



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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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**

Ann Wooldridge, Deputy Clerk, 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  
Deputy Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Community Development Director Don Schieber  
Public Safety Director David Wallace  
Public Works Director Ray Keen  
Planning 1 John Miller

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Councilor Wiard requested a change in the agenda to move item 12.A. from New Business to follow item 4. Approval of the Minutes.

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

**Motion:** Councilor Wiard

**Second:** Councilor Wittman

**Passed:** 4-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING AND THE JULY 2, 2013 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING.**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes from the July 2, 2013 Village Council Workshop Meeting and the July 2, 2013 Village Council Meeting.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wittman

**Second:** Councilor Stagg

**Passed:** 4-0

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation by Peter Hofstetter, CEO Holy Cross Hospital, Update on Changes in Healthcare and its Impact on Holy Cross Hospital.**

Peter Hofstetter and Ron Burnham, President of the Holy Cross Hospital Board of Directors, updated the Council and citizens on the status of the financial situation at Holy Cross Hospital.

**5. CITIZENS FORUM**

Keith Wellman distributed a handout he had produced to the Village Council members and he talked about the water/sewer/trash rates in the Village.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mark Fratrack presented the financial reports. Lodgers' Tax and GRT revenue have dropped by 5% from last year, with a noticeable drop in tax revenue generated from construction. The financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

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

Councilor Wittman said the Commission met on Monday, August 5, 2013. They discussed and agreed on a new ICIP plan which will be presented to the Council at the September meeting. They discussed impact fees, and snow removal requirements. These are works in progress, to be added to or adjusted in the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission also discussed taking out the portion in the ordinance regarding the use of a Hearing Officer. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2013.

**B. Public Safety Committee**

Councilor Bennett said the Committee did not meet formally, but they are busy working on a Wildfire Protection Plan and several projects that go along with it, like a siren system for the Village and a reverse 911 system. The Wildfire Protection Plan and the addition to the Fire Ordinance will be presented to the Council for their first reading and consideration at the September Council meeting.

**C. Parks and Recreation Committee**

Katherine Kett, the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee, would like to add Kerrie Pattison as a member of the Committee.

**D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board**

No report.

**8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS**

Councilor Wiard reported on the meetings of the IGC and the Taos Regional Landfill Board. The Landfill Board presented an update on illegal dumping and prevention. A draft resolution on covered loads is being worked on. The next meetings for both groups will be on Thursday, August 15, 2013. Other meetings she attended were the NCNMEDD in Santa Fe on July 19, 2013 and the NMML Resolutions Committee Meeting in ABQ. Her future meetings include the NMML Annual Conference in Taos from August 28-30, 2013 and the September 2013 meeting of the Governor's DWI Grant Council in Santa Fe.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor King delivered a proclamation for Hillary and Melissa Ames thanking them for a job well done in running the Village Post Office for the past 21 years. The Mayor said he spent most of the month working on the new water/sewer/trash rates, and a few changes may need to be made. He said there would be a special Council meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Village Offices, to talk about these new rates and hopefully make a decision regarding some modifications. He talked about the upcoming NMML conference in the Town of Taos. Mark Fratrack has formed a committee to address transportation.

**10. STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Fratrack talked about having met with the developer of the Beausoleil Site. Staff received the go ahead to remove some of the debris that's on the site. He talked about the ICIP and said it will be presented at the September Council meeting. Up for discussion is the future Council meeting schedule; it is possible that the monthly meetings will be moved to the third Tuesday of each month. Fratrack said that all construction projects are moving forward and our goal is to spend down the existing Water Trust Board grant to the minimum level needed so that we can hopefully qualify for next year's grant. The minimum level necessary was changed from 2% to 5%. The underground project for the electric lines in the Village is still not moving forward; Kit Carson Electric is holding back franchise fees used for this project. There has been no movement on the Townsite Act. Fratrack and Dennis Romero will be meeting with Senator Tom Udall to discuss the Townsite Act land acquisition. The Wetlands Mitigation contract is semi-completed; needs a little more attention. Fratrack talked about the Special Council Meeting scheduled for August 8, 2013, that will determine the rate change for water/sewer utility billing.

Don Schieber talked about changes to the Wetlands Mitigation plan and said that basically a new plan will be developed.

Ray Keen said that the rains started on the same day as the Magnesium Chloride was laid on the roads to address the dust control problem. To date, it is not known whether the Mag Chloride worked or not, as it's been raining every day since.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS****B. Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the 2013 NMML Annual Conference.**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the NM Municipal League will be held August 27 through August 30, 2013, in Taos. At the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, August 29, a President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors-at-Large (for 2 year terms) will be elected. Also, the Annual Statement of Municipal Policy and Annual Conference Resolutions will be adopted. Each municipality shall be entitled to one delegate vote. The governing body needs to select a voting delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Meeting.

**MOTION: To appoint Councilor Barb Wiard as the voting delegate from the Village of Taos Ski Valley and to appoint Mayor Neal King as the alternate voting delegate.**

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

**C. Consideration and Approval of Resolution #2014-248, a Resolution approving the FY 2013 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2013.**

A requirement by the State of NM Department of Finance and Administration is that it is necessary to pass a resolution ensuring that the Governing Body has reviewed and approved the financial report for the final quarter ending June 30, 2013. The Village Council had reviewed the report.

**MOTION: To approve Resolution #2014-248, a resolution approving FY2013 final quarter financial report year ending June 30, 2013.**

**Motion:** Councilor Stagg

**Second:** Councilor Wiard

**Passed:** 4-0

**D. Discussion: Rick Chancellor – Proposal to Change Fishing Regulations within the Village Limits to Catch and Release Fishing.**

Rick Chancellor requested the support of the Village Council to change the fishing regulations within the Village limits to catch and release fishing. With Council support he would be asking the NM Department of Game and Fish to change the regulations to protect the fish in Village waters. After discussion, Rick will get more written information to the Staff for review at the October Village Council Meeting.

**E. Discussion and “Due Consideration” of Kammerdiener MOU.**

Mayor King presented John Kammerdiener’s Memo of Understanding to the Village Council for their due consideration. It consisted of three agreements and seven promises. Discussion followed concerning the agreement.

**MOTION: To direct Staff to answer John Kammerdiener’s Memo of Understanding.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wiard

**Second:** Councilor Wittman

**Passed:** 4-0

**13. MISCELLANEOUS: None**

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

A Special Meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Village Offices. The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

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

**MOTION: To move to Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wiard

**Second:** Councilor Wittman

**Passed:** 4-0

**MOTION: To return to Open Session. No decisions, actions, or votes were made in Executive Session.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wiard

**Second:** Councilor Bennett

**Passed:** 4-0

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion:** Councilor Wittman

**Second:** Councilor Bennett

**Passed:** 4-0.

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Neal King, Mayor

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Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk