

Reports

Commissioner and Community

- **Building Inspector** –Tom Gibb – August 11----Bob and Pam Taylor, final inspection passed, the Hotel in business. An admirable job; July 3-----Phil Figueiredo, Plan change on garage approved; Aug 12----Bob Taylor, Hotel, Permit approved for building storage under rear deck directly against rear wall
- **Zoning Board** – Ed Pianalto – The Zoning Board of Adjustments held their monthly meeting on August 12th, 2024. There have been no variances requested by property owners during July or August. The main focus of the August agenda was to continue updating the 2022 Zoning Codes. It's anticipated that the updates should be completed and will be ready to send to the Board of Trustees after the regular September meeting.
- **Environmental Health** – Gayla Gibb – Two OWTS pressure tests were observed. Both of those systems were approved.

Something for the BOARD to consider:

Currently, on the year when the OWTS requires an inspection, there is a deadline of September 15 for that inspection. If this office has not received any reports of these inspections, they may or may not have happened. It takes time to find out since most of the communication has to take place via US Post. If the owner has just forgotten, this leaves little to no opportunity for this inspection to be completed the year it is required. If no inspection, a \$500 fine is imposed.

If the deadline were by the end of July, there would be more time to remind those needing inspections that there are costly consequences for not making arrangements for the inspection. If the property owner wants to schedule a later inspection, that would be fine as long as there is communication.

What are the thoughts of the BOT/BOH?

- **Streets** – Vacant – No report
- **Ditches** – Vacant – No report
- **Cemetery** – Mark Rossmiller – Cemetery Board held a regular meeting on July 10, 2024. At that time, 5 spaces had been sold for the season and several sales were pending. Interest in purchase of burial spaces is significant. The main topic of the meeting was "green or natural" burial practice. Colorado State Legislature has approved the use of such practice or technique.. While we do not expect there will be large demand for such technique, we think it is prudent to establish policy and regulation concerning the technique. In June of 2024 the Board met with Gunnison County coroner to gather detailed and current information about just what Colorado State law says. At the July 10 meeting the information gathered at that meeting was discussed and draft regulations were composed. Basically, the current thought is that Pitkin

Cemetery will allow the “natural burial” technique but will not have any area specially dedicated for such technique and we will have official guide lines different from a conventional burial which uses a casket and vault. . We expect formal policy and regulations to be completed later this year.

Preliminary discussion was held about the possibility of a new and larger more easily seen sign located on County Road 76. There is currently a sign, but it is small and mounted low to the ground, sharing space with Quartz Properties sign.

14 new plaques have been added to the Memorial Wall. Display board #1 is full, but a significant amount of space is available on board #2. There has been many inquiries about purchase of new plaques. A new sign for the Memorial Wall is in place.

A clean-up or work day was held last Friday , August 9. The number participating was small, only 7, but it was productive. The work was mostly trimming around headstones and marker pins and clearing some brush from lanes. As the sessions have become more regular in recent years, the amount of work needed and the difficulty of the work has become less for any one session. We hope to see some increased interest from the public in the future.

Cemetery Board expects to have another meeting yet this season but date is not set.

- **Town Hall** – Ramon Reed – Two events were held at the Town Hall this past month:

PHCA put on an all Pitkin Talent Show this year in lieu of the Melodrama. It was very popular and they put on a great display of the locals at their best.

August 3rd brought in a capacity crowd to usher Michael and Lora into the wonderful world of matrimony.

Now, with the neighboring Pitkin Hotel opening, the same contractors will be moving over to repair the crack in the west corner of the Town Hall. We hope to have it completed by September.

- **Parks and Rec** – Josh Ackerman - Last week Thursday August 8th we acquired three pieces of playground equipment that was donated by the Gunnison County Elementary School. We will be discussing locations for this new equipment. A BIG thank you to Tom and Chris for going into town and picking up this equipment for Pitkin.

I have been speaking with Sherrie Kinser about putting up a memorial bench for her husband that passed away this past April. She will be purchasing the bench and shipping it to the Town for us to get it installed. It has been discussed that a possible location would be Memorial Park across from the Silver Plume. Any opinions would be appreciated.

I have been in contact with Kit our local rep for Star Playgrounds about repair work to existing playground. She is going to see if their crew can recommend the repairs. If they

cannot help, they are going to refer me to a Playground Repair company that can come out and inspect our set for what needs to be repaired and how much.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Silver Plume Grill for their donation of \$2,200 from the Fish Fry Event in July. This donation is a tremendous help to Parks and Rec and is much appreciated.