

December 14, 2021

IDA Board of Directors
International Dark Sky Association
3225 North First Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719

We, the Castle Valley Town Council, enthusiastically support the work of the Castle Valley Dark Sky Group in their efforts to gain the International Dark Sky Community designation for our town. We are lucky to have some of the darkest skies in southeast Utah, and we appreciate the rarity of that distinction. We also recognize the need to protect this valuable asset through education, assistance and ordinance enforcement.

Castle Valley is a diverse community comprised of people who are committed to living in a remote area and who enjoy the benefits of our location. According to the Town's 2019 General Survey, over 75% of residents surveyed said they support strengthening our existing lighting ordinance to further protect our dark night skies.

The Town of Castle Valley has been governed by a strict lighting ordinance that has been enforced since 1991. An updated lighting ordinance that incorporates the guidelines recommended by the International Dark Sky Association (*was or will be*) passed in Dec or January 2022. The Castle Valley Council has also supported Grand County, which encompasses Castle Valley, in Grand County's efforts to pass their own lighting ordinances. And, just across the Colorado River from Castle Valley is the southern border of Arches National Park, already designated an IDA Dark Sky Place. Protecting dark skies over Castle Valley fills in one more piece of the puzzle of Dark Sky Places in southeastern Utah.

The Castle Valley Dark Sky Group has received support from many residents in the valley and from the community's bed and breakfast, the Castle Valley Inn, which is highlighting the area's dark skies in their marketing efforts. The Town's partners in the Castle Valley Fire District have also encouraged the work by allowing their fire station to be used to host a Dark Sky event.

The Castle Valley Town Council is confident that the designation of Castle Valley as an International Dark Sky Community will strengthen and protect the values that are important to our residents: safeguarding the regional environment, protecting the local wildlife and preserving the aesthetics of the valley, including a dark night sky.

Thank you,

Castle Valley Town Council

December EMS Report

The EMS board met December 14 for the monthly meeting. Volume continues high with new records almost every month. October was the busiest ever with 192 response calls. November was also a new record, but improved staffing made it "manageable." 2021 is about 22% higher than 2020. Staffing is still short with about 4-6 staff needed including in administration. Budgets were approved: 2021 \$3 million expenses and income; 2011 \$2,990,000 expenses and income.

The MIH (Mobile Integrated Health) program will give a report next month.

The new EMS building will have final inspection 12/16 although some major items have been delayed, e.g. garage doors originally due in November now due for January. It's quite beautiful. And \$100k under budget!

Workshops are planned for next year for long term planning, please forward to me any input.

Thank you and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ed Weeks

PS I meant to mention that the income is, very roughly, half from billing for services and half from taxes, grants, other.

Town of Castle Valley

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From 11/19/2021 through 12/17/2021

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
11/19/2021			-split-	Deposit		X	260.00	3,984.13
11/24/2021			1300 · General Accoun...	Funds Transfer		X	10,000.00	13,984.13
11/30/2021			5100 · Administration:...	Service Charge	3.00	X		13,981.13
11/30/2021	eft	Zions Bank Liabilities	-split-	87-0483404 Fo...	1,267.22			12,713.91
11/30/2021	9427	Jocelyn F. Buck	-split-		1,673.21			11,040.70
11/30/2021	9428	Colleen R Thompson	-split-		517.16			10,523.54
11/30/2021	9429	Dorje Honer	-split-		992.74			9,530.80
11/30/2021	9430	Janet M Gregory	-split-		115.26			9,415.54
11/30/2021	9431	Jasmine A Duncan	-split-		606.37			8,809.17
11/30/2021	9432	Jessica L Chamberlin...	-split-		120.52			8,688.65
11/30/2021	9433	Mike Souza *	-split-		904.30			7,784.35
11/30/2021	9434	Warren M Egbert	-split-		224.66			7,559.69
12/01/2021	9426	Zions Bank	2000 · Accounts Payable		16.02			7,543.67
12/01/2021	9428	Dorje Honer*	2000 · Accounts Payable	Training mileage	621.60			6,922.07
12/01/2021	9437	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable		368.33			6,553.74
12/01/2021	9438	John W. Groo	2000 · Accounts Payable		243.75			6,309.99
12/01/2021	9439	Mingo Gritts*	2000 · Accounts Payable	Thank you!!	200.00			6,109.99
12/01/2021	9440	Rim to Rim Fire & S...	2000 · Accounts Payable	Fire extinguisher	35.00			6,074.99
12/01/2021	9441	Rocky Mountain Po...	2000 · Accounts Payable		103.17			5,971.82
12/01/2021	9442	Smuin Rich & Marsing	2000 · Accounts Payable	consult	50.00			5,921.82
12/01/2021	9443	Solid Waste Special ...	2000 · Accounts Payable		30.00			5,891.82
12/01/2021	9444	Times Independent	2000 · Accounts Payable	Public hearing Plux	42.50			5,849.32
12/01/2021	9445	Turner Lumber	2000 · Accounts Payable	Pickup fuel Paint	15.98			5,833.34