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GMF Town News



Thank You Town Volunteers!

Mayor's Memo:

Please join me in welcoming our new Town Manager, Caleb Patterson, to our Town. Caleb comes to us from Westcliffe where he worked as the Town Manager for two years. We will be having a "meet and greet" before the BoT meeting on February 4th, beginning at 5 pm. I am very eager to have Caleb start working for us! Caleb has provided the following Bio:

My name is Caleb Patterson and I am a dedicated Town Manager serving Green Mountain Falls in order to improve your quality of life. With previous town management experience and a background as a reconnaissance marine, I emphasize accountability and results. I have an explicit background in managing municipal projects, writing, receiving and managing grants, negotiating contracts, and long term planning.

I am very excited to serve you all and am looking forward to speaking with you all. As a town manager, I am your CEO and will be assisting the Board of Trustees on their mission and vision. The best way to think about the relationship between the Board and I is that your elected officials are the "what/why" and I will be the "how/when". This year, I will be working with the Board on their immediate goals and help them structure the next five years for the town. I have an open door policy and would love to sit down and talk to you on how I can serve you all.

My Time as Acting Town Manager:

After Becky left and before Caleb started, I was acting as the Town Manager. To help provide data about the position and what it takes to do the job, I captured all of my hours that I worked as the Acting Town Manager for the month of January. The data supports the fact that this is a position that is well beyond what should be expected of a volunteer. I was willing to support the transition but would not be willing to do this long-term. I captured not only the hours, but what tasks I was doing. The results are:

Tasks (Town Mgr):

Grant Application Hrs:	39
Personnel Hrs:	24
Planning Hrs:	15
Audit Hrs:	12
Budget Hrs:	11
Constituent Hrs:	8
IT Hrs:	6
Email Hrs:	5
Grant Reporting Hrs:	4
Agenda Hrs:	3
Public Works Hrs:	3
Emer Mgmt Hrs:	3
Administration Hrs:	3

Project Hrs:	2
CSU Hrs:	2
Court Hrs:	1
Legal Issues:	1
This yielded a total of	142 Hrs.

In addition, I was capturing those hours that are purely Mayor duties. Those are:

Tasks (Mayor):

PPACG Hrs:	8
BoT Hrs:	4
PPRTA Hrs:	2
PPRBD Hrs:	2
Mayors Caucus Hrs:	1
This yielded a total of	17 Hrs.

So the total hours I spent in January working between the Acting Manager duties and Mayor duties was **158 Hrs.** I also need to note that I did not attend **19 Hrs.** worth of meetings that I should have as Acting Town Manager. I was obviously struggling with trying to keep the Town operations and responsibilities going and felt I did not have time to attend those meetings. During the year, I would expect the amount of hours between tasks to change, but the overall total to stay the same.

Grants:

There are several grants that are being pursued. The largest is our main bridge (project total \$7.9 million). This week for the bridge grant, we applied for \$1.33 million worth of local match assistance from the State. We have also applied for a grant to make the restrooms at Gazebo Lake operational year-round (project total \$93,452). If we are able to obtain these grants, the costs to the Town are very small compared to the total project costs. With how expensive everything is now, there is just no way for the town to finance these types of projects on our own.

Fire Mitigation:

The Team Rubicon chainsaw training will be occurring during February. Special thanks to those who signed up! The Town is pursuing additional grant funding through CUSP to continue our Fire Mitigation efforts.

Reminder:

Ice skating and ice fishing are now allowed on the Lake. We will continue to monitor the ice thickness, but please use caution when on the ice.

Calendar:

- Feb 4th - Board of Trustees
- Feb 11th - Planning Commission
- Feb 12th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
- Feb 18th - Board of Trustees
- Feb 24th - Fire Mitigation Committee