

**Minutes**  
**Town Board Special Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**November 5, 2015**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Thursday, November 5, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Neal Schwieterman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

Mayor Neal Schwieterman  
Trustee David Bradford  
Trustee Eric Goold  
Trustee Ross King  
Trustee Amber Kleinman  
Trustee Charles Stewart  
Trustee Suzanne Watson

Town Staff present were as follows: Town Manager Jane Berry, Finance Officer Cindy Jones, Deputy Town Clerk Corinne Ferguson, and Investigator/Police Officer Neil Ferguson.

A quorum was present and Mayor Schwieterman proceeded with the meeting.

The purpose of the Special Town Board Meeting was to discuss the Town of Paonia proposed Water, Sewer, and Garbage ordinance updates.

Town Manager Jane Berry presented a brief overview of the proposed ordinance changes and described the uniqueness of the Town of Paonia Water System.

Mayor Schwieterman opened the floor for public comment from twenty-five (25) individuals who signed in to address the Board. Comments from the public regarding the proposed Water Ordinance revisions included:

- The rate increase should be done incrementally
- The water company administration fee is too high.
- Have any other options been researched.
- The rates should be more fair between in-town and out-of-town users.
- The increase should not be base rate only but spread evenly in usage.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for a water rate study, the need for current agreements with all the water companies on the Town system, and the State limitations regarding voting on Town ballot questions.

No actions and or decisions were taken by the Town Board.

Mayor Schwieterman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

*J. Corinne Ferguson*

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J. Corinne Ferguson, Town Deputy Clerk

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Neal Schwieterman, Mayor