

Village of Taos Ski Valley

Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Discussion and Consideration: Roger Pattison, Hunting Permits, Discharge of Firearms

DATE: September 2, 2014

PRESENTED BY: Mark Fratrick

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the August 5, 2014 Council meeting Roger Pattison discussed pursuing the sale of hunting permits on private property. It was assumed that a variance would be required for discharging firearms within the Village limits. I have researched the Village ordinances and policies and discussed this with staff and some of the governing body. There isn't any Village regulation prohibiting this at this time. Therefore, we can't give a variance if there is nothing on the books against it.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion. If, in the future the Council feels the need to have an ordinance or policy regulating the discharge of firearms I would propose that it is the responsibility of the Director of Public Safety, discussion by the Public Safety Committee, approval by the Village Attorney and then final approval by the Village Council.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration to Approve Amendments to Revenue Collection Policy

DATE: September 2, 2014

PRESENTED BY: Mark Fratrack

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Presented at August 5, 2014 Village Council meeting:

There has been a lot of discussion over the past several months regarding the Revenue Collection Policy. We recently had a customer run a hose for many hours/days resulting in excess of 12,000 gallons of their normal water bill. Unfortunately upon review of our Revenue Collection Policy (see below) staff feels that the wording is such that we don't address this issue competently.

Under the section DISPUTED BILLS:

- D. VTSV will not adjust or credit utility bills when the excess water is contained within the VTSV wastewater system, i.e. a leaky faucet or toilet that keeps running.
- E. In the event the water does not enter the VTSV wastewater system, VTSV will authorize a 70% sewer deduction/credit on the excess gallons above an average of the last three years' usage for the same month(s). The customer shall provide proof that the excess water did not pass through the sewer system to the treatment plant, i.e. a waterline break or leak where the water runs out on the ground or floor. The customer should contact VTSV as soon as possible when an excess water usage has been identified. The customer must contact VTSV Public Works to verify the leak and that water is, or has not entered back into the sewer system; without VTSV Public Works verification, no credit or adjustment will be authorized. It is customer onus to get the leak verified.

Staff would like to change the wording to be more inclusive of hoses used for watering flowers, lawn, etc.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion, possible motion to approve amendments. Council may also table this for further discussion.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Briliam Engineering: Recommendations for Interim WWTP Improvements

DATE: September 2, 2014

PRESENTED BY: Ray Keen

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the August 5, 2014, Patrick O'Brien, Briliam Engineering, presented to the Village Council preliminary recommendations (including estimated costs) for wastewater treatment plant improvements.

You have received by separate email the draft final version of the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CPE) report. Patrick will present an overview of the report.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration to Approve Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Taos Emergency Communications Center (TT-15-62)

DATE: September 2, 2014

PRESENTED BY: Mark Fratrick

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This is a JPA for Central Dispatch Services. It establishes the Taos Emergency Communications Center. The JPA creates a Board of Directors and the duties of that board.

Article III - Finances, Section B. Initial Budget requires the Village of Taos Ski Valley to pay \$10,000.00 annually, or the pro-rata portion thereof for a partial fiscal year, such payments to be allocated to a reserve account.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion. Motion to approve.

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY PLANNING VILLAGE COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

DATE: September 2, 2014

ITEM: Draft Sewer Ordinance revisions for mandatory connection to Village sewer system

PRESENTED BY: Staff

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND: Ten years ago, many new sewer lines were installed throughout the Village. Village Staff initially persuaded a majority of the residences to hook up to the Village sewer system without incorporating mandatory connections. The Village authorized incentives whereby homeowners could hook up to the Village system at a reduced rate depending on when they connected, based upon a tiered system over a period of three years. A handful of residences were granted waivers until easements could be obtained to convey wastewater via gravity flow to the Village system, to eliminate the need to install grinder pumps. The incentive programs which had been in place for five years ended in November 2009. There are currently twelve homes that could directly connect to the Village system that would be affected by a change in this ordinance. There are seven additional homes that will be able to connect upon negotiating easements to facilitate a gravity sewer connection.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Village Council adopt the revised ordinance to mandate the connection of the twelve residences that could connect to the Village system adjacent to their property. Staff also recommends that the additional seven homes be allowed to use an incentive program once the necessary easements are in place.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Introduction: Ordinance No. 2015-52, An Ordinance Creating the Office of Finance Director

DATE: September 2, 2014

PRESENTED BY: Vanessa Chisholm

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: With the retirement announcement of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, management has discussed the best way to move forward regarding the Clerk/Treasurer position. It has been decided to split the duties into two positions. This would create a position of Finance Director. The Finance Director would also serve as the HR Director and possibly the Deputy Village Clerk.

A second ordinance would create the position of the Village Clerk.

Please note that there is currently an ordinance #1997-06 that created the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer. We recommend keeping that ordinance in place since it uses the wording "One person may be appointed to perform the duties of both the offices of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer". This allows for any changes in the future of any of these positions.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion. This is the first reading. A public hearing will be held on October 7, 2014.

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PRESENTED BY: Vanessa Chisholm

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