



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

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 2:00 P.M.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:
Mark G. Fratrack

CLERK/TREASURER:
Vanessa N. Chisholm

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor 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
Councilor, Kathy Bennett
Councilor, Barbara Wiard
Councilor, Tom Wittman

Those absent were:

Councilor, Chris Stagg

Also present were:

Village Administrator, Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Vanessa Chisholm
Community Development Director, Don Schieber
Public Safety Director, David Wallace
Village Attorney, Dennis Romero

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 3-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the April 30, 2012 Village Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Wiard

Passed: 3-0.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

Roger Pattison, with the Pattison Trust, expressed his concerns for all the dead trees around the Village. He requested that the Council consider mandating residents clean up their properties, thinning deadwood, etc. He talked about available grants to assist residents in doing this. Mayor King requested that Councilor Bennett address this issue at a Public Safety meeting.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chisholm reported that the audit contract has been signed and approved by the State Auditor's office. The interim budget was submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration on

May 29, 2013. Chisholm stated gross receipts tax collections were down \$42,000 for the year and lodgers' tax collections were down \$40,000 for the year. The financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported the Commission met on June 3, 2013. First on the agenda was a presentation and application for a modular home, owned by Richard Yates, to be built on a lot in the Kachina area near the Hiker Parking Lot. It was approved by the four commissioners who attended the meeting. Wittman talked about the NMML Zoning conference he, Mark Fratrack and others attended. There will be a presentation about the seminar at the next Planning and Zoning meeting. The Commission is working on changes to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance section on snow removal and references to a hearing officer. They will recommend that the Council approve the changes at a future meeting. There was a brief introduction of the current ICIP. The Pattison Trust covenants were also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2013, at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported the Committee did not meet, but will meet prior to the July 4th festivities. She asked for volunteers to help decorate the float for the parade. Decorating will take place at the VMF on July 3rd at about 5:00 p.m. Bennett said she would contact TSV, Inc. to request they erect a temporary fence on Sutton Place across from the Stray Dog for safety during the parade. She referenced the Evacuation Plan in the event of a wild land fire and sited Tenderfoot Katie's Cafeteria at the base of lift 1 as the gathering place. Bennett asked homeowners and renters to please post the Evacuation Plan on the refrigerator of their rental units so all guests will be informed.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mayor King announced that Katherine Kett has agreed to take over as chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

D. Arts and Entertainment Committee

This committee has been dissolved.

E. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

No report, however, Roger Pattison thanked the Chamber of Commerce for filling up the stages.

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on the May 23, 2013 meetings of the IGC and the Taos Regional Landfill Board. Councilor Wiard has been Chairperson of the IGC and Landfill for 12 years, and will now serve as Vice-Chair for IGC. The Landfill Board will be considering a resolution to encourage members to pass and enforce a covered loads ordinance. There was a fire at the Landfill in the green waste. There was an airplane crash last month, but no injuries. The Landfill budget was approved. Wiard attended the NMML Budget Committee meeting; sat on the podium for ceremonies at the UNM Taos Graduation; attended the NMML Municipal Officials Leadership Institute (MOLI) Advanced class; and attended the NCNMEDD Board Meeting. Wiard was unable to attend the NMML Tax Task Force or the NMML Board Meeting on June 1st, due to a

conference in Taos. Her future meetings include the NMML Policy Committee Meetings, the NMML Resolutions Committee Meeting, and the NMML Annual Conference in Taos.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Water/Sewer rate update

The Mayor updated the Council on the work from the Tiger Team on Water and Sewer rates. They are now working on trash rates.

B. Rate Workshop Set Date

There will be a water/sewer/trash workshop and a transportation workshop at 9:00 a.m., on July 2, 2013, at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

Other items:

The Mayor reported that members of the Public Works Department (Ray Keen, Joey Apodaca and Olaf Mingo) were driving home from work and spotted a fire at the entrance to the canyon. They jumped out of their vehicles, took out shovels, and put out the wild land fire. The Mayor thanked the staff for their quick action.

The Forest Service may close the forest. The Village would like to keep the Williams Lake Trail open if possible. Forest Service approval is necessary and would need enough volunteers to hike up the trail every day to check for campfire, campers, etc.

The Mayor talked about a message he received from Mike Klinkman regarding the Village clean up on a work day. The Mayor suggested a once a year town meeting and perhaps a budget workshop on a Saturday.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Mark Fratrack, Village Administrator, reported on a policy being reviewed for private plowing. We must have it in writing either way. The Clean and Beautiful Grant of \$8,600.00 was awarded to the Village to be used for Village flowers, clean ups, recycling, signage and trash receptacles. Thanks to Aly Hyder, Chamber of Commerce, for writing the grant. Fratrack then reported on several items: the Water Trust Board, Disc Golf (which will have to be coordinated with the Forest Service), and the transportation wrap up for which a Council workshop date has been set (July 2). Fratrack, Schieber and Rich Willson attended a Construction Industries Division (CID) hearing. Fratrack, Ann Wooldridge, Tom Wittman and Steve Ruppert attended the NMLZO conference in ABQ. Rivers and Birds are trying to get a bike path from the Town of Taos to Arroyo Seco. The Mayor signed a letter of support for this effort. Fratrack gave a progress report to the NMED and submitted additional information requested by the Forest Service regarding the Townsite Act.

Dave Wallace, Public Safety Director, said the Village would probably go to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions next week. He said there have been four fires in two weeks in Valdez and the entrance to the Canyon. Arroyo Seco had another fire yesterday. Wallace said he was putting together a task force with fire personnel and law enforcement.

Don Schieber talked about underground power. Schieber also discussed the water line work on Big Horn Hill, Wolf Lane, Lake Fork and SDS. Mark Fratrack gave kudos to Schieber for getting the contractors for summer projects on the mountain earlier than previous years.

Fratrick reported for Ray Keen that dust control (road stabilization) will start with the new fiscal year (after July 1, 2013).

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve the Contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce.

This is the annual contract and the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board has recommended \$150,000 for the Chamber of Commerce, same as last year.

MOTION: To approve the Contract with the Village of Taos Ski valley Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 3-0

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, July 2, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room. There will be a utility rates and a transportation workshop on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: To proceed to closed executive session for discussion on pending litigation (LCI2 vs VTSV) and possible litigation regarding lodgers' tax.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 3-0

MOTION: To proceed to open session. No decisions or motions were made during closed session.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 3-0

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 3-0.

Neal King, Mayor

Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk