

# Reports

## Commissioner and Community

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- **Building Inspector** –Tom Gibb – No new permits. One permit completed
- **Zoning Board** – Jesse James Garetson – In our last two meetings we have made suggestions to the Trustees to adjust several things in the 2022 Zoning Code to clarify and define a few sections and update our fee schedule. Our building permit spreadsheet and OWTS data continue to be updated and completed. As more information rolls in, we will be addressing street vs. private property adjustments to make Pitkin streets usable.
- **Environmental Health** – Gayla Gibb -  
Summary of what has been happening over the last few months:
  - 1) Inspection at 130 Main of OWTS. The documents on file and the inspection form indicate this is a 1250 gallon tank. However, only 1,000 gallons were pumped leading me to believe it might just be a 1,000 gallon tank. Acceptable Inspection.
  - 2) 215 Main would prefer putting in their own OWTS. Currently, it is shared with a neighbor. As of November, 2023, they have decided to hire an engineer to see if there might be a way to fit it onto their lots.
  - 3) 315 Main is a 500-gallon steel tank. There are two compartments, but the second one is not a full size one. Current owner replaced the lid in 2023 as it was rusted through. The tank was observed this summer — as requested it be EVERY year — to verify it is still viable.  
As the property is now under contract, the buyers wish to hire someone to locate the soil treatment area and to see if it might be possible to replace this tank with a 1,000 gallon concrete tank.
  - 4) 609 Main was inspected. For some reason, this address was not even in the system. When that was discovered, a letter was given to the owner to have an inspection. He complied. It was quite acceptable and a nice location map of the system was included.
  - 5) 100 2nd St. — a business — was required to submit flow meter reports to verify that the flow is within the boundaries of the OWTS system. To date, even after multiple email and text requests, no flow meter reports have been submitted. This will need to be followed up with a personal visit.
  - 6) 722 Aspen Lane. No Inspection in too many years. The owners have appealed several times that they just don't come up very often and the cabin is winterized and no

one has been there. Of course, they also mention that Pitkin is notorious for losing documentation. I'm not buying that one, even though I was not the EHA that sent the last certified "late" letter. It would not seem anything has been lost at our end. I will be following up on this by spring of 2024.

7) 3 Quartz Lane — Holding Tank — Pumping records were requested to verify the holding tank's integrity. No response to the letter.

8) 408 River St. — Holding Tank — Pumping records were requested. No response was received. I'm not sure if this cabin is occupied during the summer or not.

9) 708 River St. — The previous OWTS Inspection revealed this system needed to be pumped. There is no documentation that pumping ever happened. There is correspondence in the file. I wrote a letter indicating why it would be a good idea to follow up and pump this system and the consequences to his system if he failed to do that. There has been no pumping records received and no further correspondence. I will be sending another letter.

10) 803 River St. — This cabin has changed hands recently. A letter was sent in April requiring an inspection as the previous one was in 2017. 2024 would be seven years from then, so this is not an emergency. No response. In 2021, before the time between inspections was extended, a certified letter was sent to this owner. No response. Part of this problem may stem from another member of the family taking responsibility for the cabin. This property may actually be one of Pitkin's STRentals. That would make keeping up with the system more important than if it were just occasionally occupied. Another certified letter will go out.

- **Streets** – Jesse James Garetson – Jesse James Garetson – At the 10/9/23 Board meeting, problems with large rocks on snow plowed routes were discussed. On 10/14/23, Ed Pianalto and I surveyed the Town's streets and lanes. The list was turned in to the Town Clerk for residents notification. On 10/15/23 I moved the downstream stop sign upstream 20' to protect the 9th Street culvert and stop vehicles so they can see up 9<sup>th</sup> Street for traffic. On 10/18/23 I located property pins at Main and 1<sup>st</sup> Street for Brian Muth at GCEA and notified DigSafe. GCEA has installed conduit and a UK5 riser on Pitkin's Main Street right-of-way as per our franchise agreement with them. Due to my unanswered phone call, Gunnison County has not finalized our snow-plow routes. They have already truck plowed the black top twice this fall.
- **Ditches** – Vacant – Jesse James Garetson reporting – Sunday 10/29/23 I got a call about frozen tall grass bent over and restricting the ditch flow, thus diverting water onto residents' property. With a shovel I started trimming grass and silt. I gave up after 10-15 feet and went to the head gates. After 3 trips walking in, I had them closed and any seepage diverted back into Quartz Creek. For future reference, the top gate had 13 ½" thread above the wheel (67 revolutions). The 2<sup>nd</sup> gate had 12 1/2" (59 revolutions and

all of the overflow spillway boarded at the top of the wier box. Even at low creek we were able to get 90% of our allotted flow of one unit. I left the ditches on for possible fire fighting as long as I could, it could have been longer if residents would have maintained their adjacent ditches.

- **Cemetery** – Mark Rossmiller – No updates until spring 2024
- **Town Hall** – Ramon Reed – After an insurance inspection of Town Hall, the following will be completed: replace batteries in smoke alarms, obtain inspections for fire extinguishers.
- **Parks and Rec** – Vacant – No report