

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 12th, 2006
ASPEN TRAILS METRO DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Location: Bolton's: 771 Aspen Dr, Aspen Trails, Durango, CO

Call to order: 7:20pm

Determination of Quorum: yes 4 present

Present: Ryan Bidwell, Judy Bolton, O Ryan Gassaway, Brendan Cusick

Absent: Bayer, excused

Approval of Agenda: motion to approve by Bolton, 2nd by Gassaway, approved 4:0

Order of Business:

Reports

Financial: Bolton shared the "bottom line" report, profit & loss, balance sheet, and budget vs. actual year-to-date statements. In general ATMD remains in good shape financially; we are at or under-budget so far in all expense categories and have about \$2,855.56 in assessments still due this year (less than last year). Approximately \$28,000 will be available to carry over into 2007.

Operations/Maintenance: Grit bucket has been placed on the hill on Sierra Drive and has seen some use. Bolton will donate shovel. Bidwell met with Neil's Construction regarding snow plowing specifications and snow storage locations. Neil's has since plowed several times, and Bidwell contacted them about some missed areas, and other areas that were unnecessarily plowed.

Board Member Project Follow up

Bolton –Signs/mirrors: Still waiting to install one set of street signs (Chipmunk Circle/Aspen Drive) in the spring. Bolton has the signs, pole, and posts but waiting to install until after property owner finishes working on that section of road.

Bolton- Mailboxes: Only 4 people have contacted Bolton about wanting a mailbox since distribution of the ATMD newsletter that solicited requests. Board decided this was insufficient to justify expense at this time.

Bidwell – Snow Plowing: Bidwell discussed sanding options with Neil's construction. They have the ability to sand, but not lay down coarse grits. Board determined that coarse grits were more appropriate and effective for traction in ATMD, and decided against asking Neil's to regularly sand after plowing.

Discussion and or Action Items

1. Review and approval of minutes from October 24th, 2006 meeting: motion by Gassaway, 2nd by Bolton approved with no changes 4:0

2. Traction Problems – Numerous residents have complained about traction problems on the hills in the neighborhood as well as at the entrance onto Trew Creek. Board discussed the need for another grit barrel to be located at the entrance to the subdivision so that people do not accidentally slide out into traffic on CR 240. All in favor. Cusick to call Foisel regarding another barrel. In addition, Board discussed the need to lay down grits after major storms on the hills in the neighborhood. There is still a grits pile near the top of the Sierra Drive hill. Gassaway and Scooter Bolton both have trucks/tractors that could be used for this purpose. Cusick and Bidwell

agreed to help as labor. Board agreed that \$25/hr was an appropriate rate, and anticipated the job would take no more than one hour at a time. All approved.

3. 2007 Budget and Assessment Level – Board considered the implications of various assessment levels for the 2007 Budget based on proposals by Bolton. Surplus is currently available because ATMD did not hire a manager in 2006 as budgeted and did not have to conduct an election. Gassaway, Cusick and Bidwell recommended keeping the assessment stable in case there is a heavy snow year or other unexpected costs. Board approved ATMD 2007 Budget and ATMD Resolution 2006-4 Operations and Maintenance Assessment for 2007 setting the assessment at \$300 per lot: Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cusick, all approved.

4. Mill Levies – Board adopted ATMD Resolution 2006-5 to Set Mill Levies: Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cusick, all approved. Resolution allocates a 13.989 mill levy that will net \$25,084 in property tax revenue during 2007.

5. 2007 Budget – Bolton presented a budget for 2007. In keeping the assessment level at \$300 for 2007, Board agreed to increase maintenance budget to \$36,000 and professional fees to \$12,000 in anticipation of hiring a manager for 2007. Board approved ATMD Resolution 2006-6 to Appropriate Sums of Money totaling \$110,390 into Operation/Maintenance Expenses, Capital Reserves, Emergency Fund, Debt Service, Capital Improvement, and Conservation Trust Fund: Motion by Bolton, seconded by Bidwell, all approved.

6. Audit Exemption – Bolton made a motion to continue to again contract with accountant [Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co,] to conduct the audit exemption for ATMD. Motion by Bolton, seconded by Gassaway, all approved.

7. Insurance – Bolton made a motion to continue liability insurance with Colorado Special District Property and Liability Pool for \$1,261.10 for 2007: Motion by Bolton, seconded by Cusick, all approved.

8. Roads – Cusick explained that Moon - the 2nd property on R. on Upper Sierra – was still experiencing problems with water running onto the road. With the snow it is difficult to find ATMD's culvert as it crosses under his new driveway. Appears to be only six inches or so under the surface. Cusick to approach Moon regarding improving this situation. Board also discussed response to concerns expressed and actions taken by the Mathis' on Lower Sierra Circle regarding the diversion of water towards their property. ATMD may want to add a culvert at this location, but Board agreed that landowner actions were inappropriate and Cusick agreed to send a letter explaining this including a copy of the ATMD road protection resolution. Board also discussed Michaud property on Elk Lane – ATMD has waived 2006 assessments since landowner installed culverts. Landowner has asked for rock/gravel to be placed at the end of his driveway. Board agreed to take a look and determine if rock was necessary in the spring.

9. Board Acknowledged receipt of Bolton resignation letter effective 12-31-06

Next meeting date will be January 8th.
Adjourned at 9:10pm

Submitted by Ryan Bidwell

Approved by Board _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____