

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLELY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 28, 2014
1:00 P.M.
VTSV VILLAGE OFFICES

AGENDA AND MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present at the meeting was April Bender, Roger Pattison, and Kathy Bennett. Staff included Dave Wallace, and John Miller, and Attorney Dennis Romero. Sheila Duffy and Jim Woodard were absent.

II. Old Business

A. Bears vs. Garbage Letter – mailing 6/2/14
Firewise Community Second Letter – mailing 6/2/14

The letters were available in hard copy at the meeting. They will be sent out on 6/2/14.

B. Checklist for this mass mailing:

Homeowners, businesses on water/sewer billing systems
Unimproved property owners
Amizette Area homeowners and businesses
Residents not on water/sewer systems

Kathy said she would double check with Renee after the meeting.

C Special Events permit

Dave said there are several more events scheduled this summer. Octoberfest, Up and Over Race, Other music festivals. The committee will review the permit applications as they are submitted.

III. New Business

A. Speeders on Twining Road – Law Enforcement Request
Complaints from Residents at Town Hall Meeting
Locals/White Suburban/weekends especially

Kathy said several people talked about this at the Town Hall meeting held on 5/24/14. They are homeowners that are here on weekends. After some discussion, Dave said they would watch for speeders on Twining Road. It was discussed that perhaps one or two tickets could be given out, and then perhaps the word would get around that this is happening and maybe people will slow down.

B. Underground Electric installation/access schedule/time table/e-mail

John Miller showed everyone a map of the 2014 and 2015 “Overhead Electric – Underground Electric Conversion” project areas. The Committee reviewed a draft copy of the Ordinance requiring underground electrical utility service submitted by Attorney, Dennis Romero. Dennis came to the meeting. Much discussion was held regarding Section 4.1 and whether or not the Fine for non-compliance should remain. In the end it was decided that yes, it should remain as it provides a paper trail whereas a property owner could say they hadn’t received word, if only Section 4.2 Additional Remedies were invoked. The paper trail would include notification by certified mail, a warning letter, and finally a fine. It was determined that hooking up to the underground power by a property owner could cost up to \$1500, depending on the length of the trench.

C. Construction Update – as pertains to the 4th of July

No one is sure as to where construction will be occurring on the 4th of July. We may have to determine the parade route the morning of the 4th, or perhaps on the 3rd, or at the June 16th meeting.

IV. Miscellaneous

John Miller attended a “One Less Spark” seminar put on by the Forest Service. They talked about “fire danger” signs. John thought it would be a good idea to put “fire danger” signs at the base of the Canyon, close to the other fire danger information signs, so campers, tourists, and guests would see the sign as they entered the canyon. We would like to pursue this at the Forest Service Meeting on the 12th of June.

Roger Pattison spoke about the sanitary facilities at the Campgrounds along Highway 150. He said he and his wife found the sanitary facilities so filthy, they could not use them. He said there was a lot of garbage, soiled diapers, etc., strewn everywhere. The BOD decided this would go on the list for the Forest Service meeting to be held on the 12th of June.

V. Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Kathy Bennett **Seconded:** April Bender **Passed:** 3-0