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**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular Meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor King at 2:00 p.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 Chris Staggs
Councilor/Mayor Pro-Tem Barb Wiard
Councilor Tom Wittman

Village Staff present:

Administrator Mark Fratrack
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski
Clerk Ann Wooldridge
Administrative Assistant Renee Romero
Public Works Director Ray Keen
Public Safety Director Dave Wallace
Planner Matthew Foster
Attorney Dennis Romero

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Wittman asked that item 12. C. Discussion of Village Master Plan Update get included in the Planning & Zoning Commission report in item 7. A.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015, VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented from the February 3, 2015 Village Council Meeting

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

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Henry Caldwell, Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board member and Chamber of Commerce President, spoke regarding concerns about the parking lots and parking issues. RVs are parked in prime spots and it appears they are here for the season. He wondered if the previous Forest Service parking limit is in effect. He thought parking could be improved for everyone. Mayor Neal King said this will be looked into and he thanked Henry for his input.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Grabowski reported that GRT is up by \$41,000 and Lodgers' Tax is up by \$3,300 compared to last year. She is completing her CPO training with the final test on March 8. Administrator Fratrick said skier days are up by 10%.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported on the March 2, 2015 P&Z Commission meeting. Topics included:

- Master Plan to be rewritten by Planner Foster. It will take 12-18 months to complete. Last adopted Master Plan is from 2010. Foster will engage the community in a variety of ways for their input, and will present the various elements to the P&Z Commission over the course of several months.

Foster presented his outline of the Master Plan including:

- 1) Protect Natural Resources
- 2) Invite Public Participation
- 3) A clear set of objectives
- 4) Encourage economic development
- 5) Provide recreational opportunities
- 6) Improve public infrastructure
- 7) Articulate a common vision

- The Water Use Ordinance will be voted on at the next P&Z meeting at the end of March.
- Certificate of Compatibility at the Alpine Suites will be addressed pertaining to their proposed change of the underground parking.
- Snow Removal and Storage Ordinance will be revised by Planner Foster.
- Parcel G – Any further changes made should be presented in their entirety for a possible amended conditional use before the P&Z Commission. There is the possibility of the addition of a swimming pool.
- Commissioner Dick Duffy talked about the manner in which design standards are presented in the zoning ordinance. .

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Conference room.

B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported that the March 2, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. She reported on additional topics:

- Planner Foster is working on an outline for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan that also includes protection of the Village watershed and infiltration gallery.
- The Firearms/hunting ordinance is still in progress.
- An application for a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Grant has been submitted for \$500 for a project to be done on May 2, 2015. This will include thinning property around the firehouse and the Village Offices as an example of defensible space.
- The Village received a certificate of recognition from the Taos County Commissioners for becoming a Firewise Community within the County.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Edelweiss Conference room.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015.

D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

Roger Mariani, Chair of the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Committee, reported on the current surplus. The Committee would like to spend more money on promotions during the 2015 fiscal year. Because of the summer construction, the Michael Hearne's Big Barn Dance will be located outside the Village. The committee would like to sponsor a portion of the Barn Dance if it is held in Taos County. By showing support and interest, hopefully the barn dance will return to the Village the following year.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wiard reported on several meetings:

- Taos Regional Landfill Board (2/18/15) – Chair Russell Church (Red River) and Vice Chair Wiard were reelected. Final approval by the Cabinet Secretary is the last step for the Permit Modification to accept sludge. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015. (followed by IGC)
- Everyone is urged to attend the Del Norte Trails Coalition Forum on March 3, 2015, at the KTAOS Solar Center. The first trail would be from Arroyo Seco to the “blinking light”.
- The 2015 Legislative Session ends on March 21, 2015. She reported on NMML Municipal Day at the Legislature.
- Future meetings include:
 - March 7-11, 2015 – NLC Annual Congressional City Conference, Washington D.C.
 - April 7, 2015 – NMML District 2, Eagle Nest
 - April 28, 2015 – DWI Grant Council, Santa Fe

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor King said he has been very busy working with staff on details of the TIDD implementation.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack’s report included:

