



101 Midland Avenue, Basalt, CO 81621

**Meeting Date: April 19, 2016**  
**Location: Town Council Chambers**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order (Mayor Whitsitt)**

The meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order at 6:07 PM by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt.

#### **2. Roll Call (Pam Schilling)**

Council members present were Gary Tennenbaum, Herschel Ross, Rick Stevens and Mark Kittle.

#### **3. Community Acknowledgments**

##### **3A. Basalt Student Citizen of the Month (Karla Lopez)**

Karla Lopez was recognized under the Pillar of Character of Citizenship.

##### **3B. Minutes of April 12, 2016**

**M/S COUNCILORS MARK KITTLE AND HERSCHEL ROSS THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

#### **4. Parting Council Member Comments**

Parting Council members made their closing comments and said their good-byes to Council and welcomed the new members.

Rick Stevens spoke to the increased interest of serving the community since his start with Council back in 1994. Rick noted the preservation of the kilns, and preservation of the park area by keeping a road from running through Arbaney Park. Rick said he got back on Council in 2012 to see the implementation of the River Master Plan that had been shelved for numerous reasons. He was pleased to see the progress made on the Plan. Rick said he was happiest about his youngest son who got the bug for community engagement and hoped his son would stay in the community, and that the children recognized as students of the month and other children in community athletics, sports and other leadership roles, stay here and become the leaders of the community. Rick was happy with the results the Town got this spring with twice

as many voters turning out, close race and all. Rick hoped everyone would get a little piece of the action and walk out of here happy tonight knowing the future's pretty bright. Rick thanked everyone for letting him serve for roughly 14 years.

Herschel Ross said he was moving up from servant of the people to private citizen; as private citizen, the Council would be working for him and he expected results. He had the privilege of sitting next to Karin Teague for the first 2 years of service. When Karin left office, Herschel told her she would be missed as she was the only one who understood his bad puns, and Karin had joked that those bad puns might be the reason she chose not to run again. Herschel noted Glenn Rappaport whom he served with. He said he didn't think Glenn and he voted the same way once in two years, but they had learned to work together, had a lot of fun and got some great things accomplished. Herschel learned that the history that Rick Stevens brought to the Council helped everyone understand where the Town came from, where it is now, and what the town could be. Rick's honesty and integrity were essential to Herschel's work on the Council. Herschel spoke to Mark Kittle saying he was the 'fun guy' on council. Herschel predicted that in the next 2 years there would be a land use issue that Mark's family would have nothing to do with and Mark would have to vote on a land use thing. Herschel said his personal philosophy was that you don't know you're in a golden age until it has passed. Herschel said the staff was the golden age of town government and said council should use this opportunity and not let it slip by.

Gary Tenennbaum thanked Herschel and noted his respect for the outgoing council members. He noted that even though they had differences of opinion, they were all Basalt. Gary said he knew it wasn't the last time he would be seeing them at a Council meeting. Gary respected the outgoing Council members for doing the work; it wasn't easy – it took a lot of time to do it and he thanked them for it.

Jacque Whitsitt said there were so many years of experience and commitment and love at the council table; love for this valley and town that we live in. Jacque echoed Rick's comments about the record turn out for the election and the passion of the voters. Jacque said the community wasn't that far apart in their passion for the community. Jacque thanked everyone who ran and noted how difficult it was on the family members to do so. She thanked Herschel and Rick and Rob for all their hard work, and for all the hard work the new members will put in in the future.

Mike Scanlon presented a video of the past 4 years and the outgoing council members.

#### **5. Oath of Office – New Council takes seats**

The Oath of Office was given to Jacque Whitsitt for Mayor, Jennifer Riffle, Katie Schwoerer and Auden Schendler for Council.

#### **6. Appointments:**

“Town of Basalt Home Rule Charter Section 3.7.C — Organizational Meeting At the first regular meeting following a regular election, and before the Council conducts any official business other than approval of minutes from past meetings, the Town Clerk shall administer the oath of office to newly-elected members of the Council, and they shall assume office at that time. The Council shall then proceed to appoint the Mayor Pro Tem, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Municipal Judge and conduct such other organizational business as it sees fit.”

Mark Kittle nominated Auden Schendler to the post of Mayor Pro-Tem. Katie Schwoerer nominated Gary Tennenbaum. Following general discussion between Auden and Gary, Auden suggested Gary be nominated as Mayor Pro Tem. Council, by show of hands, voted 4-0-1 abstention (Gary Tennenbaum) to appoint Gary Tennenbaum as Mayor Pro tem.

Mayor Whitsitt asked for a show of hands in favor of appointing Mike Scanlon as Town Manager. Council voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

Mayor Whitsitt asked for a show of hands in favor of appointing Tom Smith as Town Attorney. Council voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

Mayor Whitsitt asked for a show of hands in favor of appointing John Collins as Municipal Judge. Council voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

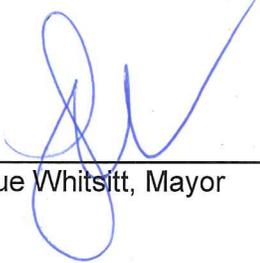
**7. ADJOURNMENT**

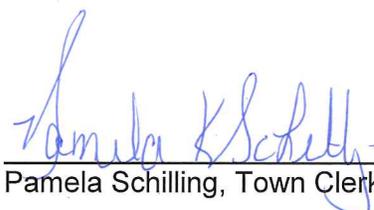
**M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND KITTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:36 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

The minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting were read and approved this 26<sup>h</sup> day of April, 2016.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

**ATTEST:**

By:   
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

  
Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

