

**MINUTES  
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Richardson called the Board of Trustees Work Session to order on February 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

The following Carbondale Board of Trustees members were present:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Heather Henry
	Frosty Merriott
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Erica Sparhawk
	Luis Yllanes
	Marty Silverstein

Staff Present:	
Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman
Police Chief	Gene Schilling

**TOWN LIGHTING TOUR AND FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION**

Upon their return from the town lighting tour the Board discussed their observations.

Trustee Merriott stated that currently enforcement of the Code is complaint driven. The Town should voluntarily enforce the Code and start with the most egregious offenders. He asked how do we want to move forward with compliance?.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he only saw two businesses that were out of compliance – he feels that those are good odds. Trustee Bohmfalk doesn't see a huge issue with Lighting Code offenses.

Jay noted that the Town receives the most complaints after a lighting retrofit/conversion.

Trustee Henry stated that residential lighting is going to be harder to address.

Mayor Richardson stated that the egregious offenders impact a lot of neighbors. He believes the complaint driven policy works and he is not sure that he wants to change it. He would like staff to address non-compliant lighting, including Town facilities.

Trustee Silverstein stated that we need to address businesses whose signs stay lit all night long. We need to start with education. We should either enforce the Code or change it.

Michael Durant, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission, stated that there is no way to enforce the lighting ordinance regarding business signs that stay lit all night. It puts a burden on citizens to complain.

Trustee Henry believes we need to increase (lighting) enforcement on commercial buildings. We also need to be proactive and provide education. The majority of the Board agreed.

The Board requested an update on this matter in three months.

Staff will ask the Chamber to do an email blast to all of their members informing them of the commercial lighting ordinance.

### **BEAR AND TRASH DISCUSSION**

Dillon Fenske, a student at Bridges High School, gave a presentation on bears and their attraction to trash and the nuisance it causes.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he anticipates that there will be a change out of trash containers in the next year. It's hard to make people purchase containers in the Spring, and then we switch haulers who have a different trash container requirement. He continued that people want to comply with the ordinance but the containers are expensive and many have nowhere to store their trash – we need a band aid solution for the next 6-9 months.

Gene stated that the police have already been proactive with the trash ordinance– they have already placed ads in the paper and they have a list of previous violators.

The Board would like a flyer on the trash ordinance to be placed in the utility bill. They would like citizens to know all of their options (e.g. some haulers sell bear resistant containers and some lease them).

Discussion ensued on what options there are for subsidizing the purchase of trash resistant containers. Mayor Richardson suggested increasing trash hauler fees.

The majority of the Board agreed that staff needs to: increase educational outreach - brochures need to also be in Spanish and ads should be placed on the Spanish radio station, police enforcement should be increased, and the trash haulers should be contacted to find out the options available to purchase/lease bear resistant containers.

Trustee Merriott stated that he is going before the Garfield County Commissioners in March to discuss the requirement for residents located three (3) miles outside of Carbondale to purchase/lease bear proof containers.


**ADJOURNMENT**

The February 20, 2018, work session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

  
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Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

