



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024 1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Stanek at 1:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Marlene Salazar, Deputy Clerk, called the roll and a quorum was present.

Governing Body Present:

Mayor Stanek

Councilor Caldwell

Councilor Turner

Councilor Stagg

Councilor Wittman (Entered late)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Stanek requested to move item 11.A to 11.G

MOTION: To approve the agenda as written with addendum

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Turner: **PASSED:** 3-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, the OCTOBER 18 2024 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING, and the OCTOBER 21 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 4, 2024 Special Council Meeting, the October 18, 2024 Regular Village Council Meeting, and the October 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Turner **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 3-0

5. A. CITIZEN'S FORUM –for non-agenda items only. Limit to 5 minutes per person (please email awouldridge@vtsv.org to sign up) No one asked to speak in the Citizen's Forum

B. CITIZEN'S FORUM - Public comment on agenda items. Limit of 5 minutes per person. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on items appearing on the meeting agenda, except for Public Hearing items. Subsequent public comment by persons not directly affected will generally be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer during discussion of agenda items by and among the Council members and persons and entities who are directly affected.

1. Homeowner Ben Cook spoke about his support for the TSVI Gondola project and how installation of a gondola from the base area to Kachina would relieve some pressure on Twining Road.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission

No P&Z meeting was held. The next scheduled meeting of the P&Z Commission is planned to take place on January 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm

B. Public Safety Committee

Committee Chair Caldwell reported on the recent meeting which entailed discussions of ongoing projects, such as getting some momentum going on efforts to institute recycling again in the Village, and also making headway on the electrical undergrounding.

C. Firewise Community Board

Board Chair Caldwell reported that the firewise thinning and burning efforts would continue over the winter as much as possible.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee

Board Chair Woodard reported that the Committee met in October and would meet again in November, one week earlier than scheduled because of the holidays. There will not be a meeting in December.

Discussions have begun on planning for summer 2025 projects. The Committee will be reviewing an application for a Trails Plus grant in conjunction with the Enchanted Circle Trails Association.

TSVI has offered the assistance of Hart Howerton for a planning effort to maximize parking at Hiker Parking.

E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

No meeting took place.

7. REGIONAL REPORTS

Village Administrator Rick Bellis reported that the Landfill Board intends to purchase a new grader.

The NCRTD intends to run the Green Line Blue Bus free of charge this winter.

8. MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Stanek thanked the efforts of the TSV Neighborhood Association in raising funds for the Village Staff Holiday party.

9. STAFF REPORT

Village Administrator Rick Bellis explained that the Staff reports were contained in the Council Packet and Staff were available to answer any questions. Mr. Bellis has advocated for use of a text-based messaging system for getting news out quickly for such things as road conditions or water outages. On the other side, Citizens can get in touch with Village Staff with concerns or questions.

A focus group has been formed to review utility billing processes, requests for credits, and items such as meters that are not working.

Councilor Caldwell inquired about the condition of roads, specifically an abundance of ice on many Village roads. Mr. Bellis will investigate and report back.

The Phoenix Switch back will re-open soon and the Kachina Vista Park Road will be closed.

The Village's Comprehensive Plan will be a project for updating in the near future.

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

(item 11.A moved to 11.H)

B. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2025-589 requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2025 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the EMS Fund to accommodate the FY25 Emergency Medical Services Fund Act award to Village of Taos Ski Valley

-- Providing infrastructure & services to a World Class Ski Resort Community --

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2025-589 requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2025 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the EMS Fund to accommodate the FY25 Emergency Medical Services Fund Act award to Village of Taos Ski Valley

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 3-0

C. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2025-590 requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY25 LT Budget in order to accommodate the proposed Lodgers Tax Budget changes approved by the Village Council at the October 18, 2024 Council meeting

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2025-590 requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY25 Lodgers Tax Budget in order to accommodate the proposed Lodgers Tax Budget changes approved by the Village Council at the October 18, 2024 Council meeting

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Turner

VOTE: Councilor Turner voted to approve

OPPOSED: Councilor Caldwell voted against **ABSTAINED:** Councilor Stagg

MAYOR STANEK Clarified that his vote was required because of a tied vote. Mayor Stanek voted to approve. **MOTION PASSED:** 2-1

D. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2025-591 requesting approval of the Funding Agreement with the Town of Taos to aid the town with a 10% grant match in providing rural air services in the amount of \$300,000 to be paid in 2 equal installments in the amount of \$150,000 during FY25, and \$150,000 during FY26 contingent on availability of funds in FY26

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2025-591 requesting approval of the funding agreement with the Town of Taos to aid the town with a 10% grant match in providing rural air services in the amount of \$300,000 to be paid in 2 equal installments in the amount of \$150,000 during FY25, and \$150,000 during FY26 contingent on availability of funds in FY26

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Caldwell **PASSED:** 3-0

E. Council Acknowledgement of the FY2025 1st Quarter Financial data submitted to the Department of Finance, Local Government Division by October 31, 2024

MOTION: To Acknowledge and Approve the FY2025 1st Quarter Financial Data submitted to the Department of Finance, Local Government Division by October 31, 2024

MOTION: Councilor Turner **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 3-0

F. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2025-592 Requesting Removals and Additions of signers to the Centinel Bank Accounts

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2025-592 Requesting Removals and Additions of signers to the Centinel Bank Accounts

MOTION: Councilor Turner **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 3-0

G. Consideration by Council to authorize the Mayor to send a Letter of Support for the Proposed TSVI Base-to-Base Gondola Project

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for the proposed TSVI Base-to-Base Gondola Project

-- Providing infrastructure & services to a World Class Ski Resort Community --

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 3-0 (Councilor Wittman entered during this agenda item.)

ABSTAINED: Councilor Stagg

(item moved from earlier in the agenda)

A. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-588** Authorizing the execution and delivery of Loan-Grant Agreement WPF-6322 with the New Mexico Finance Authority under which the Village will accept funding from the New Mexico Water Project Fund in the total amount of \$1,575,000, including a loan in the amount of \$157,500 to be utilized for water distribution system improvements as more fully described in the Resolution. The loan component will be secured by and repayable from the second one-quarter of one percent increment of the Village's Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes

MOTION: To Approve **Resolution No. 2025-588** Authorizing the execution and delivery of Loan-Grant Agreement WPF-6322 with the New Mexico Finance Authority under which the Village will accept funding from the New Mexico Water Project Fund in the total amount of \$1,575,000, including a loan in the amount of \$157,500 to be utilized for water distribution system improvements as more fully described in the Resolution. The loan component will be secured by and repayable from the second one-quarter of one percent increment of the Village's Municipal Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0

12. MISCELLANEOUS

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discussion of the Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property

This matter may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H) (8)

MOTION: To Discuss the Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property in Closed Session

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0 (Roll Call Vote)

MOTION: To Return to Open Session

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0 (Roll Call Vote)

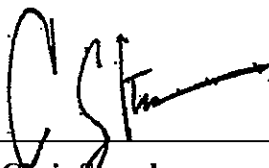
14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the regular meeting on Friday December 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm via zoom.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0



Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest: 

Village Clerk, Ann Wooldridge

-- *Providing infrastructure & services to a World Class Ski Resort Community* --