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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
DRAFT MINUTES  
EDELWEISS LODGE CLUB ROOM  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017, 9:00 A.M.

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

The workshop 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 roll and a quorum was present.

**Governing body present:**

Mayor Neal King  
Councilor Kathy Bennett  
Councilor Christof Brownell  
Councilor Chris Stagg  
Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

**Staff present:**

Village Administrator Mark Fratrack  
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski  
Public Works Director Ray Keen  
Police Chief Andrew Bilardello  
Building & Construction Director Bill Jones  
Administrative Assistant Ruth Martin

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented**

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

**4. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Administrator Fratrack said Village staff has worked to put together a comprehensive yearly budget to fund operations and capital improvements or expenditures. Overall staff has tried to be conservative on revenue projections. The forecasting for GRT above the baseline, the increment amount, is set at 10% of the baseline. Staff feels this is a conservative estimate due to the capital improvement projects that are anticipated for this upcoming building season. The summary total revenue is forecasted slightly up for the upcoming fiscal year mainly due to estimating revenue reimbursements for the Kachina Water Tank project and Taos Mountain Lodge improvements, plus forecasting additional GRT due to the implementation of the Hold Harmless 3/8% option that Council approved, which takes effect on July 1, 2017. Staff is continuing to maintain current expenses in most areas. Overall expense increase will be less than \$200,000, an overall 3% increase in expenses.

As with FY17, TIDD/Increment revenue estimates will not be earmarked for operations or projects for FY18; staff stands firm on the recommendation of placing these funds into reserves to be used at later dates for grant matches, capital purchases/projects, maintenance, or to supplement future loan payments. General Fund cash reserve will be maintained to allow the Village to cover the slow period (July to December) of the oncoming year with confidence. Along with the TIDD/Increment GRT set aside into reserves, staff continues to focus on building additional reserve accounts for the Village priority Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade and also for other future Village

priority capital expenditures. The reserves will fund capital improvement projects and for debt service/matching funds for grant opportunities.

Much discussion took place. Since water and sewer operations should be self-sustaining, a 4% increase in rates is being recommended. Because there are no gas stations in the Village, funding for roads must come out of the general fund. More time and money is being spent on roads each year. Various options are being investigated for providing water and sewer to the Taos Mountain Lodge. In May, Fratrack will have more information.

Funds will be provided for paid EMS staff at busy times during ski season. Also, funds are budgeted for a part-time police officer to work nights.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn.**

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

The workshop was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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Neal King, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk