



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 1:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley 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, Acting Village Clerk, called the roll and quorum was present.

**Governing Body Present:**

Mayor Stanek

Councilor Turner

Councilor Stagg

Councilor Wittman

ABSENT: Councilor Caldwell

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2025, REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AND JANUARY 24, 2025 SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**5. A. CITIZEN'S FORUM** –for non-agenda items only. Limit to 5 minutes per person (please email [msalazar@vtsv.org](mailto:msalazar@vtsv.org) to sign up)

**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 comments 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.

**6. SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Acting, Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar performed the Oath of Office for New Police Officer Michael Tafoya.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Planning & Zoning Commission:** Councilor Wittman reported no meeting was held in February 2025, no report. The next regular scheduled meeting for the P&Z Commission will be held on March 3, 2025, at 1:00 via zoom.

**B. Public Safety Committee:** No report

**C. Firewise Community Board:** No report

**D. Parks & Recreation Committee:** Committee Chair Woodard reported no meeting was held in January 2025. The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation committee will be held on February 25, 2025, at 10:00 am via zoom. Many items will be discussed at the Feb 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will include discussion about the State of NM Economic Development Dept. Trails Plus Grant, The Community Parks and Trails Comprehensive Plan, developing strategies & designs for signage for the parks & trails, and the final design material for the proposed Hiker Parking upgrades that were completed by Hart Howerton.

**E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board:** Councilor Stagg reported no meeting no report

**8. REGIONAL REPORTS:** Village Administrator Rick Bellis attended several meetings.

1. USFS, TSVI & Taos Land & Cattle Association meeting discussed issues with VTSV roads and hiker parking area, including overuse. Specifically discussed overuse issues on Twining Rd. Entities are currently coming up with solutions and the new Ordinance 2025-002 should provide solutions.

2. Soil & Conservation District & Rio Hondo Watershed discussed possible funding by Bill SP384, which would create a fund to create the Rio Hondo Water Planning District.

3. Taos Regional Landfill Board is currently looking for a consultant to operate the Landfill, and the operation by the recycling program that will be funded by the Governors Office.

4. TIDD Board meeting had a reorganizational meeting, TIDD Board and VTSV have agreed to coordinate projects scheduled and to come. The current project of focus will be the extending the work completed on Thunderbird/ Ernie Blake Rd. up Twining Rd. Councilor Wittman also announced that an accounting of all the money spent on all the various projects was presented and this will be in the February 2025 meetings minutes if anyone is interested.

**9. MAYOR REPORT:** No report

**10. ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORT:**

**(Administrator and Staff Reports are provided in the Village Council Meeting Packet)**

Village Project Manager Robert Wooldridge announced a survey was created to obtain updated contact information for Village residents. This will allow the Village and residents to report clear communication regarding Fire, Emergencies and or Outages.

Village Administrator Rick Bellis reported a meeting was held with the State Forestry and the microgrid process is moving forward. The property planned for the use of the microgrid project is being discussed. The proposed property that would be used is located on Ocean Blvd near the Sewer Treatment Plant. Mr. Luis Reyes (Kit Carson Electric) has confirmed that he can attend a Public Meeting in the Village in March to discuss the Underground Service, and the Microgrid Projects.

**11. FINANCE REPORT:** Finance Director Griesedieck stated no additional reports, Finance report is provided in the Village Council Meeting Packet

**12. CONSENT AGENDA-** This item is placed on the agenda so that the Governing Body, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine agenda items that they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any proposal does not meet with the approval of all Governing Body members, or if a citizen so requests, that item will be heard when reached under the regular agenda.

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible approval to renew the MOU with the Enchanted Circle Fire Protection Association.
- B. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-005**, A Resolution Requesting a time extension (#2 of 2) for the Financial Assistance from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department FY2022 - 2024 NM DOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Cooperative Agreement L500522
- C. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-006** A Resolution Requesting a time extension (#1) for the Financial Assistance from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department FY2023-2025 NM DOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Cooperative Agreement L500564
- D. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-007** requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2025 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the General Fund Budget to accommodate the FY25 Capital Appropriations Award DFA 24-I3178 - To Plan, Design, Construct and Equip a Village Hall Building
- E. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-008** requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2025 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the Water Capital Improvements Fund to Reflect The NMFA WTB Award Project #WPF 6322.
- F. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-009** requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2025 Budget, to reclassify Rent Transfers Out from The EMS Fund to the Fire Protection Fund Per Approval From The Fire Marshall
- G. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-010**, A Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and Public Notice Required
- H. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-011**, A Resolution establishing Robert's Rules of Order as the governing rules of procedure for the Village of Taos Ski Valley Village Council and all Village commissions, committees, advisory bodies and their meetings.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stanek requested that item 12.A & 12.H be removed from the Consent Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve items 12.B through 12.G on the consent agenda removing 12.A and 12.H

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED:**

**(12.A)** Discussion, consideration and possible approval to renew the MOU with the Enchanted Circle Fire Protection Association.

**Discussion:** Fire Chief Matt Rogers reported that this MOU involves Taos, Colfax, and Mora County. The MOU provides a mini academy and resource sharing among the 3 Counties. A fee of \$500.00 is associated with the MOU, and Red River is the Fiscal Agent.

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

**(12.H)** Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2025-011**, A Resolution establishing Robert's Rules of Order as the governing rules of procedure for the Village of Taos Ski Valley Village Council and all Village commissions, committees, advisory bodies and their meetings.

**Discussion:** Attorney Appel explained that the two parliamentary rules of order are similar. Sturgis Rules of Order is primarily used for small local public bodies, committees, and commissions as to where Roberts Rules of Order is primarily used for bigger local public bodies, committees and commissions. Mayor Stanek requested to amend the Motion of Resolution No. 2025-011 to continue

to use Sturgis Rules of Order.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2025-011, A Resolution establishing Sturgis Rules of Order as the governing rules of procedure for the Village of Taos Ski Valley Village Council and all Village commissions, committees, advisory bodies and their meetings.

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

### **13. OLD BUSINESS:** No reports

### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION:** Administrator Rick Bellis reported that these Ordinances have been updated to address shared concerns that have come up during VTSV committee and neighborhood association meetings and that we are currently hoping to address with these proposals. The full text of both ordinances are in today's meeting packet and, if approved today, will be published on the Village Website. Approval from the Mayor and Council is needed today to publish and post these Ordinances, as well as to schedule the required public hearings for next month.

**A.** Introduction, consideration, and request to publish and schedule for public hearing Ordinance 2025-01: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REQUIREMENT FOR AN EVENT PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT FEE, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL, ESTABLISHING PENALITIES FOR VIOLATION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 10-35.

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

**B.** Introduction, consideration, and request to publish and schedule for public hearing Ordinance 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING ON OR IN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY, PARKS, TRAILS, EASEMENTS, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTANT ORDINANCE.

**DISCUSSION:** Village Administrator Rick Bellis stated that input from TSVI and USFS is requested for this Ordinance, so all entities are in sync with the rules and regulations.

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

### **15. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **A. APPOINTMENT OF A VILLAGE CODE OFFICIAL**

Designation of the Village Administrator as the Code Official/Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Taos Ski Valley for the purpose of enforcing the codes, ordinances, and regulations of the Village, as promulgated by the governing body, to include the Village nuisance, zoning and land use codes.

**DISCUSSION:** Village Administrator Rick Bellis reports that this item is necessary for the Village to enforce some Ordinances. Some Village Ordinances are enforceable based on state statutes, are adopted by reference, and are enforced by the Building Code Official, Police Chief, or Fire Marshall. Ordinances based solely on municipal powers granted to the Village must be enforced by a Code Official designated by the Mayor and governing body. The Village does not currently have a Planning & Community Development Director, who might normally do this. This will allow the Village Administrator to act as Planning & Community Development and the designated code enforcement official to include Village nuisance, zoning and land use code violations.

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

**B. APPOINTMENTS OF EXPIRED TERMS ON COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Authorization for and direction to the Village Clerk to identify and solicit interest from members of Village Committees and Commissions who might seek reappointment and to advertise in order to identify potential community members interested in filling any openings in said committees and commissions and to present such information and interest to the Mayor for appointment, subject to ratification by the Council.

**DISCUSSION:** Village Administrator Rick Bellis reported this item is to make sure that all committee and commission openings or expirations are reported to the Mayor and filled as required.

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

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

The following matters may or may not be discussed in closed session under the NM Open Public Meetings Act under exemptions 10-15-1.H (8): meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by a public body.

**(NO CLOSED SESSION HELD)**

**17. Report** on closed session by Village Attorney.

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

The next meeting of the Village Council will be a Special Meeting held on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 pm via zoom, followed by the Regular Village Council Meeting on March 21, 2025 at 1:00 via zoom

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest:

  
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Acting Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar