

March 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

The Town of Swink Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cordova on March 9, 2009 at 7:05 pm with all council members present also in attendance was Attorney Malouff, Public Works Director Dell and Clerk Clodfelter.

Consent agenda, which consisted of the Minutes from the February 9, 2009 Meeting, The Disbursement List, The Public Works Director Report, Clerks Report and The Librarian Report were all approved.

Debra Basye, Hogg Stopp Saloon, addressed the council concerning a bike rally and a beer garden. After discussion it was decided that these should be two different events.

The bike rally might be the weekend of May 30th with a beer garden and she is also planning on having a beer garden for the annual celebration.

Clerk stated that she is in the process of registering children for soccer and baseball. Clerk stated that she has only 1 application for the summer recreation director. Council decided that we would re-advertise for 2 more weeks.

Finance Committee did not meet last month.

CML Annual Conference will be June 16-20th in Vail. Mayor Cordova stated that the fees for the conference has been waived by CML. Cordova asked if any council members would like to attend

this meeting to please let the clerk know. The clerk will also attend this conference.

Cordova stated that we received 20 Requests for Proposals. He set up a committee to look over the RFP. The committee will be chaired by Mayor Protem Lytle. Also on the committee will be Headlee, Wallace and Dell. The committee will meet on March 16th at 6:00 pm and bring back to council a recommendation for a contractor.

Stone stated that the annual celebration is planned for June 13th and everything is going smooth.

Modern Woodmen donation was tabled until next month.

Monday, April 13, 2009 Agenda

Annual Celebration—June 13, 2009	date	Correspondence
Swink Recreation-Swink Summer Recreation Director	New Maintenance - Award the Project	Tree Spraying—June 2nd and 3rd
Annual Swimming Party—August 3, 2009	CML Classes	Water Allocation
Speed Limit Sign—Columbia Ave-Update	Modern Woodmen-Donation-Update (Swink Park area on Kimble Ave.)	Next board meeting will be May 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Finance Committee- Up-	National Arbor Day Proclamation—April 22, 2009	Executive Session at 6:30pm

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Special points of interest:

- www.swinkcolorado.com
- *Annual Celebration—June 13, 2009*
- *Baseball Registration*
- *No water restriction*
- *CODE RED*

SWINK RECREATION— BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



Batter, Batter, Batter up. Well its that time of the year and we will start hearing that phase a lot.

Baseball registration has started and will continue thru April 9th for early registration and late registration deadline will be April 16th. No one will be allowed to register after the April 16th deadline.

Baseball Registration April 9th
Late Registration deadline April 16th.

The following is the divisions for t-ball, softball and baseball.

T-Ball: Ages 4-6—Coed

Girls Softball: Age 7-10; 11-12 and 13-16

Boys Baseball: Age 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; 13-15 and 16-18

The Town of Swink will also be mailing out letters to sponsors again this year. If you/or your company is interested in sponsoring a baseball team, please call Terry at the Town Hall, 719-384-7155.

We will also need help in the concession stand, umpires, score keepers, etc. Please help make this program a success by volunteering.

Thanks in advance for all your help.



MAINTENANCE BUILDING—UPDATE

Just a fast update on how the maintenance building project is progressing.

As you know we received a grant from Department of Local Affairs. (DOLA) for \$195,000.00 for the new maintenance building. The contract was signed on March 20th.

The Request for Proposals was sent out and the deadline for the RFP was March 2nd. We did receive 20 RFP back from contractors. This was a really good thing for the Town of Swink as it gives us a lot of contractors to look at and get the right one for our project.

The RFP was opened at the regular board meeting in March. Mayor Cordova formed a committee to look at the RFP and interview the contractors. The committee consisted of Mayor Pro-Tem Lytle, chair person, Trustee Headlee, Trustee Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Dell.

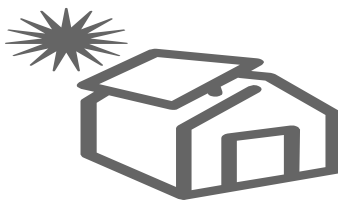
The committee held a meeting on March 16th to review all the RFP.

A second meeting was scheduled for March 23rd with the top three contractors.

After the committee talked with all three contractors a final decision will be taken to the board on April 13, 2009 at the regular board meeting. An executive session will be held at 6:30 pm with council members.

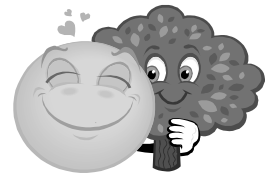
All three contractors will be able to start to work on the project immediately or within the next 4 weeks from the signing of the contact.

Each contractor states that the building should be completed within the next 14—21 weeks of start date.



The Request for Proposals ranged from base price of \$225,000—\$494,000.00. Several contractors listed a lot of add on's and deletions of items.

The committee feels that they will make the right choice for the Town and for the amount of money that will be spent.



Tree Spraying—June 2nd and June 3rd

The Town of Swink annual tree spraying will be on June 2nd. If the project is not completed he will finish on June 3rd. The Town of Swink is using Rich's Tree Service from Pueblo.

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Dell stated that the cost for handicap accessible sidewalks would cost around \$800.00 per sidewalk. He also stated that if the Town does the sidewalks in front of the Swink Post Office residents that need the handicap sidewalk could not enter the post office from the front as it is not handicap accessible. He stated that the back door is. Cordova stated that he feels that we need to do the sidewalks in Swink and we would budget this item for next year.

Dell stated that he is still waiting for information from the La Junta Police Department concerning the speed limit signs on Columbia Ave. Tabled until next month.

Taylor Miell, Josh Harris, Sydney McIntyre and Beth Miller addressed the council regarding Operation Smile Program. The Swink School is having a walk-a-thon on April 8, 2009 and would like for everyone to get involved with this program. They also asked Mayor Cordova to attend the event and help with the announcements.

Dell stated that the annual alley clean up will be March 23rd—31st.

Council then discussed a letter that was dropped off at the Town Hall. The letter addressed the increase in water rates every year and the annual celebration. Cordova stated that a couple of the council members had some concerns regarding the letter since it was not signed. Trustee Piquette did not feel that this was a problem and we should have answered the questions. Cordova stated that only letters that are signed will be printed in the newsletter. Trustee Stone stated that policy should not be changed because of anonymous letter.

Trustee Cox talked about the dead birds in the area. He stated that the birds are not harmful to people or animals.

Dell then presented to council a report regarding CO-RAD. He stated that he attended the meeting that discussed our water on both Thursday night and Friday morning. He stated that the State presented the program so council from

towns could attend and get the necessary information. Dell went over the timeline that the State has given the Towns. Council made a motion to hire an engineer by the April 13th deadline. Dell stated that a letter will be mailed to the State by March 31st deadline. Council stated that we would start to work on applying for the necessary grants.

Council went to executive session at 8:30 pm with all council members and Dell to discuss Victor Arellano and Thomas Gribble evaluation.

The executive session concluded at 8:46 pm.

Council made a motion to accept Victor Arellano and Thomas Gribble evaluation that was presented to council and gave each of them a 4% raise.

Cordova adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

WATER RESTRICTION

Spring is here! It is that time of the year again to start irrigating your yards. The Town of Swink does not have a water restriction in effect at this time.

What does this mean? You can water whenever you choose to and as long as you want.

Remember we have had a dry year and your trees need to have water also.

If council puts a water restriction in effect it will be posted at the Swink Town Hall, Swink Post Office, in the La Junta Tribune Democrat, Rocky Ford Daily Gazette and on our web site. www.swinkcolorado.com

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We hope to have a section in the next issue titled "ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER". Please send your letters to the Town Clerk.

Current Water Restriction:

No water restrictions—Water restrictions were lifted for the Town of Swink at the May 12, 2008 meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1, 2009

NOTICE: All dogs must be licensed with the Town of Swink

April 13., 2009

Town of Swink Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Public Invited

April 23, 2009

Read Water Meters

Swink Recreation

April 9, 2009

Early Baseball Registration — \$ 25.00

April 16, 2009

Deadline for Baseball Registration — \$ 35.00

We are always in need of commissioner's, coaches, score keepers, etc. Please call Terry to volunteer your time. We appreciate all your help.

Swink Sr. Citizens

April 9, 2009

Lunch at Swink School

April 13, 2009

Birthday Party

April 16, 2009

Board Meeting at 9:00 am

April 27, 2009

Potluck Dinner

Every Monday and Thursday—Coffee at 9:00 a.m. and Cards in pm. Sage meals M-F at 11:00 a.m.

CODE RED

We have ran this article before but due to the time of the year and the storms that we may have I feel each of you need to get registered thru the **CODE RED** program. This program alerts you when a severe storm is in our area. I just received information concerning the blizzard that is to hit us today and Friday.

The Town of Swink has instituted the **CODE RED** Emergency Notification System—an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the Town in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil –water notice, missing child or evacuation notices).

The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone number per hour. It then delivers our recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.

This system will only be used for emergency purposes. Examples of time when the **CODE RED** system could be utilized:

- Drinking water contamination
- Utility outage

- Storms
- And other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Please go to the Town of Swink web page. Click on the **CODE RED** button and follow the directions. It only takes a couple of minutes to register your phone number.

Also, please read the information this is attached. It will answer some very important questions.

What is **CODE RED**?

How is **CODE RED** launched?

What type of emergency will alert the system?

It will talk about emergency notification, the features and the benefits.

It will give you links to the Emergency Communication Network, Inc. (ECN), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and a child is Missing (ACIM).

CODE RED will be able to give you instant notification, detailed description of



Incident, Detailed Instructions and Geographic Warnings.

You can register for **CODE RED** by going on our web site:

www.swinkcolorado.com

If you do not have access to the internet you may call the Otero Co Sheriff Department or the La Junta Fire Department. You will have to provide them with your information and they will register for you.

Please remember this is a 24/7 service.

Here is an example of today's message

- A blizzard warning for our area starting at 3:00 pm continuing thru 6:00 pm on Friday
- Take proper precautions
- Make sure you have all your medicine
- Make sure you have groceries
- Avoid travel
- Gave the amount of snow that is predicted
- If you have an emergency call 911