- Townsite Act – A letter of request for conveyance of property has been submitted to the Forest Service, which puts this process in motion. The Forest Service has one year to get the conveyance done from when it was passed on December 19, 2014.
- TIDD – Fratrack presented to the Taos County Commissioners requesting the County’s participation. The Commission voted 5-0 to support the TIDD at a 35% incremental property tax participation rate.
- Columbine Hondo Wilderness Celebration – Mayor King spoke and Fratrack and Mayor Pro Tem Wiard also attended.
- Capital Outlay Request – The request was submitted via Representative Gonzales, Senator Cisneros, and the Governor’s Office. The total request is for \$1,082,000 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Planning, Waste Water Treatment Plant Design Engineering Services, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant Construction Engineering/Related Services.
- Director Keen, Director Scheiber, Planner Foster, and Chief Wallace met to review and create a plan for the Kachina area parking. They will collaborate with TSV, Inc. about the summer and winter plans.
- Budget preparation has begun.
- Meeting Dates – Staff has requested time between the P&Z Commission and the Village Council meetings. The possibility of changing Council meeting dates had been previously discussed. After discussion, there was a consensus to change Village Council meetings to the second Tuesday of each month, instead of the first Tuesday. A Resolution is needed to amend the day for the Open Meetings Act.

Dave Wallace, Public Safety Director, reported on the January activity regarding Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire. His Calls for Service for the Month of February follows:

Law Enforcement

- (50) Citizen Assists
 - 1. (26) Vehicle Unlocks
 - 2. (14) Vehicles Pull Outs
 - 3. (3) Jump Starts
 - 4. (7) Lost Cars
- (1) Attempted Breaking and Entering
- (1) Residential Alarm Call
- (3) Motor vehicle collisions
- (1) Larceny
- (2) Welfare Checks
- (4) Agency Assists
- (2) Lost Wallets – (1) Recovered

- (1) Unattended Death
- (46) Hours of Traffic Enforcement
- (23) Traffic Stops
- (2) Citations
- (23) Verbal Warnings
- (3) Parking citations
- (10) Hours of Traffic Control

Fire/EMS

- (2) Fire Responses
 1. (1) Chimney Fire
 2. (1) CO Alarm

(2) EMS Responses

1. (1) Fall
2. (1) Unattended Death

SAR

- Three Skiers into southfork drainage and had to make their way down to the bottom, just above Taos East. No SAR mission was initiated, just monitored the progress of the skiers.

Other Activity – None

Director Keen reported that the waste water treatment plant equipment and employees have taken “a beating” during the past couple of weeks. A few employees have extensive overtime. Spring break is still to come. Mayor King commended Keen and the Public Works staff for doing an awesome job.

Director Grabowski’s report included:

- Water Income – Water revenues are down \$32,000 from last year at the same time. Staff is looking into the details of how or why this is occurring.
- Bank Depositories – Current policy requires the Village to only deposit at Centinel Bank. Due to limitations of FDIC insured funds, it is necessary to have the capability to deposit in additional banks. A resolution will address this issue at a future meeting.

Attorney Romero’s report included:

- Law Enforcement Jurisdiction – There was discussion about the lack of jurisdiction in the parking lots. Councilor Wiard believed that law enforcement was the main purpose for the annexation of the parking lots soon after the Village was incorporated. Romero will research and decide if more action is needed.
- Y8 Water Well – It seems that this was a dry well that never produced water. The three acre feet of water rights may be a moot point.

11. OLD BUSINESS
None

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2015-280, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Adjustment for FY2015 in the Lodgers’ Tax Fund

The Lodgers’ Tax Board voted unanimously at their February meeting to increase the FY2015 spending budget by \$62,000, from \$270,000 to \$332,000. A proposed budget inclusive of these funds was attached.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 2015-280, a resolution to increase the spending budget of the Lodgers’ Tax Fund for FY2015

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

B. Discussion of Village Fourth of July Parade 2015

Due to major construction in the Village core area this summer, the Public Safety Committee expressed their concerns on where to conduct the Village sponsored July 4th parade. Discussion followed with ideas about holding some sort of celebration near the Bavarian. There is the possibility that Chair 4 will be running. Shuttle service was discussed. Councilor Wiard suggested a smaller event this year and a big celebration for

2016, the Village's 20th birthday. The Public Safety Committee will work with Staff and the Chamber of Commerce to create a plan.

C. Discussion of Village Master Plan Update

Planner Foster had made his presentation earlier in the meeting, during the Planning & Zoning Commission report.

13. MISCELLANEOUS
None

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

The next Regular Meeting of the Village Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Conference Room. (Note: the location was later changed to the Snakedance Condominiums)

A Special Meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 5:00 at the Edelweiss Conference Room. A portion of this Special Meeting will be a closed session to discuss personnel issues. (Note: the location was later changed to the Village Office)

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0