



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

**TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013 2:00 P.M.**

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**MAYOR:**  
Neal King

**COUNCIL:**  
Kathleen V. Bennett  
J. Christopher Stagg  
Barbara L. Wiard  
Thomas P. Wittman

**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.

**Governing body 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 Safety Director David Wallace  
Public Works Director Ray Keen  
Planning Assistant John Miller

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted.**

**Motion:** Councilor Bennett

**Second:** Councilor Wiard

**Passed:** 4-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AND THE JUNE 18, 2013 CLOSED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes from the June 4, 2013 Village Council Meeting and the June 18, 2013 Closed Executive Council Meeting.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wittman

**Second:** Councilor Bennett

**Passed:** 4-0.

**5. CITIZENS FORUM**

Orval Jones, resident on Twining Road at Zap's Road, expressed his thanks to the Tiger Team committee for their hard work on the proposed utility rates and thanked the Village Staff for removing his large pile of slash.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chisholm reported that GRT is down about \$62,000. Lodgers' Tax is down by \$42,000, which will still cover their budget of \$270,000. A resolution to approve the final quarterly financial report will be added to the agenda at the next Council meeting.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported on the July 1, 2013 meeting. Without a quorum, no decisions were made. There was discussion on the ICIP and recommendations will be presented at the Council's August meeting. Wittman talked about irregular attendance at meetings by a couple of commissioners. Impact fees were reviewed, especially garages which are not included in the fee calculation. Chisholm reminded the Council that impact fees for Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire will be grouped together into one "Public Safety" account. The next P&Z meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2013 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

### B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported on the June 19, 2013 meeting. The meeting was interrupted and ended by a 911 call reporting a wild land fire at the base of the canyon, the fifth fire in several weeks. The meeting was continued on June 21, 2013. Discussion included summer special events and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Due to the heightened awareness of fire danger, other discussions included the possibility of an addition to the existing fire ordinance regarding a property fire wise protection plan, additional steps to notify people in the event of a wild land fire, and a possible addition to the ordinance regarding connection of the 3 phase underground power lines. The next meeting is TBD.

### C. Parks and Recreation Committee

Katherine Kett, the new Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee, reported on Hiker Parking statistics, signs, and her future plans for the committee.

### D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

No report.

## 8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on the June 27, 2013 meetings of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle and the Taos Regional Landfill Board. Both groups amended the Open Meetings Act resolution to change the location to the County Commission Chambers due to available parking. The IGC meeting included a presentation on the drought and fire watch. The Landfill Board had a long discussion on illegal dumping, prevention, and enforcement. A draft resolution on covered loads will be discussed at the next meeting. Town of Taos and County staff will address code enforcement and authorization to issue citations. Wiard chaired the Public Infrastructure & Communications Committee at the NMML Policy Committee Meeting. Future meetings include NCNMEDD, NMML Resolutions Committee, and the NMML Annual Conference in Taos.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King talked about parking problems in the Pagoda area. Long term parking prevents daily visitors from parking. It was suggested that no overnight parking be allowed. Allison Hyder, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, was complemented on the beautiful flowers at

the entrance of Sutton Place. While leading the June moonlight hike (during the super moon), the Mayor found campers next to Williams Lake with a campfire

**10. STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Fratrack, Village Administrator, reported that the Village was not awarded a Water Trust Board grant due to the fact that an excess of 2% of the previous grant amount remains to be spent. The City Manager's Conference in Ruidoso primarily focused on the Affordable Care Act and what it means to municipalities. He made a good contact for information on how Ruidoso is handling their fire wise ordinance and obtaining funding. Both the Kit Carson underground project and the Townsite Act have not moved forward. The Wetlands Mitigation is moving forward. Fratrack has been approached to serve on the Board of Directors of the Airport. Don Schieber was thanked for a job well done working with an owner of a lot on Twining Road. He explained all the ordinances and helped the owner to deal with a challenging, but doable lot.

Schieber reported that the Sierra del Sol Condos are tied into the new water system lines and work has begun at Lake Fork Condos. The dust control chemicals have been applied to the newly graded Twining Road.

Keen reported that there have been glitches at the wastewater plant due to lightning. Another employee is being hired.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration and Approval: Resolution #2014-247, A Resolution Requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment**

The Public Works Department has requested a budget adjustment resolution due to expenses for equipment repair to blowers, SCADA, pumps, and other equipment. This was due to the unexpected electrical spikes and surges causing a required addition to the budget. Also, legal fees have increased significantly over the fiscal year mainly due to the LCI2 vs. VTSV lawsuit.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution #2013-247, a Resolution requesting a permanent budget adjustment.**

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

**B. Discussion regarding Wildfire Protection Plan and Possible Future Amendment to include Wildfire Protection Plan in Ordinance 2004-02, relating to Open Fires, Fireworks and the Use of Public Property.**

Councilor Bennett said the Public Safety Committee had met and discussed a wildfire protection plan for the Village. Her presentation consisted of simple and obvious actions that would have to be taken by homeowners, as well as undeveloped lot owners. It would be the responsibility of the owner to contact a contractor and let them put the lot in minimum compliance to prevent a wildland fire on their property. Lists of local contractors and of available grants would be available at the Village office. There is the possibility of homeowners being dropped by their insurance companies if their requirements are not met. Other municipalities have passed Fire-wise protection plans.

She suggested introduction of the addition to the existing fire ordinance at a future Council Meeting. She suggested an amendment to the same ordinance that would mandate that all homeowners who have access connect to the underground 3 phase power line for safety purposes. Councilor Bennett and Staff were directed to move forward and present the amended ordinance at a future meeting.

**C. Consideration and Approval of Utility Rates for FY2014.**

The Tiger Team (Utility Rates Committee) met several times and discussed the utility rates for the Village. A workshop was held the morning of Tuesday, July 2, 2013, for the committee to recommend changes to the current rates. Discussion was held and consideration to approve the utility rates was recommended at the July 2, 2013 workshop.

**MOTION: To approve the Utility rates as recommended at the July 2, 2013 workshop.**

**Motion:** Councilor Stagg

**Second:** Councilor Wiard

**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, August 6, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

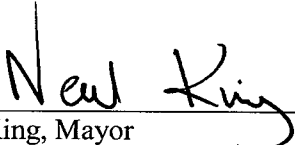
**15. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion:** Councilor Stagg

**Second:** Councilor Wiard

**Passed:** 4-0.

  
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Neal King, Mayor

  
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Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk