

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, January 6th, 2025, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:01am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Bob Thomas, Kent Kiehl and Jim Woodard.

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved with the addition of parking/pedestrian traffic on Sutton Place. (Motion: Jim Woodard, Second: Kent Kiehl, Unanimous.). The minutes for the December 2nd, 2024, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting were also approved. (Motion: Jim Woodard, Second Kent Kiehl, Unanimous)

Public Safety Committee:

Smart Water Meter Pilot Status

There are still issues between the pilot smart meters and the Village billing system. Rick Bellis stated that he was not particularly pleased with either the billing system or the chosen pilot smart water meter system and has installation on hold until Spring. One of the issues has been that several of the customer accounts have been disputed with meter failure the suspected cause., The smart water meters pilot was being directed to those accounts. However, Elaine and Gabe have been working on these accounts and have verified that the meters are working properly, and the issues have been on the customer side of the meter. This has saved the Village money, as credits have been applied to clear these accounts each month.

Recycling/Partnership with TSVI

Rick stated that TSV Recycling will be in two phases. First, starting in the Spring, VTSV and TSVI will begin working together to transport some recycling items to the County for recycling. The bins will be on trailers which can be hauled to the Landfill with a pickup. Second, the New Mexico Governor would like to start a program for Recycling in the small communities in Northern New Mexico. Rick is working with the Landfill Board to take charge of such a grant. The grant would include a Recycling Center at the Landfill site, new signage and a couple years of marketing to make people aware.

Kachina Park Road and ATV Usage

Rick is working on an ATV and Camping ordinance for Village property. This ordinance should make clear what is allowed on Village roads and parcels. Rick would like to hold off on grading, cleanup and gate replacement until the PARC Planning Grant is approved, since he believes these are items which would count in the Cost Sharing calculation for the Grant.

Trash Compactor Electrical Issue

Gabe is putting in a work order with Waste Management to get it fixed.

No Passing Signs for Hwy 150 in Amizette.

Rick stated that the gentleman they have been working with to get more No Passing Signs from the NM DOT is due back to look at Amizette later this week. Although the highway is marked with double yellow lines, during snow season more "no passing" signs are needed.

Miscellaneous Items

Gondolita Crossing

Henry stated that Mitch Daniels reported that during the busy holiday season Upper Sutton Place was a mess. With illegally parked cars and

the pedestrian traffic on the slope going to/from the Gondolita there is a major safety concern. Rick said he had just been made aware of the issue and would investigate.

Signs

The general issue of signs was introduced. Rick said there needed to be a short meeting including the Forest Service, TSVI, the Village and the Chamber to identify the sign standard that should be used w/i the Village.

Marijuana Shop

Amizette residents have contacted Henry with concerns about potential events at the new marijuana shop in Amizette. Rick said that events would require a Special Event Permit to be filed with the Village. It would state the hours, noise limits, parking plans and security arrangements for the event. Rick was making sure that the Village requirements were clear for such events.

Firewise Board:

Natural Gas Line Extension of Upper Twining

Bob Thomas reported that he had sent out an e-mail to the Upper Twining Rd residents and had received very strong support for bring Natural Gas up Upper Twining Rd. At least 13 out of the 21 residents have responded, all positively. The next step is to get applications filled out for those interested and set up a meeting with Chris Baca, the New Mexico Gas Co representative for the Village.

Real Exercise Planning

Chief Vigil was not online.

Miscellaneous

Bob Thomas also pointed out that many of the residents he is talking with did not seem up to date with the activities in the Village. He was wondering how to do a better job of getting the word out.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on February 3rd, 2025, via Zoom.

James B Woodard