

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen  
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.  
Thursday, September 18, 2008  
6:30pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Bob Pascoe, Stephen Peters, Carol Walls, Mike Cooper

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Alan Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, John Simcik – Village Engineer, citizens: about 49

Mayor Stalcup called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

**Citizen Comments:** Danney McCort, 406 Royal View – questioned the Board about Aldermen investigating citizen's backgrounds that disagree with the Board.

Alan Mantonona, 906 Cedar Park Circle – stated he feels there is no reason for anyone to question a citizens professional qualifications.

*Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 4th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

*Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the workshop minutes dated September 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Adoption of the 2008 – 2009 Village Budget

Alderman Walls requested that \$5,200 be added to the Chief of Police salary line item due to current salary not competitive enough based on the ongoing search for a Chief of Police. No Chief of Police will be hired until November; therefore, no change was made to the line item.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to decrease line item 6610 (Resurfacing) to \$125,000 and decrease line item 6620 (Street Maintenance) to \$25,000. Alderman Pascoe request the motion be amended to reflect \$80,000 in 6610 and \$20,000 in 6620.

Alderman Cooper accepted the amendment.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to decrease line item 6610 (Resurfacing) to \$80,000 and line item 6620 (Road Maintenance) to \$20,000. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 opposed (Alderman Peters).*

Mayor Stalcup then opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Jack Gallagher, 1416 Elizabeth Circle – feels like Alderman Cooper and Alderman Strong are not competent enough to handle road repairs/maintenance and suggested they submit their resignation.

H.T. Crowell, 1501 Elizabeth Circle – requested Mayor Stalcup rescind the two minute speaking time and allow citizens to say as much as they want. Mr. Crowell feels like the proposed tax would subject residents to additional hardship and proposed the Board cut spending and try selling bonds to support projects, suggested the Board table the tax issue pending further research on bonds, suggested the financials be put on the website each month, and suggested Alderman Cooper refrain from voting since he was appointed and not elected.

Alan Mantanona, 906 Cedar Park Circle – questioned road dollar budget amount and feels roads can be maintained with \$100,000.

Bryan Fritsch, 2519 Hester Way – feels the majority of the Board does not represent the feelings of the majority of Salado and expressed concern about road budget.

Danney McCort, 406 Royal View – stated that the road repair recommendation submitted to Alderman Cooper by the road committee did not get distributed to the rest of the Board and requested the road budget be reduced to \$75,000.

Mike Harwell, 801 Indian Trail – questioned the road budget and encouraged the Board to go with Alderman Peters recommendation for roads.

Charlotte Douglass, 317 Salado Creek Place – thanked the Board for their efforts and hard work and expressed a concern that Salado is becoming a welfare community and not stepping up to help themselves.

Maurice Carson, 314 Royal View – thanked the Board for their efforts. Suggested the roads be repaired in slow small stages and proposed the road budget be set at \$40,000 and no taxes.

Billy Chovanee, 126 Pace Park Road – declined opportunity to comment.

Gerald Kerr, 2110 Chisholm Trail – stated that heavy trucks are still using Chisholm Trail and stopping that would save road repair dollars.

Bobby Reihsen, 3901 Chisholm Trail – thanked the Board for their work and thanked all volunteers present; presented certificates and plaques as valid credentials of her husbands knowledge of roads.

*Alderman Peters made a motion to increase 4120 (Sales Tax) to \$350,000. Motion failed for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Alderman Peters made a motion to increase 4550 (Municipal Court Fees) to \$23,000. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried with 2 ayes, 2 opposed, 1 abstention (Alderman Walls). Mayor broke tie by voting yes.*

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to draft an ordinance stipulating that budgeted road money be restricted and spent only on roads and left over monies at end of fiscal year be rolled over into the next fiscal years budget. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to draft an ordinance stipulating that budgeted Emergency (line item 7300) money be restricted and spent only on emergencies and left over monies at end of fiscal year be rolled over into the next fiscal years budget. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.*

Alderman Peters suggested 6610 (Road Resurfacing) and 6620 (Road Maintenance) be combined into one line item. The Board agreed as long as the financials indicate how much is spent on resurfacing and how much is spent on maintenance.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt the proposed 2008 – 2009 General Account budget as amended (line item 4550 increased to \$23,000, line item 6610 decreased to \$80,000, line item 6620 decreased to \$20,000). Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 opposed (Alderman Peters).*

Item #3 was moved up on the agenda to finish the General Account budget.

3. Consideration and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance Setting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2008 – 2009 Fiscal Year

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.21 reflecting a \$.0492 tax rate. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 opposed (Alderman Peters).*

2. Adoption of the 2008 – 2009 Hotel/Motel Budget

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adopt the proposed Hotel/Motel budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

4. Adoption of a Floodplain Ordinance

Village Engineer John Simcik has reviewed the draft ordinance adopting the new FEMA flood maps and regulations and recommends adopting the ordinance. Mr. Simcik will furnish FEMA with a copy of the new ordinance once adopted.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.20 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

**New Business:**

5. Consideration of Notice of Retirement from Officer Matarazzo

Mayor Stalcup stated that he's received written notice from Officer Matarazzo of his intent to retire. The written notice from Officer Matarazzo also requests the Board allow him to give two weeks notice and retire as of September 30<sup>th</sup> instead of the 30 day notice required by the Village handbook. The Board publicly thanked Officer Matarazzo for his service to Salado and stated that he's been a real asset.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to accept Officer Matarazzo's notice to retire and grant his request to retire as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried unanimously.*

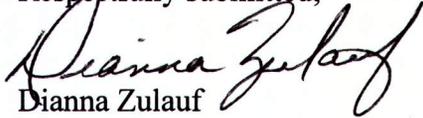
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 2, 2008 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary



Merle Stalcup  
Mayor

