



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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014, 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.

Governing body present were:

Mayor Neal King
Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Wiard
Councilor Kathy Bennett
Councilor Chris Stagg
Councilor Tom Wittman

Staff present were:

Village Administrator Mark Fratrack
Village Clerk/Treasurer Vanessa Chisholm
Public Works Director Raymond Keen
Community Development Director Don Schieber
Public Safety Director David Wallace

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 DECEMBER 3, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 5, 2013 Village Council Meeting as submitted.

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

5. CITIZENS FORUM

A. Introduction of Peter Talty, Representing Louis Bacon

Mr. Talty introduced himself representing Louis Bacon, the new TSV, Inc. owner. He spoke about plans for the corporation including the Village base/core area. Plans will be presented to the P&Z Commission in the near future.

B. Kerrie Pattison, Northside at Taos Ski Valley

Kerrie Pattison spoke about her concerns with the cell and internet problems in the Village over the holidays including the unhappy guests and possible safety issues. Administrator Fratrack had registered a complaint with Verizon and supplied

several cell numbers that were experiencing difficulty texting and receiving calls. Councilor Stagg explained that it is not the fault of the carrier (Verizon) as there is not sufficient bandwidth between the Village and the Town of Taos. This should be solved when the fiber optic line is installed by Kit Carson Electric and that schedule is unknown. Stagg said this is a priority of the new owners. Discussion was held. Bill Sullivan said he will try to get a refund and he urges everyone else to do the same.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports

Clerk/Treasurer Chisholm reported that the GRT is down by about \$37,500. Construction is still the major contributor to the GRT. Next month a mid-year review and the Profit and Loss comparison will be distributed. The budget process will begin in February.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported the P&Z Commission met on January 6, 2014. Snow storage was discussed and the Village may need to purchase land in the future, possibly on O.E. Pattison Loop and in Amizette. The Village lease agreement with the Pattison Trust would allow snow storage on the Phoenix Switchback, which is preferable to trucking up Kachina Road. A master plan for the Village core area was presented by Peter Talty. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported the committee did not meet. There will be a meeting in January to discuss the appointment of a Firewise Community Board of Directors. This is a requirement for the Village becoming a firewise community.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

No meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2014, 3:30 p.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club room.

D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

No report on the meeting held December 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wiard asked Administrator Fratrack to report on the Taos Regional Landfill Board Meeting. Wiard reported on the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle meeting including regional priorities and plans for Enchanted Circle Day at the Legislature (January 22). The 30 day 2014 Legislative Session will be from noon January 21 to noon on February 20, 2014. The NM Municipal League priority is again to protect and maintain municipal revenues, focusing on alternatives for the phase out of the GRT hold harmless provision. Municipal Day at the Legislature will be on February 7, 2014. Additional future meetings include the North Central NM Economic Development District in Santa Fe.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King attended a Forest Service planning meeting. King discussed EQR's and budgeting for water and sewer, the slash pile and burn permits. He discussed the possibility of televising the Council meetings. At this point the capacity of the internet's bandwidth questions the viability.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack gave an update on several topics. He has contacted the environmental organization, SE Group, for the next steps needed for the Townsite Act. All parties have signed the transportation contract, maintenance is complete, and the van is ready to go, as per the Community Navigation Tiger Team (CNTT) van plan. The Chile Line MOU with the Town of Taos was signed and executed. The RFP for a general engineering firm will be advertised on Thursday, January 9, 2014. During the holidays several people were scammed using craigslist ads, renting locations in the Village that do not exist. The Village has posted an ad on craigslist advising users to verify with the Village Chamber of Commerce. The Village 2014 Capital Expenditure Appropriation Request has been submitted. This reflects the Village ICIP priority one, Village Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Phase I (\$500,000) is the purchase or acquisition of the land from the Forest Service through the Townsite Act. Phase II (\$4,000,000) is to plan, design, and upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The total cost for the project is \$4,500,000. \$500,000.00 has been requested to begin Phase I.

Director Wallace reported on activity during the holidays. These included car accidents, a carbon monoxide call to a home with detectors, an elevator rescue in the Edelweiss, and fire alarms that turned out to be false. Follow up with the Attorney General's office regarding the craigslist scam has been done. Kathleen Sullivan was given appreciation for finding the scam victims a place to stay over the holidays.

Director Keen reported that the cold weather is affecting the wastewater treatment plant. Extreme drops in water temperature across the aeration basins caused the plant to lose its nitrification process resulting in the purchase of more nitrifiers (i.e. bugs) to replace the ones that died. We have no control over the wastewater temperatures coming into the WWTP. This remains a problem. Staff was treating 95,000 gallons over the holidays. Keen also reported that there were compactor problems; not enough pulls scheduled over the holidays.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS**A. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2014-255, a Resolution Authorizing a Precinct Board for the Regular Municipal Election to be held on March 4, 2014**

As required by the State of NM Election Code, the following people have agreed to serve on the Election Precinct Board: Barb Wiard, Precinct Judge; Mary Mortimer, Election Judge; and Holly Burger, Judge/Clerk. Sheila Duffy has agreed to be the alternate.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2014-255, a resolution concerning the appointment of Election Precinct Board Members

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

B. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2014-256 a Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and Public Notice Required

Required annually by the State of NM, this is the Open Meetings Act that governs when and how meetings will be conducted. One change this year is notice of meeting is 72 hours, not 24 hours.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2014-256 a resolution concerning Governing Body meetings and Public Notice required.

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

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

Councilor Wittman asked Fratrack about storage buildings being used as residences. Attorney Romero is researching the legality of this. A house, which is under condemnation, was also discussed as a place of residence.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

A special next meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for January 17, 2014 at 12:30 p.m., at the Village Offices to consider the Taos Mesa Brewing liquor license application.

There may be a special meeting of the Village Council during the week of January 27, 2014 to discuss the Phoenix Restaurant liquor license application

15. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation: LCI2 vs. VTSV

MOTION: To move into closed executive session.

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

MOTION: To return to open session.

No decisions or motions were made during the closed executive session.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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