



**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE AND SPA CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO**

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Mark G. Fratrack

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Vanessa N. Chisholm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012 2:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Neal King at 2:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk/Treasurer, called roll and a quorum was present.

Those present were:

Mayor, Neal King
Mayor Pro Tem, Barbara Wiard
Councilmember, Kathy Bennett
Councilmember, Chris Stagg
Councilmember, Tom Wittman

Also present were:

Village Administrator, Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Vanessa Chisholm
Public Works Director, Ray Keen
Community Development Director, Don Schieber
Staff member: John Miller

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Wiard requested that item #12.B. (Update on Taos Health Systems, Inc.) be moved up to a position where convenient as soon as the representative from Holy Cross Hospital arrives. Wiard also requested that the Closed Executive Session be deleted from the agenda as it was not necessary at this meeting.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Wiard

Passed: 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2012 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Councilor Wittman noted that under section II, Roll Call, Council Bennett should be changed to read Councilor Bennett.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 7, 2012 Village Council Meeting as modified.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Pauline Jones complimented the Village staff for the work on the Village website and keeping up with it. She wanted to thank Renee Romero for the email blasts which keep the residents informed of Village information. No one else spoke.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vanessa Chisholm reported that the cash balance last year at this time was \$604,000 and this year it is \$678,803.00. This may be due in part to the change in the water/sewer rates, plus holding expenditures at a minimum. The financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

12. NEW BUSINESS**B. Update on Taos Health Systems, Inc. (Holy Cross Hospital) by Peter Hofstetter**

Ron Burnham, President of the Board of Directors for Holy Cross Hospital (HCH), represented Peter Hofstetter, at the meeting. He gave an introduction and stated that the purpose of his presentation was to bring the community up to speed as to what's happening at the hospital. HCH is a local not for profit organization run by a Board of Directors. Burnham talked about three possible future buildings on land owned by HCH. He stated Taos County has the highest number of people without health insurance in the State of New Mexico. He said the hospital has at least 10 million dollars per year in uncompensated care. Burnham spoke about the Taos County Commissioners denying their request to go before the public for a vote on a possible solution to collect much needed revenue. He stated for every dollar they collect the Federal government will match it with \$3.00. There has been a drop in the local match. Burnham addressed the possibility of layoffs, and what HCH may do in the future. He thanked the Village for their support in the resolution passed at the last meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Planning and Zoning Commission**

Councilor Wittman stated the Commission did not meet this month. The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Conference room.

B. Public Safety Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village Administration office. Councilor Bennett said the public is always invited to attend. The meeting agenda will include discussions on special events permits, AED's and personnel training, possible EMS fundraiser, what to do if we have a dry summer 2013.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

No report.

D. Arts and Entertainment Committee

No report.

E. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

Councilor Stagg reported the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board met on December 3, 2012 to look at grant requests that were received for a special funding cycle.

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wiard reported the IGC and Regional Landfill Boards did not meet. Wiard said there are legal issues regarding LCI2 and Parker Excavating that will require a closed session. Wiard spoke briefly about the State Legislature.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King stated that there is now a blog on the Village's website called "The Mayor's Blog". The mayor will be addressing many issues regarding the Village. He will be paying attention to the Yahoo group "TSVFriends" in an attempt to answer questions that may be discussed by residents who are part of that group. The mayor feels that if someone asks a question, we owe them an answer.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Mark Fratrack reported on the Kachina water tank water lines project and chlorination station. The water lines were capped, the chlorination station is sealed up and a fence has been put up. Left over construction materials were cleaned up before the contractor left the mountain. Additional reseeded and general restoring the area to its original condition will take place next year. Work on the water lines and chlorination station will be continued next season.

Fratrack discussed the NMML conference to be held in the Town of Taos in August, 2013. The Town of Taos is planning all activities in the Taos, and will not plan anything in our Village for an evening event.

Fratrack reported on old business. He has been in touch with Janelle Fredericks, a member of Senator Bingaman's staff, regarding progress of the town site act. There is no news to date to report but Fredericks will keep Fratrack updated, although no one is sure on how it will proceed now. There has not been any update on developers in the Village. He spoke about the optic line (Natural Gas Line) trenching. Fratrack hopes to have some preliminary numbers at the next council meeting. A request letter was sent to the Town of Taos for the 15 passenger van.

Dave Wallace, Public Safety Director, was out of town. No report.

Don Schieber discussed the possibility of a small subdivision in the Kachina area. Randy Hanebutt, representing the St. Bernard expansion asked several questions which Schieber answered.

Ray Keen, Public Works Director, said the Village received final approval for the sludge permit, enabling off-site hauling. The Public Works department has gone to two shifts and has hired a new full time seasonal employee. The new water tank at Pioneers Glade is working well. The plant experienced 11 blown fuses in the centrifuge due to the recent power outages caused by Kit Carson Electric.

Mark Fratrack congratulated Keen for all his efforts in acquiring the sludge permit.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE #2013-30, Zoning Regulations Ordinance, Amendments to Ordinance #2012-30 Public Facilities Needs Assessment Report and Proposed New Development Impact Fees

Councilor Wittman introduced the changes to the Ordinance. Wittman stated impact fees were first introduced in 2004 and updated again in 2008. There is a fairly dramatic increase. John Miller did a Power Point presentation for the Village Council and the audience. Mayor King opened the public hearing. No one spoke FOR the Ordinance. Speaking AGAINST the Ordinance was Randy Hanebutt, a developer representing Jerome de Bontin (Beausoleil). Hanebutt spoke about general obligation bonds, mil levies, and the fact that impact fees wouldn't pay for all infrastructure costs. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance #2013-30, with changes as recommended by the P&Z Commission.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Stagg

Passed: 4-0

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

None

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Conference Room.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0.

Barbara L. Wiard, Mayor Pro Tem

Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk