

BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 17, 2025 6:00 PM

Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, CO

Special Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chausse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
 Mayor Chaussee asked for all to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk noted a quorum with the following roll call:

Cannon - Absent

Dailey - Present

Moyer - Present Virtually

Tietz- Absent

Wiegand - Present

Mason - Present

Chaussee - Present

3. Amendments to Agenda

Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any amendments to the agenda, and there were none.

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any conflicts of interest to the agenda, and there were none.

B. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 25-2025: A Resolution of the Town of Wellington Board of Trustees Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Properties and Easements Along the Cleveland Avenue Right of Way

Bob Gowing, Public Works Director, spoke to the Cleveland Avenue Construction Project's vision, which includes serving a starting point for economic development and beautification of the Town's main street. It was noted the Town has received over \$4.444 Million in grants for the project, and would include 91 parking spaces with 8 van accessible spaces and replaced lighting along with programming space.

Mr. Gowing noted that the grant funds must be spent by the end of 2026.

Dan Sapienza, Town Attorney, spoke to the process of right-of-way acquisitions, noting both the Town and the homeowner have a set amount of time to get appraisals of the property. At the end of 90 days those appraisals are submitted to the Colorado Department of Transportation, who would evaluate and only after these items happen can the Town begin negotiating with homeowners for property purchases.

Mr. Sapienza noted that if negotiations are not successful, eminent domain can be filed for and spoke to the timeline and the need to follow CDOT's process, which includes the funding being utilized by a set time.

The Board asked if property owners would need to tear down any buildings, which Mr. Gowing noted there would not be any structures that would be impacted, rather several trees or fences that are located in the right-of-way would be on the Town after purchase to move back. Mr. Gowing noted that the project would replace many of those items with an improved version.

Clarifying questions about the steps of eminent domain, if required, were asked. Mr. Sapienza noted that a petition would need to be filed with the Court, and the Board would be informed along the way should those steps need to be taken. It was noted that even with eminent domain, should that occur, the property owner will receive the fair market value decided by the court.

Appreciation for staff's work on this item was expressed and noted that this is seen as a first step in being able to negotiate with property owners and make improvements on the street and sidewalks and streetscapes.

It was noted this project is meant to beautify the town and bring in economic development.

Mayor Pro Tem Mason moved to Approve Resolution NO. 25-2025 Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Properties and Easements Along the Cleveland Avenue Right of Way

Trustee Wiegand seconded and the motion passed.

D. ADJOURN

Mayor Chaussee adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Brian Mason, Mayor Pro Tem

Hannah Hill, Town Clerk