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**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
SNAKEDANCE CONDOMINIUMS
HONDO RESTAURANT
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The special meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor King at 9:05 a.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 Christof Brownell
Councilor Chris Staggs
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman

Village Staff Present

Administrator Mark Fratrack
Clerk Ann Wooldridge
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski
Building & Construction Director Bill Jones

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Wittman suggested adding a Miscellaneous item, D.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended

Motion: Councilor Wittman Second: Councilor Staggs Passed: 4-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-339 Approving the FY2017 4th Quarter Financial Report

The Village is required to submit the final fiscal year 2017 quarterly report along with the corresponding profit and loss statement no later than July 31, 2017 to the Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division. This report is a recap of the financial events of fiscal 2017 and verifies the ending fund balances for all Village funds. The accurate ending fund balances are an integral part of the next fiscal year 2018 budget.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2018-339 Approving the FY2017 4th Quarter Financial Report

Motion: Councilor Wittman Second: Councilor Staggs Passed: 4-0

B. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2018-340 Adopting the FY2018 Budget

The Village Council must review and approve the final fiscal year budget for the 2017-2018. The original budget was presented to the Council at the budget workshop held on April 11, 2017. Included in the original presentation was the proposed water/sewer rate increase of 4% for both the fixed and the usage

rates. This would result in a FY2018 water/sewer fixed rate of \$56.82 per 1500-gallon EQR, and a usage rate of \$.0454 per gallon. There was not a proposed trash fee increase in the FY2018 budget. Since Council's review, all actuals have been entered into the Council working budget spreadsheet as of June 30, 2017. Director Grabowski identified the changes that had been made in an effort to comply with the Department of Finance. These adjustments calculate to approximately 5% expenses over revenue. All other items originally presented to Council at the April workshop remain the same. A letter from Council needs to be sent concerning the general fund.

There is money in this budget to improve the recycling facilities. Councilor Wittman said that he anticipates that development of a Kachina Master Plan may begin in the next 8-12 months. The \$50,000 budgeted for that project has been moved from FY2018 to possibly FY2019. Councilor Wittman noted that the master plan would most likely cost closer to \$100,000.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2018-340 Adopting the FY2018 Budget and Approving Sending a Letter to DFA

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0

C. Discussion and Direction Concerning the Bear Issues in the Village Limits

There have recently been many bear sightings in the Village. TSVI has ordered new bear-proof dumpsters for the Village core area. The Village is also acquiring 2-3 new bins. Many problems seem to have been occurring in the Amizette area, and one resident has spent a lot of time picking up trash that has been scattered by bears from non-bear proof bins, on other people's property. Various recommendations on action to be taken included giving citations to everyone who doesn't have a bear-proof bin, to billing the property owner for time spent picking up bear-strewn trash. It was agreed that education was the most important step to take. The Public Safety Committee will review the Solid Waste Ordinance, which addresses the requirement for bear-proof trash bins.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Councilor Wittman said that the Village received an offer from Aegis Property Management concerning the Ernie Blake Road properties. The negotiating team will meet by phone with the property owners on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Councilor Wittman said it was beneficial that the Village started negotiations by putting an offer in writing. He said that it seems that all parties want to work things out.

B. Jack Lewis, with the U. S. Forest Service, addressed the Council. He said that they are moving through the process to reduce the easement at the treatment plant site from 66 feet-wide to 33 feet-wide. He noted that the tree-thinning project planned for Highway 150 this summer started with the Twining Campground. They need surveys for the other campgrounds in order to proceed, but they will pursue a categorical exclusion. Forest Service staff is busy working on an environmental assessment in San Cristobal, as well as with fighting fires in Montana. He said that there are no problems with the spotted owl habitat; the issue simply needs to be acknowledged.

C. Councilor Brownell asked about funding for the Kachina Water Tank project. There is \$500,000 budgeted for FY2018, and the rest of the funds would be expended in FY2019. The Water Trust Board funding was for a project total of \$2,170,000. The FY2018 budget shows an expected match of expenses of \$600,000 in expenses in FY2018.

5. 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, August 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snakedance Condominiums Hondo Restaurant.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Neal King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk