



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

**Basalt is an inclusive, sustainable, mountain community that boasts both historic charm and progressive vision. It is an engaging place to live, work and play while offering an abundance of creative, professional, educational and recreational outlets.**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 PM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bill Kane called the Regular Meeting of the Basalt Town Council to Order at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The meeting was held virtually. Also present were Council members Elyse Hottel, Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, David Knight, Ryan Slack, and Gary Tennenbaum

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2A. Minutes of December 22, 2020**

**2B. Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021:** A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Designating the Places for Posting of Public Meeting Notices

**2C. Reappointments to NWCCOG:** Reappoint Bill Infante as a regular member and Watkins Fulk-Gray as alternate to NWCCOG

**2D. Proclamation Honoring Michael Lipkin's Gift to Basalt**

**2E. Environmental Letter of Support to Biden Administration (Mountain Pact)**

**2F. Reappointments to the Green Team:** Reappoint Gerry Terwilliger and Doug Goldsmith to the Green Team

**M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** At this time members of the public are invited to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.

Tony Kronberg, no address given, discussed her concern for pedestrians walking across Two Rivers Road at the restaurants in the dark. Tony said people step out in front of traffic without looking and there is no light or designated walkway for people to cross to Jalisco Grill and Free Range Kitchen; it is dangerous for pedestrians and drivers. Tony encouraged lighting and a crossing like those on Market Street at Willits near the Capital Creek Brewery, Wienerstube and Mezzaluna.

#### **4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Gary Tennenbaum said he thought everyone had signed on to the letter to Representative Lauren Bobert. Gary wondered whether Representative Bobert would really represent us and the issues that are important to the western slope and said he would like to invite her to join Council on a Zoom meeting to talk to us and share her vision for this District. Gary noted it is a huge District and water, agriculture, recreation, public lands, renewable energy are all huge issues. Gary said Representative Bobert has not shown anything about what she is going to do for us; her biggest issue is that Second Amendment rights be upheld. Gary said he never knew that Second Amendment rights were at risk. Gary cautioned he did not want to attack her but invite her after things calm down, to see what she has in store for this District. Glenn Drummond agreed and felt it was important to have a discussion in these times. Mayor Kane said he was on board with that idea and asked Ryan Mahoney to send a communication to the Representative's office and see if she would be amenable to spending a little time with us at the Basalt Town Council. Gary emphasized that we communicate to her that we want to listen; he said he was very serious about not attacking her, this was about listening. Gary said she should be able to speak before any of us speaks; and hoped we could turn this around so she can represent us the best that she can. Elyse Hottel suggested it would be nice to invite the County Commissioners and other City Councils around the area to present her ideas at once. Gary Tennenbaum said it would be nice to hear from her in a neutral format – to focus on the issues, not the person. Bill Kane suggested it could be framed as a Town Hall meeting format and could easily be set up for the valley, the upper Roaring Fork Valley, or however we want to parse that out. She could state her positions followed by a Q and A and a dialogue with her. Mayor Kane said the current re-evaluation of the Colorado Compact and the water on the western slope and the future of agriculture, COVID, wildlife and parks, and demographic are all important to have a solid representation. Bill said he couldn't agree more that we really ought to hear more than just the second amendment issue.

David Knight thought that Gary had a great idea and was looking forward to that. He felt it was important that we have a real dialogue and set the example for the region.

As it related to idling, David thought there was some low hanging fruit regarding the opportunity to educate about idling vehicles at the middle and elementary schools. David said cars are pretty well insulated and wondered if there could be a little more enforcement at the schools; the exhaust was pretty heavy around school pick-up time. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said staff had been working with the Police Department and Green Team; there was progress with the PD reaching out to the HOA's in town, as well as at apartment buildings and making daily contact with folks at the convenience stores where people leave their vehicles idling. Basalt is also looking at doing a cooperative effort with the Town of Carbondale in both English and Spanish with a media blitz to both communities, so people understand the consequences of idling. Ryan said the effort could be expanded to the schools if it wasn't already. Elyse said she was to write a Letter to the Editor and would welcome David Knight as a co-signer.

Bill Kane reported that he had represented the Town at the Legends of the Library program last Friday night; the video should be on their website. There was some fabulous photography from back in the day.

Bill Kane said there had been lots of communication with Eagle County concerning COVID financial assistance and a new PPP Funding (Payment Protection Program) just passed by congress, and the vaccine. Bill had also attended a difficult meeting yesterday with Pitkin Board of Health concerning some serious restaurant restrictions on the Pitkin County side of Basalt.

**5. MANAGER'S REPORT:****5A. Preliminary Sales Tax Report – December 2020**

Ryan Mahoney updated Council on the vaccinations in Eagle County, currently in Phase 1B of vaccinating folks. Pitkin County is signing up folks and they will be doing up to 1100 vaccinations at the latter part of this week. They currently have about 2,400 folks signed up; that number includes permanent residents, some second homeowners and long-term renters. Eagle County has administered 4,400 doses to date; they will continue to work through their groups. Statewide, the State is trying to have 70% of the 70+ cohort vaccinated by the first of March. It does look like there will be a roll out of additional vaccinations by the Federal government and we may get first doses into people a little quicker. Eagle County will schedule folks through a lottery in hopes of avoiding the lines of people gathering for vaccinations.

There was good news that as of yesterday, Eagle County still has \$1.7 million left of their CARES Act funds that they intend to give to Eagle County businesses; 14 Basalt businesses had received funding on the order of \$15,000 per business. Pitkin County is working with Aspen Community Foundation to provide the balance of their CARES Act funding, approximately \$1.3 million, for their community members.

The Federal PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) funds have been released for folks not able to access it in the first round earlier in the pandemic, and a second draw will become available to those who had previously received funds. Businesses can seek PPP funding through local banks. Chamber Director Kris Mattera and Town Manager Ryan Mahoney spoke earlier to determine if there was more the Town needs to do or might want to do in the way business assistance. The Town has made a significant investment in the ongoing issue of mental health related to COVID and associated issues. Ryan reviewed some of the grants from local non-profits that could serve the community, and suggested we could monitor the situation in the coming days. It may be that as we approach warmer months, and in vaccinated mode, the Town would have funds at the ready to help with a marketing campaign. The restaurants are about 60 days out from opening outdoor dining. Eagle County does not appear to be going into the red zone. We will need to see what happens with Pitkin businesses; yesterday's health order affected only Pitkin restaurants.

Ryan noted a text received by many today related to an ice dam that got hung up at Lazy Glen; it could very well release and come down this way with tomorrow's warming. Our Police Officers are very good about running up and down the river to let fishermen and others know about the ice dam releases.

Christy Chicoine shared information about the preliminary year-end sales tax numbers. Compared to 2019, we will be up about 14.3% comparatively; that is ahead of the projection by about \$200,000 on the General Fund and \$96,000 on POST.

Elyse Hottel asked Gary Tennenbaum about the mask requirements on the Arbaney Kittle Trail given Pitkin County's decision to go into the red zone yesterday. Gary explained that Pitkin County doesn't have a county-wide mask ordinance outdoors. If people are within 6 feet of someone, they have to wear a mask no matter what. If you are outside and beyond 6 feet from one another, you do not need to wear a mask. Gary said if you see other people, put your mask up; if you are passing people, put your mask up. For the most part, 75% of the people will pull up their mask when they approach one another. But, there has been major

braiding of the trails by people trying to move away from other people. Gary asked that people put their mask on and try to not braid the trails.

**6. COUNCIL ACTIONS; 6A. Appointment to the Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) Committee** – Appointment of Amiee White Beazley to the Parks, Open Space and Trails POST (Susan Philp)

Susan Philp introduced Aimee White Beazley, an applicant interested in participating on the POST Committee. Aimee expressed her interest in POST, answered questions about her vision for the Basalt parks, what she saw as some of the things she'd like to see in terms of POST activities.

**M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT AIMEE WHITE BEAZLEY TO THE PARKS OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2023. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**6B. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 28, Series of 2020:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing the Financing of Improvements to the Arbaney Park and Pool and In Connection Therewith Authorizing the Conveyance and Subsequent Leasing of Certain Town Property and the Execution and Delivery by the Town of a Deed or Ground Lease, a Lease Purchase Agreement, and other Documents Related to the Financing (Ryan Mahoney and Christy Chicoine)

Elyse Hottel recused herself from this portion of the meeting.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced Bond Attorney Dee Wisor of Butler and Snow, and municipal advisor Bruce Kimmel of Ehler's, who have been assisting the Town through this process. Bruce Kimmel discussed the bid tabulations and interest rates ranging from 1.110% to 2.375% from 5 bids, and explained the staff recommendation to move forward with local Alpine Bank at 1.350%.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

Tony Kronberg asked if Council really knew what they were getting for the amount of money they were putting out for the pool. Tony felt one of the important things is that the pool doesn't raise the admission. She asked if there was a revenue and expense sheet projected with the addition of the 'robot pool'. Tony thanked the predecessors who made this happen. Tony said she had been involved with this process and there were two goals – to get a multigenerational pool and a hot tub; two things every other community has that the Basalt pool doesn't have. Tony said she had an 'ask' to create another change order to the contract to deepen the interactive pool to 4 feet - deep enough for the whole family - like every other pool in the valley. The second ask was for a hot tub. Tony said she has taught swimming for over 40 years in this valley. She had lobbied hard in every other municipality and got the family pool. Slides were shown depicting the 2 foot depth of water which Tony was asking be deepened to 4 feet. The public hearing was closed at 7:17 PM.

**6B. M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 28, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**6C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 29, Series of 2020:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Approving a Supplemental Budget for Arbaney Park and the Certificates of Participation (Christy Chicoine)

Finance Director Christy Chicoine discussed this separate supplemental budget for 2021. Christy said staff felt it was important that it be a separate supplemental budget because of the dollar amount of the additional funds. Christy outlined Exhibit A of the Ordinance describing the appropriations for this supplemental budget.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 7:21 PM.

Toni Kronberg said there were 2 documents she would like to take a look at; one is how this money is broken down and how much is going for each part of the improvements (locker rooms, interactive pool and ramp), and if there were any profit/loss or revenue expense sheet, she would like to see that.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney addressed Tony's comments saying that the costs for the improvements would be in the Rudd proposal and itemized for various aspects of the project. As far as a profit and loss statement, this is considered a town service, it is the improvement of an existing pool facility and there was no need for a pro-forma for this improvement. Tony asked if the fees would remain the same and noted the pool has struggled to get guards. Tony wanted to be sure those things were taken care of so there would be a good staff to work with. Tony asked if there was a contingency left over from the budget. Mayor Kane suggested Tony contact James who could get her the documents she requested.

There were no further public comments and the hearing was closed

**M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 29, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**6D. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 30, Series of 2020:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending the 2021 Budget and Providing for a Supplemental Appropriation Related to the Purchase of Lot 4, Mid Valley Center PUD, Basalt, Colorado (Ryan Mahoney/Jeff Conklin/Christy Chicoine)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted that at the last meeting we made a shift and started anew with this Ordinance because we had intended to close in 2020. We wanted to reflect the closing and supplement in the fiscal year 2021. Finance Director Christy Chicoine said that some notes were added to Exhibit A to make the changes very clear such as the price reduction and the improvements needed on the property.

Mayor Bill Kane opened the public hearing at 7:29 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS. DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 30, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH COUNCILOR INFANTE OPPOSED.**

**6E. Approve Mural Locations on Town Property for BPAC Mural Project**

Planning Director Susan Philp discussed the BPAC projects coming up: the ice sculptures to be placed around town the first week in February, the Arts Master Plan, the return of the barrier project for restaurants as were decorated last year, and the mural project.

Susan described the 3 ways in which someone could submit under a request for a proposal under the mural project, the preferred being an artist and a building owner come in together with a proposal for something on private property; or a building owner who offers their building as a mural space; or an artist with a concept who wants to be lined up with a space.

Staff felt there should be some town public spaces to be offered for murals and described 7 locations around town. Pedestrian underpasses were not included due to the special paint and coatings that protect them from graffiti; RFTA Engineers have asked us not to use them for murals. The murals would need a 2 year commitment on public property, and at least a one year commitment on private property. Elyse Hottel thought a good candidate for a future mural site would be the mechanical building at the swimming pool.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE MURAL LOCATIONS ON TOWN PROPERTY PER STAFF RECOMMENDATION. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 7A. Accounts Payable
- 7B. Advanced Agendas
- 7C. Correspondence to the Town

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting were read and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January , 2021.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

**ATTEST:**

By: *William G. Kane*  
William G. Kane, Mayor

*Pamela K Schilling*  
Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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