

Norwood Sanitation District
Resolution No 0423 Series: 2024

A RESOLUTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR CANDY MEEHAN

WHEREAS, The Norwood Sanitation District (“NSD”), is a taxing entity duly organized and operating as a Special District under laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Sanitation District, Town of Norwood, and Norwood Water Commission has spent decades jointly and openly working together in a positive and influential manner for the users and taxpayers within their district and Town of Norwood; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Sanitation District recommends that the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees, the Town of Norwood, and Sanitation District Administrator reestablish a mutually beneficial, cooperative, and professional working relationship for the benefit of the community and users; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Sanitation District believes with factual basis that Mayor Candy Meehan has contributed and created strife and mistrust between the Norwood Sanitation District and Town Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meehan has used thousands of taxpayer dollars without knowledge of the Norwood Board of Trustees and the Norwood Sanitation District to seek knowledge of how to dissolve the Norwood Sanitation District; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meehan openly admitted her use of taxpayer dollars to ask the questions to the Town Attorney on how to dissolve the Sanitation District at the regular board meeting on April 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meehan demonstrates a lack of respect for tax payers and board members of the Norwood Sanitation District by not treating them as experts in the field, but rather treats them as uneducated board members whose expertise and opinions are irrelevant to the future of the district and its operations and financial capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meehan has created a stressful and hostile work environment for Town Manager/Administrator Deana Sheriff and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE NORWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

THEREFORE, be it known that the Norwood Sanitation District Board has NO CONFIDENCE in Mayor Candy Meehan’s Leadership and that the membership at large approves a formal resolution to demonstrate and express a vote of NO CONFIDENCE in Mayor Candy Meehan as related to Norwood Sanitation District manners.

ADOPTED at the special meeting of the Board of the Norwood Sanitation District held April 24, 2024.

NORWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT:



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MAY 8, 2024

NORWOOD BOARD OF TRSUTEES

After last month's Town Board meeting, I gave the Mayor the benefit of doubt and did some more research on the attorney bills thru the March billing.

I take no joy in pointing out these facts.

Fact #1

Mayor began conversations with attorney in October of 2023. Mayor did not receive permission from the Trustees to speak with attorney until the November meeting.

"Mayor Meehan asked board for consent to engage attorney, David Reed about *updating the intergovernmental agreement with the Norwood Water Commission and the Norwood Sanitation District that was put in place in 1999.*"

November minutes do not show that she had board consent.

Attorney billed \$405.00 before Mayor even had verbal consent.

Fact #2

\$4,460.00 was spent with attorney before any mention of the IGA, which did not occur until 12/14/23.

Fact #3

A total of \$7,077.00 was spent on researching Dissolution of the Sanitation District.

Fact #4

At last month's meeting, Mayor said ***"she had the discussions in hopes of gaining knowledge on what would need to be done if NSD had a large failure or other financial needs.***

Yet, the first mention of Norwood Sanitation District, with the attorney, 03/06/24, was not ***"what needs to be done"***, but ***potential to absorbing the Norwood Sanitation District.*** And is the NSD even legally constituted.

Fact #5

At last month's meeting, concerning the Memo from the attorney about dissolving the Sanitation District, she said she had not seen the document. All the boards received the document 03/22/24.

Mayor had spent parts of two days with the attorney, 03/18/24 and 03/20/24 reviewing and finalizing the document with the attorney.

FACT #6

Only \$3,772.50 was spent on the IGA.

Attorney billed thru the month of March, \$13,996.50

The mayor allowed these bills to be presented to the Board of Trustees under the line item of "Lawfirm for the IGA"

This is very unethical as the Trustees were kept in the dark as to what was actually being discussed with the attorney.

I would encourage the Board of Trustees to look very hard at all the attorney bills as I was unable to analyze \$5,705.00 because there is no subject as what was discussed.

Again, I take no joy in this, but this looks very bad for the Board of Trustees and I believe that we have witnessed a breach of faith and trust and an impeachable offence.

Colorado Revised Statutes Title 18. Criminal Code § 18-8-407. Embezzlement of public property

1) Every public servant who lawfully or unlawfully comes into possession of any public moneys or public property of whatever description, being the property of the state or of any political subdivision of the state, and who knowingly converts any of such public moneys or property to his own use or to any use other than the public use authorized by law is guilty of embezzlement of public property.

2) Embezzlement of public property is a class 5 felony.