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MB = Mayor Barrett; **TC** = Trustee Crary; **TD** = Trustee Donecker; **TM** = Trustee McComb;
TR = Trustee Rudes; **CO** = Crystal O'Brien; **SF** = Stacey Farina; **MO** = Matt O'Brien

All Attendees: I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MB: Terrific, so in this calling the meeting to order, I just wanted to preface it by saying...(interruption) OK alright so as we call this meeting to order, due to the COVID-19 virus this meeting is being held as a zoom meeting. The recording as well as the transcription of the meeting will be posted to the Village website to comply with the open meeting law and the executive orders made by Governor Cuomo. In addition, the audio recording of this meeting will also be broadcast on Dackland Radio to remain compliant with open meeting laws. The public if not in attendance tonight, will have until April 27th to remit comments on the 2020-2021 budget. I'll be placing an article in the Hamilton County express tomorrow morning asking people for feedback on the budget, and where they can find the information so at this time, I'd like a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 23rd 2020.

TM: So moved

MB: Karen, 2nd?

TD: Mark

MB: Mark Donecker, K thank you. And then I would like a motion to accept the special meeting minutes from March 30th 2020, when the proposed budget was approved.

TD: Mark

MB: Mark Donecker, 2nd?

TC: Mark

MB: Mark Crary, 2nd. OK. So, at this point given, that there's one member of the public, I would like a motion to open the public hearing on the 2020-21 budget. May I have a motion to open to the public hearing?

TR: So moved

MB: Letty, 2nd?

TD: Sure, Mark.

MB: Mark Donecker 2nd, all in favor.

All Trustees: Aye

MB: All opposed?... So, for your benefit, Mr. O'Brien, at this time we will open the public hearing to receive feedback on the proposed 2020-21 budget for the Village of Speculator. A few points before I open it up for any comments you may have; there will not be a property tax increase this year, after much discussion, I am happy to report that the board is in agreement that this would be the best course of action to assist our taxpayers and our small businesses in the face of economic hardships due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. We are able to do this in part by anticipating reimbursement from the Halloween storm disaster. Second, in this budget, personnel salaries were redistributed based on averages taken from the 2018-2019 PERMA payroll Audit, overtime for all applicable codes have been separated out from the personnel services code based again on the 2018-19 PERMA payroll Audit. All employees with the exception of the two wastewater employees are budgeted to receive a 2% increase in salary which is above the cost of living increase this year. Wastewater treatment employees will

receive a \$1 increase based on a prior agreement with the board that was made in 2018 and was done in lieu of hiring a 3rd employee, after the previous wastewater supervisor retired. This is a final salary adjustment for them under this agreement. Water and wastewater budgets, the expenditures were greatly reduced to more closely align with the revenues as these departments expenditures could be completely sustainable and should be completely sustainable by the revenues. Revenues for both departments were estimated for this budget based on the number of users, average usage and the expected increase in base rates planned for this August. Additional revenues are expected through user services and penalties but not to any great extent.

CO: Hold on, I have somebody else that is trying to join the meeting, it might just be a moment.

MB: Yep.

MO: It looks like Stacy is frozen

CO: Stacy, are you frozen?

SF: did you guys lose power

CO: No, did you?

SF: Piseco lost power, I have my generators going but the Internet might be a little...

MB: So has anyone else joined?

CO: Not yet. waiting alright you can continue I guess

MB: So Matt, do you have any comments that you would like to make on the budget

MO: No, though, well I guess, thank you guys for keeping it flatline. Being able to do all that stuff and it was a lot of work, lot of things were here in there and you found a lot of things and let you guys work very hard and diligent with it so I appreciate it and thank you guys as a resident here and also as a business owner here in Speculator, so thank you.

MB: Great, thank you. Will the board, would anyone on the board like to speak as a resident? OK. So, the rest of the public that is not in attendance tonight will have until April 27th to remit comments on this budget and again I'll be placing an article in the Hamilton County express soliciting feedback on the budget and how they can do that through email, through zoom, etc. So, if there are no further comments at this time, I would like a motion to close the public hearing on the 2020-21 budget and resume the regular board meeting for the trustees

TM: So moved.

MB: Karen and 2nd?

TR: Second

MB: Letty, thank you. The public hearing portion is now closed and resume normal board meeting. Crystal, do you want to present the wastewater report?

CO: Ed said that he spoke to you, that's what he told me that he spoke to you.

MB: He was going to send it

CO: He did send it, let me share my screen and I can put up.

MB: That's great... OK. So, monthly reports for the water Department were submitted and reviewed an April. Samples are going out this week for testing they are continuing checking the system for phosphate and chlorine weekly and biweekly, respectively. They've done the readings at Camp of the Woods, and as you know Camp of the Woods is also on pause so there is no activity going on over there. So those readings should be greatly reduced. They were able to replace a four-inch high/low meter with a new fully integrated meter. Ed determined today that pump number one is not functioning properly. He has asked someone to come up. The

problem is, that the only people who can come up and evaluate are from Schenectady, but he's assessed it and he is unable determine what's wrong at this time. So, the best-case scenario was that it needs a new pressure sensor, worst case scenario is that the valve needs to be replaced. So, this has been budgeted for June, we hope that we can have it wait that long. Until then, he will let us know what happens. They are keeping up with the COVID-19 criteria or requirements regarding office cleaning, washing hands, etc. Two separate brakes have been fixed in the Wolf complex. Those are the little cabins to the right of bear run as you're going towards the wastewater treatment plant. At this time the two-inch line servicing the area continues to break annually. He suggests the best fixes replace the entire line because there are so many wraps from prior breaks and it's only going to continue to breakdown. So, research still has to be done before he can move forward in this plan regarding who exactly, these pipes, whose responsibility is it. He has been told that this was taken over by the village in the 1970s but he's looking for paperwork to confirm that so if anybody knows where that information is that would be very helpful. Expenditures pretty standard with Ferguson waterworks, Charlie Johns and Stephenson's. And they are still maintaining and checking the water system for leaks and again the annual cleaning and maintenance for the chlorine system is yet to be done for the remainder of the year. So wastewater, we have submitted WTC form to the DEC and they're still awaiting approval for the polymer that we are currently using. The report for the month has been completed and the annual withdrawal report has been completed and submitted. Their operations they've replaced clarifier number 2, digester #2, effluent tank #2, those valves in the blower room while construction was in progress. They've cleaned effluent tank number two. We moved buildup of rags from digester #2. The outside tag number one is ion operation and they are awaiting diffusers to replace those in aeration number two that have gone bad. They've had to pull pump #2 at the pump station as it was lodged with flushable wipes, so we desperately urge the community not to flush wipes. This seems to happen every year and if we can make people aware of that so much the better. And they have begun to do spring cleaning. They'll continue checking the stations biweekly. They are continuing to review their budget to try and keep things on track till close-out the year. Once weather begins to cooperate they will begin preventative maintenance on the pump stations and continue their inspection of manhole covers. They've also been very busy with the FEMA report that we're trying to put together. We did have a meeting that I'll talk about a little bit later this past week that they were very instrumental in. So the upgrade project, they've been very busy over there, so at this time the new drives have been replaced in both plants, concrete patch work has been done in the tanks, the valves bypass check valve at pump station one involving completed and the only thing left in this portion of contract one is to replace the pumps in the panel. We are awaiting delivery on those pumps. There originally going to have two more contracts to finish the upgrade project, but Ed has decided that we'll combine them both into one final contract instead of having two separate ones. He feels as though we've waited long enough to proceed and should accomplish what is left sooner rather than later. Contract two should be ready to go out to bid within the next couple of months as Lamont engineers have already begun working to get it going. With regards to DEC the new SPEDES permit will go into effect May 1st and at this time Ed is modifying reporting to comply with the new limits and terms. He is also creating a copper monitoring schedule in order to comply with the SPEDES permit as well. Any comments, any questions?

TD: Yeah I have a comment, you know, how long is it gonna take to combine into one final contract and should we keep them separate to continue work because they've been very slow on completing contract work, open design and the final contract, so I'm just a little bit worried that making it to one is gonna be monstrous and nothing will get done.

MB: Well I think I think Ed is thinking that if we combine the two into the contract, we can consolidate the design phase and the bidding out for contracts. Like you can have that, we can have that question back to him.

TD: OK alright.

MB: Any other comments? Alright so they've been busy over there and we have seen some progress, so alright take that down Crystal.

CO: Just to let everybody know we just added another person, I believe it's Bobby Hoover. Since she asked me for the password just a few minutes ago. Bobby is that you? yeah I'm guessing. OK, Jeanette if you're ready I'll move on to my report.

MB: That would be great.

CO: Right, there is a few things, quite a few things on mine. NYCOM has planned several webinars in the next couple of weeks to explain guidance during the COVID-19 virus pandemic. All the shutdown, they've decided that they're going to do a bunch of webinars which is great. I plan to attend, especially the one this week for the explanation of election guidance both from the state and NYCOM. On Friday I also attended a webinar on the open meeting law and public hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was very detailed webinar with a lot of great items on the executive orders that were given by the Governor. There are a few areas that I wanted to just highlight. I also have the slides saved if any of the board would like to review them, there's about, 42 so I didn't send them to anybody because...

TM: Thank you

CO: ...The size but if anybody would like to review them, I'm happy to share them with you. One, the Governor's executive order 202.1 authorizes the public body to meet remotely by conference call or similar service, if a public body restricts in person access to the meeting or conducts the meeting remotely by conference call or similar service there are three stipulations; one the public meeting must be allowed to be viewed or listen to through video or teleconference like we're doing now, two it must be recorded and then it also must be transcribed and those recordings and transcriptions must be made available to the public. Anything that is discussed that has an attachment like we usually do with our minutes must be also made available on the website which we currently do when we attach them to the minutes but I might put them on a little bit ahead of time, just to kind of be a little bit more compliant with the times, at the moment. If a public body can't comply with the executive order 202.1, and must hold an in person meeting, this is only strictly if it's 100% necessary, they must comply with all of the CDC and New York State DOH recommended practices; which is social distancing, limiting seating, 50% facility capacity, holding meetings in a larger facility, asking individuals who are sick not to attend and extra cleaning before and after. As far as I'm concerned, we really don't have to do that, especially since we're doing these video conferences, that seems that we're perfectly compliant. As far as holding the public hearing during this time the law states that the public must be giving reasonable and meaningful opportunity to be heard, so giving the public a reasonable opportunities to submit meaningful comment via online video conference technology and in writing by email it helps us comply

with the executive order as well as helps us have a likely strong case if we were ever to be challenged for our actions. There is a lot of information on the NYCOM website, as far as guidance during this time. There's a large red button on nycom.org that says click here for guidance and resources. I did this when I was not logged in today, from my own computer and was able to see many of the items on the website. So I'm sure that even if you don't have access, you would be able to go on and look at the different item, you know, many of the different items that are there. Moving on, the proposed budget for 20-21 has been made available on the website for the public to view. I'm also going to post the recording from tonight and the previous week, or sorry the previous meeting, the special meeting for the presentation of the budget on the website as soon as possible, as well as transcriptions for both. That way the public does have ample time to listen or read about the budget and comment before the 27th, just so we're in compliance. Both Stacy and I are wearing masks at the Village Hall to comply with the Governor's recommendation that everybody wears a mask in a public building. In the next few weeks, while we are waiting out this pandemic, there are many projects that we can do at the Village Hall which is, it's kind of, you know even though it's kind of a strenuous time, it gives us a little bit of availability to do these projects that we've been putting off. One is putting together that report of revenues for the water and sewer department for the past five years that was asked or requested by a couple of the board members to do for reference. Also going through the filing cabinets, which is probably not either of our favorite thing to do, but, you know, going through them to create a better more uniform or universal filing system. More easily accessed documents. Also resuming the organization in the storage room, which is at the bottom of our list right now, so this time right now is going to be that time where we can get back there and not be disturbed, and stuff like that, while we're trying to get that room better organized. And getting ready for summer activities which, you know fingers crossed, we'll be able to open the beach this summer. I've already had at least one of our lifeguards asking if we're going to reopen so hopeful that will reopen this year. And finally the financial report which was really easy to close March this year, or sorry this month, is ready to view at the village Hall so whenever in the next couple of weeks you're available then you can come by and review it sign it and then we can hopefully approve it next meeting. So that is it.

TD: Crystal, would you remind them to stop all purchasing as of May 1st unless there's an emergency

CO: I will remind them, that is coming up pretty quick. As far as I can see just from, you know going over the abstracts and stuff they are slowing, they've slowed down a lot in the last month or two already, so I'm sure that you know stopping by the beginning of May will have no problem

TR: Crystal keep in mind advertising for lifeguards, even though we may not be open but to get ahead of the curve

CO: Yeah, I have a plan to send out an email to the previous lifeguards to see if there, if they would like to come back this year. I'm planning on sending that out this week and then if there's, for any reason somebody doesn't want to come back, we have a vacancy, then I do have one person that might, that's taking the course right now in school, that might be willing to work this summer as well. So I do have someone kind of on reserve so...

TR: Yeah the two from Wells, the long term ones, I doubt will be back and speaking to.. what's his name, it eludes me, he indicated to me that his mother was having difficulty getting lifeguards wherever she overseas, so they would probably be helping her out this year but...

CO: Yeah, I know last year they helped out a lot so I'm hoping this year that at least one of them will be able to help us out, especially since we don't really have anybody else qualified to do the lessons and that's really something that's kind of special to be able to have so... especially for free.

TC: So Crystal

CO: Yes

TC: Crystal, request, on future financial audits, the general account in particular, could you put all the pages of the bank statement on there.

CO: You want every page of the general bank account there?

TC: There's only the cover, you know, the page 1 of 12

CO: Right, which, I mean the rest of the bank statement is in our files, so if you ever want to look at it, you're able to look at that. The only reason we put just the top sheet in the financial report is so that you can see that the beginning and ending balances that reflect in the in the in the reconciled, check reconciliation, so...

TC: Well, I was trying to trace the transaction, so I guess I'll go back in the office and pull the whole thing.

CO: You can come in anytime and there right in the filing cabinet with the treasurer's files so I can pull it out for you anytime.

TC: Great thanks

MB: Are there any other questions for Crystal

Trustees: No, thank you.

MB: It really has been a challenging time and Crystal thanks for keeping us organized and making sure we're on track with the elections, with our open meeting law, how to conduct our open hearings. There's a lot of moving parts.

CO: Thanks, it's been it's been interesting, to say the least.

MB: yes

CO: and Stacey's been a big help with her office hours. She's been holding the Fort down there while I've had to be at home with the kids, and working from home... so...

SF: yeah

MB: OK. So, at this time May I have a motion to approve abstract #20

TD: Mark

TC: Mark

MB: Ok. Mark Crary and Mark Donecker 1st and 2nd... any discussion or any questions... all in favor say aye,

Trustees: Aye

MB: All opposed... OK, that passes and we will pay abstract #20. Moving on, under old business; first is the budget, so I think we've discussed that the public has an opportunity to comment in email regarding the budget by April 27th. Information regarding that will be put in the paper this week to solicit that feedback and information. There's a lot of activity going on with FEMA as we approach our deadline at the end of next week. I'm telling you if I had any more room for gray hair I would be growing it. And so last week, we were able to meet with Ed Scharpou,

Lamont engineers, myself, representatives from FEMA and New York State Department of Homeland security and emergency services to go through our engineering reports for several areas. So we were discussing the generator down at the plant it looks like we may have an opportunity, not through FEMA, but through New York State to actually source a grant for a new generator or at least somehow improve the generator that we have which would be great. That would be under CFR 404 funding. The second is pump station one, there are some opportunities to further evaluate the damage there, but right now we have provided a temporary fix and what we feel is a final fix and we will be able to submit that for reimbursement. Pump station 2 needs more definitive information. Pump station 2 is the one on route 30 and what happened in the storm is that it lifted up and tilted so it's never a good thing. There's a little bit more investigation moving forward on that. There's damage to the Elm Lake Rd culvert about halfway down on the paved section it looks like we will have to do an H&H study to see if the size of the culvert needs to be replaced and what will be needed as far as the headwall and armoring the ditch around the edges feeding into and out of that culvert. So we will be engaging Hamilton soil and water with help on that. The 5th is Marion Ave so as you all know this fall that was replaced, a lot of work went into that, we will be able to fix the headwall and fixing the armoring that was all washed away and that should be very straightforward. The last tricky part is that there is a water line that crosses the Sacandaga on the Lake side that has now become exposed because of the back and forth motion during the Halloween storm of the water going back and forth, so we are looking to see whether we can document the extent of the work would be required and see what we can do to ensure that that's covered properly. So there's some investigation going on behalf of the engineers, on behalf of New York State and as well as the FEMA, the FEMA group, to see what we can do to address that. It was a very productive meeting, and I am finalizing with Crystal, Ed and Roger the final spreadsheets so this contains the debris and debris workforce, any equipment, the emergency actions work that was taken, as well as that equipment, the contracting that we had done for the wastewater treatment plant that covers the evaluation repairs and engineering reports, the management portion which gets to be quite extensive as well as our donated resources from our Volunteer Fire Department as well as myself. Moving along, next on the agenda, is the Verizon small cell towers, to update you we have submitted or we have been provided, Verizon has rethought their thinking and does not want a master licensing agreement that would discuss right of ways that the village has because we don't have any poles and right of ways, so they're going to do a site specific agreement. It has been reviewed by the lawyer, Katie Smith, and we should be submitting that to Verizon. So would anyone like to see that specific contract before I submit that?

Trustees: no.

MB: It's pretty straightforward. Alright so that'll go in today after the meeting. Makomis fire tower, we are waiting on our contract. I reached out to DEC, we are waiting for what's called an MWBE waiver, so this is minority and women business owned waiver that they have to sign. So RDC representative has said that there are at least three of his projects that are stuck at this phase and he's put a request into that department for the waiver and hopefully we should hear back soon. A second point on the Makomis fire tower, Lori Rankin reached out to us, she is the New York director of forest fire lookout Association and she had contacted me for confirmation for planned program that she would like to have with Marty Podcotch, is that the name Letty?

So, Marty would love to come and speak to the community, to set that up, it's been tentatively scheduled for June 30th and she was calling to see whether we wanted to confirm or push this out a little further. My gut feeling is June 30th would be ideal for July 4th, but since so much is unknown I'm wondering if there's any wisdom on pushing it farther into August closer to Labor Day and just wanted to get your thoughts before I respond back to her.

TD: I'd push it back as far as the

MB: The last week of August?

TD: Yeah, and even then you just don't know what's gonna happen

MB: I think it's going to be, it's going to be challenging. Anyone else's thoughts ?

TR: That's fine

TM: I think holding off till August, it might be a good idea also

MB: OK, so last. It should be a great program because Lori would like Marty to speak, the owner of the tower how it was required you know acquired he'd like to come down as well as Lori Rankin who's very enthusiastic about saving the fire tower so I think it's going to be a good program. Alright, so LED street lights, we are still waiting for a buyout despite multiple emails asking. Alright, #6 on old business is the employee Handbook review and update, I'd like to prepare... you know what, two weeks from today we're going to crack at least a small portion of it so that we can put an underline over that and say finished.

TR: When we can we get it done

MB: Yeah

TD: Jeannette, can we do that in one after, you know, a separate meeting in the afternoon just to get that done?

TM: How much more is there to do?

MB: There's a few more sections left

TM: a few?

MB: Yeah, I feel like the issue that Crystal and I have discussed, is that any public meeting that we hold, ask not only be recorded on video but it also has to be transcribed, word for word

TM: Why don't we just wait until we can meet in public and, you know, you did not have to deal with all that. I think that's a lot of extra work for her.

MB: Well we are looking into, we being Stacey and Crystal, are looking into some opportunities to use direct transcription while the meeting is going on so we're testing that today.

TM: Oh

MB: So if that works well, I think it'll be fine to go ahead and progress with that

TM: OK

TD: It could be a separate meeting and you know open to the public and through zoom in and just do it at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon or something.

MB: Well we might have to do it a little bit later to make it, well I guess people are staying home now. Alright, so that covers old business. New business. I have to say that I've been very busy with the COVID-19 update so as you are aware, as I've informed you, there are presently three confirmed cases of the COVID virus in Hamilton County, one of which is an employee at the speculator primary care clinic. Tomorrow, I'll be participating in the Hamilton County Department of Health a phone call and if there are any changes to that I will update you as I have in the past. Few mandates that have come down from the Governor's office; 1st, some of this may not be new to you, so pause New York has been extended to the end of April so 4/29 is

the new extension date, it looks like there may be some flattening of the curve although the death rate continues to be over 700 a day and it hasn't quite reached all of upstate New York yet; 2nd, there was a mandate, although we were ahead of the curve, there's a mandate to provide essential workers masks to wear while interacting with the public. I have to say that this is one of my most heartening things that I participated in this week and last week. About 55 to 60 fabric face masks have been made by lady community, we have distributed about a dozen to seniors and those who are infirmed, we've provided 10 to Charlie Johns, we provided them to sunrise, DPW, wastewater treatment, the office staff, employees at the state home we've given them six, the fire Department we've given about 11, we provided 8 to children and another one to Dr. Parslow. So we began supplying these fabric face masks early last week and I would personally like to thank Pat Sorbello from Lake pleasant, Lori Whiting from Lake pleasant, Kelly Hayes from Lake pleasant, Kelly Toogood from the Village of Speculator, and Marsha Boner from Wells. They have done a tremendous job.

TD: Jeannette, I was in Charlie Johns and they said if we could get more they would appreciate it

MB: OK, I have not been contacted by them but I will

TD: I talked to two of the ladies there

MB: ah OK

TD: I said that I would ask.

MB: They've been very generous, it's been extremely difficult getting supplies and if you have access to any thin elastic please let me know 'cause these ladies will turn it into masks. OK, so the next is procedures were updated for primary care, it was distributed in a letter by Lake pleasant, and I found it posted on Facebook, so that's available to you and was provided. There is an executive order as of last Thursday to fly flags at half mast for COVID, so we are complying with that request from the Governor and then and then we have updated the village web page with information provided by ANCA for business owners with respect to loans, grants, payroll assistance as well as free assistance with E-Commerce. So for those business owners who now find themselves having to take orders over the phone, doing take-out orders, and wondering how you can pay by Webmail, ANCA has a connection with the school up by them and they're providing free assistance with these websites to help our small businesses. So I've sent this information to the Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton County IDA, local business owners, Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Lake Pleasant Supervisor. So, if you know anybody, send them to our website, there are direct links for that. Now, Mr. O'Brien, look at our Fire Department slate of officers. Did you want to make any comment about that?

MO: No not..

MB: Crystal will you put up...

CO: The letter that was provided? OK

MO: Yep perfect. So there's been a few changes not too many as you can see president was Ryan, now it's Glenn Williams. Ryan is still going to do all the grant writing, I know we've talked with Ryan a bunch and I know the Mayor's talked to Ryan that any other grant we go in for, he's going to let us know, let the Mayor know, and let the Board know, what's going on so that you guys know what we're going for and things like that. And if there's any upfront costs or cost the end, so that we're not blindsided again. I mean, it was a shoot in the dark with the truck and we got it so it's crazy. All right, like I said Glenn Williams is president, this year we put Tim

Underwood and we pointed a deputy treasurer to work with Bob Peck with the transition period. Probably going to be happening here in the next few years. We just want to get somebody in there that it can learn the ropes with Bob, just make sure that's there. Also a second assistant chief would be Mike Tracy now and that pushed Rob Peck down to first captain which is kind of a... Just moving people around... kind of putting new people in places you know, to get him out there to get him to knowledge and stuff like that. And then also making the safety officer Bob Peck as well, so that seems to be that. We did it via email, all that stuff so everybody was able to vote, was happy with everything no complaints yet. So at the Fire Department, were limiting the usage down there, we wrote up something, no more than three people in the building at a time, no family members are allowed in there until all this is a kind of settled down, if we do get a fire call which Luckily enough we haven't had one in quite some time, as I knock a lot of wood, the plan is that the bulk of, all the members will go to the fire Hall, wait there, there will be kind of a small team to go out and kind of see what the situation is, so that we're not exposing, if there is an exposure out there, exposing all of the fire Department to something. Especially if it's just a false alarm. But you know it may cause a small slowdown in in response, but I think it's worth the risk there and we've got two guys that are going to be those point people that go to the call, see what it is, report back and then allows us to know what else we gotta do and if we are fine staying there and staying safe.

MB: Terrific and as I said about 10 masks, 10 or 12 masks have been delivered to the fire Department and they were, will be distributed and used by the firemen down there. So I think at this time we are looking for a motion to approve the slate of the Volunteer Fire Department Officers, so may I have a motion

TR: So moved, Letty

MB: Letty and 2nd?

TM: 2nd

MB: Karin, any discussion, I had one question Matt, so the pecking order, if you will, would be chief first then the first assistant, second assistant, first captain and second captain?

MO: Correct

MB: OK alright so all in favor say aye

Trustees: Aye

MB: All opposed... Right motion carries. So I thank you again and Ryan as well for the grant writing and you know to confirm what you said we are going to work together to make sure that we understand if there any portions that need to be paid outside of the grant. How those will be paid for, either are they going to be budgeted or not, or would they come from the fire Department who's done that in the past for which we're grateful. In addition, I did want to note that we will not need any trucks for the next 13 years Lord willing, let's pay off what we've got and move on from there. Any comments? So going to the board roundtable, I think I have talked enough, anybody have anything to say or comment on or to bring up?

Trustees: Nope

MB: So we will open it up for public comment

MO: I'll just say something quick, I know in a small business owner, I know where all this PPP, the paycheck thing and then also the small business loan, the \$10,000 grant. It's been very difficult for a small business actually fill this out, to get it through to where it's got to go to. I filled out the \$10,000 grant loan the second day it came out and that was almost two weeks

ago now, having said I'm been through a lot of webinars with different ski area industry stuff and it sounds like we probably won't see that for quite some time. With the payroll protection plan, that's another thing that banks are not comfortable doing that right now they feel there's too many open things and too many things that are gonna, it's just too many uncertainties for them and they're not willing to take the risk right now. So I think there's still going to be a thing. NBT is not accepting any applications, I know the only bank that was for a for a couple of days was Bank of America, but honestly nobody has seen any money from this so there's still a big thing here, big problems that we have.

MB: Wow, I'll reach out to ANCA and see if they have any insights, but I I've heard that from one or two other people that it's not going as quickly or as smoothly as one would have thought it would.

MO: That's it

MB: Right. Anybody else? OK, so we will close public comments and Letty if you would like to

TR: You know me, I'm right there

TD: Goodnight Letty

MB: So I'm looking for a motion to call this meeting to a close

TM: So Moved

MB: Letty didn't make the motion

TM: I beat her to it

TR: I'll Second it

MB: OK Letty will second it, all in favor?

Trustees: Aye

MB: OK. All opposed... Alright so this concludes our meeting. Our future meeting will be on April 27th. If we do have a meeting, that will come sooner to finish up the employee Handbook we will let you know, in the mean-time will be soliciting comments or questions on the budget. right thank you very much.

All Participants: Good night/Goodbyes