



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

Club 1180 - Chartered 12/20/1922

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LAST MEETING: August 5, 2021

President Bliss presided.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Other Guests: None

Key Guest: No key guest

(Annette now has the key).

Induction of New Member John Seipel

John was welcomed into the club by President Bliss as our newest member. Mr. Seipel is a builder and excavator, has built cross-country ski lodges near Eagle and is an avid horseman. He is married to Member Carol Kiese.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We had 79% attendance at the meeting today!

PROGRAM: Paonia Mayor Mary Bachran

Betsy introduced Mayor Bachran, and pointed out she has a book release party coming up at the Blue Sage on August 18 from 5-7 PM.

Mayor Bachran began with an overview of the current situation with water in Paonia. Key is the preliminary Paonia water survey, which should be available by January. Meanwhile, there still seems to be adequate water for current needs. She also discussed the ongoing need for expanded raw water storage for the town as well as the current moratorium on selling new water taps. Videos are available on the town web site providing an overview of the Paonia water treatment system as well as the sewer plant.



Housing, especially for lower income residents, is an ongoing problem. Grants are available to create affordable housing, but the current water tap moratorium is preventing any new building as well as approval for any supplemental housing.

Applications for three new marijuana businesses are being processed and are expected to be approved by September. Revenue of around \$500K/year is anticipated, and will be used for street and road repair for the first few years.

As for the job of Mayor itself, she said there were good days and bad days.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS:

Date	Speaker	Program	Member
8/12/21	Tom Backhus	Mountain Harvest Festival	Bob McHugh
8/19/21	Jim Brett	Slow Food	Jackie Parks
8/26/21	Mary Hughes and Alyssa Clarida	Colorado West Land Trust	Kevin Parks
9/2/21	Matt Heyn and Jackie Davis	DCMH	Marsha Grant
9/9/21			Peggy Szvetecz
9/16/21	Janice Thorup and Carolyn Ringo	Green Burial	Greg Thompson
9/23/21			Pam Bliss
9/30/21			5th Thursday

