



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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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 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
Councilor, Kathy Bennett
Councilor, Chris Stagg
Councilor, Barbara Wiard
Councilor, Tom Wittman

Also present were:

Village Administrator, Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Vanessa Chisholm
Community Development Director, Don Schieber
Public Works Director, Ray Keen
Planner 1, John Miller
Village Attorney, Dennis Romero

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the February 5, 2013 Village Council Meeting

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 4-0.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

No one spoke at the Citizen's Forum.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vanessa Chisholm presented the Council with the gross receipts tax collections and lodgers' tax collections for February. Chisholm reported that GRT (year to date) collections are \$478,733.31. This is about \$25,000 less than last year. Lodgers' tax collections year-to-date are below last year.

The financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

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

Councilor Wittman stated the commission did not meet yesterday. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

B. Public Safety Committee

No report.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

No report.

D. Arts and Entertainment Committee

No report.

E. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

No report.

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported that the IGC and Regional Landfill Boards did not meet. There could be a meeting on March 21, 2013. Rates will need to be discussed. The last increase was over ten years ago. Tipping fees will go up.

Councilor Wiard met with Village Administrator, Mark Fratrack and staff from Senator Martin Heinrich's office.

Wiard reported on the NM Legislative Session. She attended the NM Municipal League Day. Wiard remarked that it will be interesting to see what happens with taxes. One issue is the hold harmless. There is still more work to be done. There are big changes to PERA and the "Return to Work" program. The session ends on March 16, 2013.

Wiard will be attending the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. in March. Wiard and Fratrack will attend the NMML District 2 meeting in Angel Fire on April 3, 2013.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King wanted to remind residents of the community that if they are interested in being on a committee to notify a member of the Governing Body or Village Staff. New committee members will be appointed at the April Council meeting.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack reported on the Wilderness Area/Town Site Act (Congressional) meeting held on February 16, 2013. He met with the senators and Congressman Lujan. He also met with Senator Heinrich's staff representative, Andrew Black, who wanted to discuss things in the ski valley in general and offer assistance. Fratrack submitted an application to the Forest Service regarding the Town Site Act.

Fratrack attended a meeting with the Town of Taos and Taos County concerning the Emergency Communication Center and possible airport annexation. He met with the village administrators from Questa and Red River to discuss 911 dispatch issues. Councilor Stagg asked staff to look into the Village having its own 911 Dispatch.

Fratrick discussed the E911 building numbering system. It is the intent of the Village to ensure that each property has the correct E911 address posted at their residence or business in a consistent manner; i.e. in the same location, either on the house or near the road. Red, reflective numbers and the placards to put numbers on have been ordered. Fratrack does not anticipate that property addresses will change unless there is a discrepancy between the E911 numbering system and the homeowner's information, in which case staff will work with the property owner to determine which address is correct. Staff hopes to start this in late April.

Fratrick said the legalities are being researched on how to set up and utilize the 15 passenger van which is being donated to the Village by the Town of Taos. Dennis Romero said he is cautiously optimistic about licensing, etc.

John Miller spoke about the timeline for development in the Kachina area and the meeting with developers. Miller has been working with the NM Rural Water Association to upgrade the Village GID aeriels. Miller reported that he and Don Schieber are working on a snow removal policy. This will include items such as right of ways, private contractors and general housekeeping. Staff would like to present this to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then to the Council for approval. Schieber has been working on the NM Dept. of Transportation road co-op grant. This year's road projects are for re-grading and drainage. Miller discussed a letter sent to residents and commercials regarding inspection. Miller reassured the Council that during the spring break (high peak period) only bars, doors, and other public places will be inspected for life and safety issues. Dennis Romero is looking at the Village's legal right to enter buildings in respect to the International Building Code.

Ray Keen reported that the Village water system experienced water pressure loss in the Kachina area. This could affect the water supply for spring break. An open valve was found between the water tank and Marmot Road. At this point the water level in the tank is good and the spring flow is fine. Keen reported they were losing 30 to 40 gallons per minute

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consideration and Approval: Resolution #2013-244, A Resolution Requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment

As reported at the last council meeting, there was extensive damage at the wastewater treatment plant as a result of an electrical power surge. This resulted in expenses not budgeted including hauling sludge (\$23,679.68) and extensive repairs to the treatment plant's electrical equipment (\$19,918.28). Insurance claims were submitted to the NM Self Insurers Fund, who will seek reimbursement from Kit Carson Electric Cooperative. The Village received reimbursement of \$45,963.38. This budget adjustment reflects the revenue and expenditures resulting from the surge.

The second part of the request is in regards to the low water pressure reported in the Kachina area where Village staff determined that there is a leak somewhere between the Phoenix springs and the water tank. The Village's leak detection equipment requires additional parts to determine the leak location. An outside contractor would charge \$1500.00 per day to detect the leak. It was discussed that buying the additional equipment would be most beneficial financially and for future use. The cost will be approximately \$4,300.00 plus shipping.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2013-244, a Resolution requesting a permanent budget adjustment.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Bennett

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, April 9, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room. This meeting follows the Budget Workshop which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. The Public is urged to attend both meetings.

15. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION: To proceed to closed executive session where discussion will be held on pending litigation, LCI2 vs VTSV.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0

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

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Wiard

Passed: 4-0

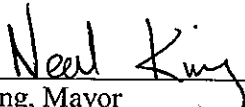
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Stagg

Passed: 4-0.



Neal King, Mayor



Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk