

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLELY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
1:00 P.M.
VTSV VILLAGE OFFICES**

AGENDA AND NOTES

I. Call to Order

II. Old Business

- A. Check off list of requirements for eligibility as a Firewise Community
Final version of Mass Mailing Letter – DONE AND MAILED.**

**Discussion and final version of ByLaws for Firewise Board of Directors –
BYLAWS TABLED UNTIL BOARD IS FORMED.**

**Set a date for the “Firewise Community Education Day” plus July 4th.
Mark Fratrack said he would work on finalizing this date.**

**Order all educational materials from www.firewise.org Kathy said she
would do this and has learned that Nathan Sanchez from the County
Emergency Management Group has surplus material. She will call him.**

- B. Discussion and consideration to write an e-mail recruitment letter for volunteer
members to join the Firewise Board of Directors. Include responsibilities, contact
persons, etc. – DONE AND E-MAILED; NO RESPONSES TO DATE.**

- C. Additional steps we can take to forewarn people of possible fire danger.**

**1. Siren System Review and consideration (it is budget time) – 2 bids
received; waiting for the third bid to come in. The third bid came
in just in time for the meeting. Kathy and Jim will call references with
specific questions. They will develop these questions after the meeting, so
we are asking the same from each reference.**

**2. Reverse E911 System – won’t work up here/off on the next agenda.
Dave said he spoke to the County Fire Chief and found out that
Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T, etc., have Reverse 911 capabilities. Kathy and
Jim will research it.**

III. New Business

- A. Special Events Application – Roger Pattison
Roger presented a special event that will take place in the Village in September,
from the 19th through the 21st. People will arrive about ½ a week prior to the event.
It is expected that Hotels and campsites will be filled. There will be at least 300
motorcycle riders These are street licensed vehicles and all riding will be done
outside the Village. This is not a comparison to Red River’s event every Memorial
Day. The company sponsoring this event is from Ohio. All aspects of the
application looked complete. Dave Wallace said the application looked good. The
only drawback would be if the Forest Service has the Forest closed for fire
restrictions.**

MOTION: To accept the Special Event Application for the event to take place on September 19th through the 21st.

Motion: Sheila Duffy

Seconded: April Bender

Passed: 4-1

(Roger Pattison recused as he is heading this event.)

- B. Possible addition to Fire Ordinance 04-02, an Ordinance for residents to convert from above ground power lines to below ground power lines where it is available to them. This is a Public Safety Issue. Presented at the 2/4/14 Village Council Meeting and will be on the agenda for a vote by the Village Council at the next meeting 3/11/14. Discussion said this would cost the homeowner about \$200 or so dollars to have a trench dug to the underground power line. Timeframes were discussed as to 30 days after power lines installed or just a set date.
 - C. Other Considerations towards being a Firewise Community in conjunction with Taos County. – John Miller. John said he was meeting with the Taos County Emergency Manager regarding the CWPP (Community Wildland Protection Plan) of which we are participants. We are part of a regional partnership; this gives us a better view in the eyes of the government for looking at grant money and plans. The Village will have a chapter in the CWPP. Our meeting with the Taos County Emergency Management Team is scheduled for 3/6/14. We will have an agreement with the County that we will get some of the grant money that is awarded, if any.
 - D. Presentation of formal Resolution regarding designation as a firewise community and officially authorizing the formal designation of a Firewise Board of Directors. This Resolution will be presented to the Village Council at the March 11, 2014 meeting.
 - E. Any candidates for Director Positions or Members on the Firewise Board of Directors? We could do an election at a Public Safety Committee meeting in early March if this is preferable. Kathy said she has had NO response from any Property owner in the Village.
 - F. Discussion and consideration of holding Firewise Board meetings on Saturdays. Discussion was held on this subject and it was thought we could do maybe two or three meetings on a Saturday once the Board was formed. This is still an open issue.
 - G. How to keep track of property owners who have responded to the mass mailing letter and are planning on making their property firewise. How to keep track of undeveloped lot owners as well. How to keep track of property owners who have NOT responded favorably or not responded at all.
- IV. Miscellaneous – Community Action Plan? A draft copy of an “Action Plan” was distributed by Kathy, who started it and hoped the Public Safety Committee would add to it. This is a work in progress document and is never ending. It will appear as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- V. Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting. March 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices.
- VI. Adjournment. April Bender moved to adjourn; Sheila Duffy seconded.