

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Agenda

March 19, 2024 ~ 6:30 pm

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Roll Call** – The Empire Board of Trustees requires a simple majority of four trustees present at the meeting for a quorum.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Minutes February Regular Meeting
 - b. Minutes March Training & Work Session Meeting
5. **Resolutions:**
 - a. **Resolution 24-16: Adopting a New Official Seal**
 - i. Exhibit A Town Seal
6. **Town Clerk Jennifer Boswell Oath of Office**
7. **Election Day is April 2nd, 2024:**
 - a. **“Decisions are made by those who show up!”** (*Quote from the TV Series The West Wing*)
We encourage everyone to vote in our local election!
Mail Ballot Elections make voting easy. You will receive your ballot in the mail, fill out your ballot at home, put it in the postage paid return envelope, and take it to the Post Office, or drop it off at Town Hall. Please verify your voter registration with the County to ensure you receive a Ballot. Ballots must be received at Town Hall by April 2nd, 2024.
 - b. Here are your candidates:
MAYOR: Wendy Koch
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Randy Horning, Jacob Belcher, Denise Tennant, Lon Fulton
 - c. Ballots were mailed the week of March 11th. Please contact Town Hall if you need an absentee ballot form so we can send your ballot to you. (303-569-2978, clerk@empirecolorado.us)
 - d. Please pick up a handout or go to the website (empirecolorado.us) to get information on the ballot question asking if you, the voters, want to eliminate term limits. It’s important to understand what your “yes” or “no” vote means.
 - e. Candidates – please see Clerk Kunze after the meeting if you need forms notarized.
 - f. Thank you to all the Candidates for participating in the Candidate Meet & Greet! We appreciate everyone taking the time to come to an extra meeting and spend time sharing your hopes and dreams for Empire!
 - g. The first Training and Work Session for the new term will be May 7th. At that time, we will have orientation for new Board members, and also explore all the ideas that were shared by Board members at the Candidate Meet & Greet. This list will give us our direction for the next term.

8. Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Authority (MJHA)

- a. Empire's goals

9. Discussion on posting the open Police Officer Position

10. Reports:

- a. Finances – Town Administrator
 - i. List of Monthly Bills on website
- b. Grants – Town Administrator. Work is continuing to move forward on the following two grant processes:
 - i. Water Distribution System
 - 1. Community Project Funding from HUD for infrastructure (CPF WDS) \$4,000,000
 - a. Water Lines and Valves plan is at 60% design
 - b. Repair Roads after line replacement
 - c. Meters and Command Link
 - 2. Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) Water Service Line Inventory
 - ii. Freeport McMoran (Henderson Mine Site Investment)
 - 1. Community & Economic Development \$9500
- c. CCFA – Mayor Wendy Koch and Trustee Randy Horning.
- d. ROMP – Town Administrator
 - i. Partners Meeting 3-28-24
 - ii. Amy Saxton will present to the BOCC 4-2-24
- e. Police Department – Chief Lorenz
 - i. Monthly Stats
- f. Upcoming Events – Town Administrator
 - i. March 30th – Saturday, 11 am, Empire's Easter Egg Hunt! Meet in Minton Park.
 - ii. April 10th – Wednesday, 6:30 pm in Town Hall – join us for our Empire Police Department Meet & Greet!
- g. Planning Commission – Mayor
 - i. All Planning Commission meetings are in-person with remote access.
 - ii. The next Regular Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

11. Public Comment: Public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person. The Board does not respond to questions during this time. For operational questions, please email the clerk.

12. Moment of Appreciation

13. New Business from Board of Trustee Members

14. The Next Board of Trustees Work Session is Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

15. The Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, at 6:30 pm. In-person with remote access.

16. Adjourn Meeting

(Mayor Wendy Koch)

(Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Kunze)