



**VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MINUTES  
SNAKEDANCE CONDOMINIUMS HONDO  
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Kathleen V. Bennett  
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**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**  
Mark G. Fratrack

**FINANCE DIRECTOR:**  
Nancy Grabowski

**VILLAGE CLERK:**  
Ann M. Wooldridge

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

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

The budget workshop meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor King at 9:00 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

**Village Staff Present:**

Administrator Mark Fratrack  
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski  
Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Public Works Director Ray Keen  
Planner Matthew Foster

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**4. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Administrator Fratrack presented the FY 2017 Budget Summary. The budget was reviewed and discussed by line item.

Fratrack highlighted several items in the proposed budget:

- Reserve accounts are getting built up in order to not only prepare for unexpected costs, but for better planning and forecasting of projects, maintenance, and equipment purchases.
- Water use moved upward this year, partly due to metered water sales for construction. A potential increase in water, sewer, and trash rates was proposed in part because the FY2015 audit revealed that, including all operating costs and depreciation costs, the Village is not meeting the revenue required for a balanced fund in water and sewer. If more revenue is necessary, then Staff is proposing a small but steady increase in rates as opposed to a big jump.

- The solid waste program needs reserves in order to purchase equipment and to send operators for certification. The recycle program will need to be greatly improved, and Director Keen is working with TSV Inc. to investigate various avenues for creating a more successful recycling program.
- A salary survey has been conducted for the Staff pay structure, but a new plan has not been completed as of this date. Staff will work to complete any changes to the structure and bring it to Council for final budget adoption. There was discussion of setting a minimum pay amount for all staff in order to create a livable wage at all levels.
- Capital improvement projects include the wastewater treatment plant, any costs associated with the acquisition of the treatment plant land through the Townsite Act, the Kachina water tank, controls, and piping project, and the potential purchase and remodel of the Taos Mountain Lodge.

Administrator Fratrack will update the budget summary narrative and Staff will finalize the numbers in the budget before final budget adoption in July.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting**

**Motion:** Councilor Stagg

**Second:** Councilor Bennett

**Passed:** 4-0.

The workshop adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Neal King, Mayor

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Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk