an election but thinks that's the direction the board should go. Jurka makes a motion for a special election. Motion: Call a special election. No second (no action).
- Motion: Continue the item to next meeting to gather process/timing information. Motion (Moseley, Caves) All in favor motion passed.

11. Direction on Purchase of Police Vehicle

- Request to purchase a used police vehicle for up to \$19,000 (funding intended from STEP; no vehicle line in next year's budget if approved now).
- Motion (Stern, Caves) Roll Call Motion passed 6-0

12. Update/Direction on Elephant Rock Planned Development Plan

- Staff requested directions to decouple/phased PD to allow EcoSpa parcel to proceed separately, with staff (not a trustee committee) coordinating next steps.
- Motion (Moseley, Caves) Roll Call Motion passed 6-0

13. Designation of Monument Ridge West Annexation Election

- Attorney Krob advised avoiding Tue, Jan 20, 2026 (day after MLK Day) due to turnout/logistics; suggested Tue, Feb 3, 2026, with hearing moved accordingly (e.g., Feb 19).
- Motion (Moseley, Harris) Roll Call Motion passed 6-0
- Continued to next meeting for date determination.

14. Distribute Proposed Draft 2026 Budget & Set Hearing Date for 11/13

- Statutory distribution of proposed draft by Oct 15; budget work sessions to follow.
- Public hearing set: Thursday, Nov 13, 2025 (also to amend current budget as needed).
- Motion to set the budget hearing for 11/13/2025 (Jurka, Moseley) Roll Call Motion passed 6-0

Public Comment –

- **Kellie Currie Nancy Jurka:** Multiple comments urging accountability for public officials, citing code of conduct; one request for an official to step down following alleged remarks; one citizen requested Trustee Caves resign.

- **Facilities:** Request to keep pickleball court restrooms open over winter if heated; staff to review.
- **Meeting Access:** Requests to hold large-interest meetings in larger venues with reliable audio/streaming.

Board Reports

- Veterans Month (Nov): Events noted—Veterans Day ceremonies (morning at Crawford Memorial; evening star lighting), veteran business conference (Nov 7, Great Wolf Lodge).
- Regional Updates: PPACG meeting recap; regional transportation project updates; upcoming CML training (Oct 22–23).
- Packets & Transparency: Trustees requested agenda packets (and legal analyses) be provided by the Friday before meetings where possible, with public posting at least 24 hours in advance.

Next Meeting and Future Items –


- Budget Workshop TBD, Regular Meeting 10/23
- Resolution/standards for packet timing and inclusion of attorney analyses.
- Consider larger venue and streaming for major annexation/zoning/PDP hearings.
- Discussion of procedures to ensure accountability for officials' conduct under Town code and ethics policy.
- Follow-up on trustee vacancy process/timeline and potential election synchronization options.

Adjourn – Motion (Harris, Moseley) all in favor motion passed 6-0

7:44PM



Town Clerk- Erica N. Romero



Mayor Dennis Stern