

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Members present when this meeting was called to order by Mayor Berges at 7:00 p.m. included Trustees Blochowicz, Sherman, Wall, Fraker and Callan as well as Clerk Hartwell and Manager Coyne. Trustee Hoschouer and Attorney Pelster were excused from the meeting. A quorum was present and the meeting could proceed after the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Sheriff Britton, Will Weisshaar, Jim and Kim McNitt, Charlie and Joe Julius, Kris and Todd Barowsky, Jay Buck, Rick and Debra Hume, Todd Perkins and News Correspondent Vickie Sandlin.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the airport hangar lease currently held by Todd Barowsky that renews on March 1<sup>st</sup>. At the regular Board Meeting on February 5, 2018, two bids were received for the lease. The bids were \$ 300 per month (\$ 3,600 annually) from Jim McNitt and “\$ 300 per month and upgrades and repairs to the building at my cost” from Todd Barowsky. Todd Barowsky was given the first opportunity to speak and he distributed letters of support from numerous local business owners and detailed the improvements he has made at the airport over the past decade. Jim McNitt then stated he has been here for thirteen years and would like to see the airport become more aviation based. He also voiced concerns about the congestion of the apron area on race days. Charlie Julius speaking on behalf of the pilots passed around information from the Colorado Aeronautic Division.

The Board Members listened to several other guests speak in favor of the drag racing or aviation, then began their own discussion. Trustee Wall made a motion and seconded by Trustee Blochowicz to accept the bid submitted by Todd Barowsky. Discussion ensued of what entity would be hurt the worse by not having the hangar space, why McNitt isn't building his own hangar at the airport and not across the highway, why a grass airstrip couldn't be made, clarification that McNitt “was not booted out as he chose not to meet the bid two years ago when Barowsky took over the lease and exercise the first right of refusal on the lease,” and how we can reach a favorable long-term resolution for both entities utilizing the airport that the Town owns. The Mayor called for the vote on the motion. Vote was unanimous.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Trustee Fraker and seconded by Trustee Wall at 8:08 pm for adjournment.

March 5, 2018  
APPROVED

  
MAYOR

  
TOWN CLERK