



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall (Temporarily Suspended)

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/22

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LAST MEETING: January 14, 2021 (via Zoom)

President Campbell presided.

Visiting Rotarians: Bob McHugh

Other Guests: Susan Capps

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had a 52% turnout for the Zoom meeting today.
- Pam submitted the ROUND THREE Covid-19 Community Support grant request to District for Families Plus Tutoring Program in the North Fork Valley. The Club contributed \$500 (as a single donation from one generous member) which will be matched by the District for a total of \$1000. Funds will go toward educational materials and other resources.
- Committee Chairmanship positions available for:
 - Public Relations Committee. Facebook familiarity (or willingness to learn) would be helpful.
 - Fundraising Committee. Ideas for non-contact fundraising needed. Contact Pam or Randy.
- Anyone wishing to take over as Newsletter Editor is welcome to do so. Contact a Board Member.
- A big THANKS to Sarah who took remarkable notes on the meeting in the Editor's absence.

PROGRAM: Mary Bachran - Paonia Town Mayor

Glenn introduced Mary Bachran, Town Mayor. According to Ms. Bachran, The state of Paonia is strong and moving on.

Water survey - Because of delays due to COVID the water survey required by the moratorium is expected to be completed by the end of March. The town is trying to get back the ~400 taps awarded to Arch Coal (now owned by Peabody). Not making much progress. As for drought mitigation, the 1-million-gallon tank will soon be back on line. The computer system needed repair. This cured the water reporting deficiencies noted by the State and solved the problems.



Marijuana sales – The town working on how this will be regulated. There is a working group that is developing details. Recommendations ought to be before the Council in February. Pot shop(s) should be in town by summer. There is lots of commercial interest.

River Bank development - This will go to the Planning Commission this month with a proposal for 16 lots. There are currently only 2 water taps, so the developer will have to wait until the moratorium is lifted to develop the other 14 lots.

Poulos Park – The Town received a CDOT grant to develop a wayfinding sign (which is now installed in the park). The base for the statue and the Marston plaque are ready for installation. The Town may be able to complete the refurbishment of the park without further fund raising.

Police Department - It is fully staffed with a chief, 4 officers and 1 school resource officer for the first time in a long time. Protection orders can now be issued locally. Previously had to go to court in Delta to get one.

Space to Create - Need to do a housing survey before moving on. State has no money, so the Town is putting this program on the shelf for the time being. The Town is trying to find another way to move toward affordable housing.

County Land Use Plans – New plans have made the current IGA obsolete. The Town will negotiate new contract(s) with the county regarding land use immediately outside town limits.



Other Items:

- The Town has a new fee and fine schedule, which will avoid residents having to go to court to resolve matters.
- The Town building code will be brought up to 2018 standards. The Town is looking to share a building inspector with other towns.
- The Town has been recognized as an entrepreneurial ecosystem for its support of new businesses and overall business climate.
- The Town has been unable to get COVID statistics about 81428 zip code. May do a sewer sample.

Mary said it was gratifying to get things done that had been stalled for so long.



UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
1/21/21	Terry O'Brien	Talk about COVID Dashboard and vaccines	Randy Campbell (for Marsha)
1/28/21			Ulli Lange
2/4/21			Bob Lario
2/11/21			Ed Bliss
2/18/21			Pam Bliss
2/25/21			Betsy Marston
3/4/21			Jackie Parks
3/11/21			Kevin Parks
3/18/21			James Schott
3/25/21			Peggy Szvetecz
4/1/21			Greg Thompson
4/8/21			Bain Weinberger
4/15/21			Bill Bishop
4/22/21			Sarah Bishop
4/29/21			5th Thursday
5/6/21			Norm Lewark
5/13/21			Nick Lypps
5/20/21			Randy Campbell
5/27/21			Annette Choszczyk
6/3/21			John Coombe

