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**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE AND SPA CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014, 2:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

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, Village Clerk, called the role and a quorum was present.

Governing body present:

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

Village staff present:

Village Administrator Mark Fratrack
Village Finance Director Nancy Grabowski
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge
Public Works Director Ray Keen
Community Development Director Don Schieber
Planner Matthew Foster
Attorney Dennis Romero

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Stagg asked to have an item added under Miscellaneous, A. Introduction to a Memorandum of Understanding for Parcel D Consolidation

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AND THE NOVEMBER 28, 2014 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilor Wittman requested a correction for November 5, 2014 in Section 7.A. Planning and Zoning Commission: "The developers will create the application to be submitted to P&Z the Village Council in December."

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 5, 2013 (as amended) and the November 28, 2014 Village Council meetings

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

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM – No one spoke at the Citizen's Forum.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Director Grabowski reported that \$3,000 was collected in back Lodgers' Tax. The GRT/Lodgers' Tax Collection Summary and the Profit and Loss Comparison Summary were distributed. The Financial Report was accepted into the minutes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported that the Commission will meet on December 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Looking Glass in Tenderfoot Katie's Cafeteria. The main item for discussion will be the conditional use permit for Parcel D. (Note: this meeting was later postponed until January 5, 2015.)

B. Public Safety Committee and Firewise Community BOD

Councilor Bennett reported on the Monday, December 1, 2014 meetings.

- TSV, Inc. Guest Services are doing a good job of directing skiers to the new drop off at Thunderbird Road. There are concerns about people from driving Thunderbird Road.
- The location of AEDs located throughout the Village was discussed.
- The beginning of the firearms ordinance will be e-mailed to Attorney Romero.
- The emergency operations plan will be reviewed in March.

The Firewise Community BOD met immediately after the Public Safety committee meeting.

- The last HIZ assessments will be done in the spring, when the snow is gone.
- The application for the Village to become a Firewise Community was mailed to Dan Ware, State Forestry Division, on November 17, 2014 for his approval. If approved, the application will go to the federal level in Washington, D.C.
- Planner Foster and Councilor Bennett will attend a meeting with Taos County regarding the writing of a CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) on December 11, 2014. Planner Foster and Chief Wallace will check on grants (2 have been previously rejected) for writing the Village CWPP.

The next meeting of both committees is scheduled for February 2, 2015.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee – No report

D. Lodgers’ Tax Advisory Board – No report

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on various meetings.

Taos Regional Landfill Board (11/12/14)

- RFP for new cell construction
 - Update on permit modification – acceptance of sludge
- Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle (11/12/14)

- Passed a resolution on renewable energy
- Finalized legislative priorities

2015 Legislative Session

- 60 day session; begins Tuesday, January 20 at noon; ends Saturday, March 21 at noon
- January 21 – Enchanted Circle Day
- February 24 – NMML Legislative Reception
- February 25 – NMML Municipal Day at the Legislature and NMML Board meeting

National League of Cities

Councilor Wiard represented the Village at the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities in Austin, TX in November.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor King reported on his work on revenue collections spreadsheets with the Leak Policy Tiger Team. He attended the dedication of the new Taos County Central Dispatch Center, which he said was impressive.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack reported on various updates:

- Townsite Act – There is no new information.
- Discharge of weapons in Village limits – Councilor Bennett will forward the Angel Fire Ordinance to Attorney Romero.
- TIDD – There have been many meetings with the developers.
- Slash pile – The pile has been eliminated. An MOA with TSV, Inc. regarding the Burn Boss is being drafted.
- Y8 well – Staff is trying to reinstate an old well in the resort area to maintain the water rights. It amounts to 3 acres of water rights. An application has been submitted to the State Engineering Department.

Planner Foster reported on work on the TIDD, development plans, and the Firewise Community Protection Plan.

Director Wallace was out of town.

Director Keen reported that upgrades to the WWTP are being installed. A valve stuck in the water tank on the return trail. Staff fixed the valve and apologized to TSV, Inc. for the overflow.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Amendments to the Revenue Collection Policy

A Leak Policy Tiger Team (LPTT) was formed that consisted of Village staff, elected officials and residents, to update and rewrite the leak policy which is part of the Village Revenue Collection Policy. The goal was to create a fair, standardized policy that discourages ignoring water leaks, discourages excessive water usage, encourages fixing leaks, and is relatively easy for staff to research and explain. The recommended policy was presented and discussed.

MOTION: To approve the Amendments to the Revenue Collection Policy

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Discussion by Taos Ski Valley, Inc. regarding Financing Alternatives for Village Infrastructure Upgrades and Core Village Re-Development

Chaz Rockey, representative for TSV, Inc. developers, gave a presentation regarding a Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) which is a mechanism to support economic development and job creation, by providing gross receipts tax financing and property tax financing for public infrastructure. Twining Development, LLC and Taos Ski Valley, Inc. have submitted a plan to the Village for revitalization through various redevelopment and improvements projects. Rockey explained that a TIDD is a reimbursement mechanism that comes from growth. 75% of the increased GRT would go into the TIDD and the Village would receive the remaining 25%. The TIDD boundaries would exclude agricultural land within the Village boundaries, about 1200 acres. Property owners and registered voters will vote on whether to approve formation of the TIDD. Voting procedures will be determined with the vote scheduled for January 30, 2015.

B. Consideration to Approve Resolution #2015-272 for the Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Form a Tax Increment District (TIDD)

The Village has submitted a preliminary application to the State requesting that a portion of the incremental State GRT go to the TIDD to help fund various infrastructure projects. The Resolution of Intent is the starting point to pursue establishing a TIDD within the Village, if deemed necessary and beneficial. The Resolution will ratify the application previously submitted to the State.

A lengthy discussion followed with many questions and answers. It was determined that there will be a special meeting of the Village Council on December 12, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Conference Room to discuss the TIDD operating plan, and the State Board of Finance waiver requests.. In addition, a Village Council workshop on an overall finance plan will be planned for December 18, 2014, at 5:30 at the Edelweiss Conference Room (later changed to the Columbine Inn Conference Room). The public is urged to attend all of these meetings.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2015-272, for the Village of Taos Ski Valley's intent to form a Tax Increment Development District (TIDD).

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 3-0
(Councilor Stagg recused)

C. Consideration to give approval for the Village to apply to the Defense Logistics Agency 1033 State Plan of Operation and to establish an MOU or MOA with other agencies and Sierra 4 Consulting.

The DLA-1033 program is designed for state and local law enforcement to be able to acquire surplus military equipment at no cost, to be utilized for public safety, or public works, purposes. Mike Waring, retired NM State Police Captain, has his own consulting firm to assist agencies in implementation of this program. Taos County, Town of Taos, Village of Questa, and Village of Taos Ski Valley are working together. The total training cost is \$12,000, with VTSV paying \$4,000. Once Questa is able to pay its share, the other three entities will be reimbursed the appropriate amount.

MOTION: To participate in the program at a cost of \$4,000

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

D. Consideration and approval of Resolution #2015-273, a resolution requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment for FY 2015.

This resolution is necessary based on the vote in Item C, above, whereby \$4,000 needs to be moved from the General Account to Law Enforcement Operating for Outside Contractors.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2015-273, a Resolution requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment for FY 2015.

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

13. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Introduction of MOU re: Parcel D with consolidation as requested by Councilor Stagg

The attorney on land issues for TSV Inc., Joe Canepa, spoke about the wetlands that had been moved a few years ago from the Parcel D area to the Kachina area. The wetlands mitigation is working well. Canepa informed the Council that in the near future an MOU will need to be discussed concerning a transfer of land between Parcel D and the Village for snow storage, as well the lot line adjustment for Parcel D. No action was necessary or taken.

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

The next regular meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Conference Room (this was later changed to the Columbine Inn Conference Room).

A Special Village Council meeting will be held on December 4, 2014 at the VTSV Administrative Office at 2:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing for transfer of location of the Taos Mesa Small Brewer Off-site License, and on December 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge Club Room to discuss the operating plan and consider the SBOF waiver requests. A Village Council workshop regarding the VTSV overall finance plan will be held on December 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Edelweiss Conference Room (note: this was later changed to the Columbine Inn Conference Center).

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0

Neal King, Mayor

Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk