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**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
SNAKEDANCE CONDOS
HONDO RESTAURANT
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 Stagg
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 Wiard asked to move item 12. A to just after item 4.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2015 VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP, the MAY 12, 2015 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING, and the MAY 29, 2015 SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Budget Workshop, the May 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, and the May 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting as presented

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Taos Emergency Communications Center (TECC) recommendation for expenditure of \$32,586.06 from TECC reserves to convert Town of Taos Police Department data from Sleuth to Spillman.

Chief Wallace explained that the Taos Emergency Communications Center (TCEC) Board of Directors recently voted to recommend to the governing bodies of the participants in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that \$32,586.06 be spent from the TCEC reserves to convert Town of Taos Police Department data from Sleuth to Spillman so that it is available for the 911 operation for computer aided dispatch (CAD). The Town of Taos Police Department has the largest amount of data of any entity in the JPA. Chief Wallace introduced Dominic Martinez, Director of OEM/E-911 for Taos County, who made the request on behalf of the Board. He explained that they have identified other areas where money can be saved in order to replenish the reserves back to the necessary \$32,000 after the third fiscal year.

MOTION: To approve the Taos Emergency Communications Center (TECC) recommendation for expenditure of \$32,586.06 from TECC reserves to convert Town of Taos Police Department data from Sleuth to Spillman

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Stagg

Passed: 4-0

(Staff was setting up the projector for the TSV Inc. PowerPoint presentation, so item 5. was delayed until after the financial reports.)

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Grabowski reported that GRT was \$231,566.84 for the month compared to \$217,538.39 for the same month last year. GRT yearly total is up by \$320,075.00 over last year, a 33% increase. Lodger's Tax is up by \$11,342.79 for the year as compared to FY 2014, a 4% increase. Water/sewer revenue is catching up to last year's level. The draft budget has been submitted to DFA. Some adjustments have been made to the draft that was presented at the May 12, 2015 Council meeting, and these include adding \$3,000 to outside contractors for an IT assessment and decreasing EMS revenue by \$244 based on the recent grant amount. For FY2016, a budget adjustment may need to be made when Staff knows the final numbers on the Water Trust Board grant. It will be necessary to approve a budget adjustment for the end of FY2015 to move some salary amounts into water depreciation from the roads budget and to increase expenses in water depreciation, due to the work at the Phoenix Spring taking longer than anticipated. Staff has found some certificate of deposit investment opportunities that are safe but will earn some interest.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

A. TSV, Inc. Update on Projects

Chaz Rockey, President of TSV, Inc., gave a presentation on their redevelopment plans. TSV, Inc. would like to create a world-class, year-round resort destination while preserving and enhancing the "Taos Mystique". The guiding strategic initiatives include mountain improvements, enhancing the guest experience, increasing the bed base, focusing on new marketing, and creating public-private partnerships. Mr. Rockey explained that TSV, Inc. is building on these five areas in preparation for the new hotel opening for the 2016/2017 ski season. Last ski season, improvements included purchasing the Bavarian and installing the Kachina lift. The core Village redevelopment involves parcels G (Sutton Place) and D (old Thunderbird Chalet site) and the Resort Center. These improvements will create a platform for future real estate developments. The hotel on parcel G will have 65 rooms, 15 suites, and TSV skier service space. It will have underground parking, a fitness center and spa, a lobby with dining room and bar, and ski valet services. They are creating a four-diamond experience. The interior will have a New Mexico feel, while the outside will have an Alpine look. Renovations are on schedule for closing-in the building by winter, so that work may continue during ski season. Work crews will increase in the late summer, with the largest number of workers in the mid to late fall. Parcel D will have mixed-use buildings for retail, condominiums, and pedestrian paths. Other mountain improvements are still being prioritized

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported on the P&Z Commission meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2015. Items brought before the Commission were:

- A draft section of the zoning ordinance regulating the siting and construction of cell phone towers. This ordinance section was based on ordinances in the Town of Taos and Taos County. The Commission recommended requiring a builder to remove the tower if it were not in use.
- A draft revision of the sign code section of the zoning ordinance with changes suggested by the Architectural Committee. This section, along with the cell phone section, was approved by the

Commission to send to the Council. These sections will be introduced in a first reading of the revised zoning ordinance in July.

- A further draft of the Roadway Element of the proposed Master Plan. The final draft will be reviewed in July.
- A first draft of the Utility Element of the revised Master Plan. This will be revisited at the next meeting.
- There are four more elements to be reviewed in the revised Master Plan
- An effort will be made to get the word out about a community meeting at the next Commission meeting for members of the public to learn more about the proposed Master Plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., July 6, 2015 at the Snakedance Condominiums.

B. Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 1, 2015. Councilor Bennett reported on the following agenda items:

- Work on the draft gun ordinance with input by Chief Wallace. Draft ordinance has been sent to Attorney Romero for review.
- More discussion on the use of “10” codes. If dispatchers use “10” code, and a responder can say “please repeat in plain text” to hear the dialogue.
- The Chamber of Commerce has the July Fourth celebration planned and organized.
- The slash pile has been moved to Kachina Road above the water tank.
- There was discussion about who maintains Village sidewalks, specifically those along Thunderbird Road, and future sidewalks.

C. Firewise Community Board of Directors

The Board met on Monday, June 1, 2015. Councilor Bennett reported on the following agenda items:

- The Burn Boss has a new location above the water tank on Kachina Road
- Roger Pattison received a grant for thinning ten acres of Pattison land from Bull of the Woods to Mineslide Road
- The new USFS Questa Ranger is interested in learning about the Village’s Burn Boss.
- The fire siren has been tested. It is difficult to hear in Amizette and in the upper Village. Two more sirens will be purchased in the next couple of years to increase the coverage.
- The Firewise Board is planning their next steps.

Meetings for both committees are scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2015 at 10:00 and 11:00 consecutively at Councilor Bennett’s house on Snowshoe Road.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee

Director Grabowski attended the meeting on Friday, May 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bavarian Lodge. Some of the items discussed at the meeting were:

- Chairperson Katherine Kett is doing maintenance on the J.R. Trail and is installing the nature trail signs.
- The Committee members will be building a volleyball court by the Phoenix Restaurant.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2015 at 2:00 at the Bavarian Lodge.

E. Lodgers’ Tax Advisory Board – No report

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on:

- Taos Regional Landfill Board meeting held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

The Permit Modification (sludge) was approved by the State. The draft budget was reviewed and approved. A NMFA loan will be requested for the new cell construction.

Next meeting – Wednesday June 17, 2015

- IGC (Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle) met on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Election of Officers: Chair, Barb Wiard; Vice Chair, Chuck Howe (Angel Fire)
A meeting will be planned to discuss topics including regional building official, animal control, regional police and fire. Next meeting - TBD
- Other Meetings

May 16, 2015 – NMML Budget Committee, Santa Fe

June 6, 2015 – NMML Board Meeting, Santa Fe

- Hold Harmless – Need to lead in tax reform discussion
- GRT Distributions – Per Capita re-allocation discussed
- Formation of Mayors Subsection – Positive response depending on set up

Councilor Wiard reported that the 2015 Legislative Session held a Special Session on Monday, June 8, 2015 at noon, for two hours. Only Capital Outlay Bills were voted on. The Village of Taos Ski Valley did not receive any capital outlay funds.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King has been involved in IT work at the Village office. He has programmed the new copier/scanner. The Mayor has also been working to update the Firewise GIS map, to then give to Planner Foster. He will be out of town from June 10-29, 2015.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack apologized to Chief Wallace and to the Council for the Budget Workshop presentation concerning increasing the Department of Public Safety Staff.

Administrator Fratrack reported on the following:

- Townsite Act – The agreement arrived this week. Staff will review.
- Water Trust Board (WTB) Kachina Water Tank Application and Presentation – The WTB approved the recommended list. As part of the list, Taos Ski Valley has been recommended for the Kachina Water Tank in the amount of \$1,640,000. Those projects recommended for funding will be presented to the NMFA Board of Directors for approval of the funding structure at the ending of June. Once the NMFA Board approves, award letters will be sent out. The Village of Taos Ski Valley funds will be structured as a 90% grant/10% loan
- County Property Tax Baseline – Met with Taos County representatives for conference call with Bernalillo County to discuss the property tax baseline. Taos County has their work cut out for them to figure out how to assess properties that straddle the TIDD boundary, and handling property tax protests in the TIDD, to name a few.
- Zap's House Update – New owner working on it since mid-April. Demolition was started on the second dome this past weekend (May 29-31). The new owner plans to continue working until November.
- Mountain Pact – Requesting that the Village authorize a newspaper quote and also engage verbally or by email with our NM senator's staffers to let them know we support Oregon Senator Wyden's bill. Councilor Wiard suggested finding out how our NM State Senators and Representatives stand on this issue before taking action.
- Utility Line Project – Estimating a start date in July. The plan is now to complete the utility line trench from approximately the Village core down to Taos East and stop for the season. Village Staff is looking into a USDA loan for the Village's portion of funding. Administrator Fratrack will meet with Andrew Gonzales with Kit Carson Electric about this loan.
- Reserve Funds for FDIC CD deposits – Talking with local banks on options on investing reserve funds
- Met with Jerome de Bontin and his representatives to discuss the possibility of moving the PRV vault from one side of Ernie Blake Road to the other, on private land, in order to realign the top of the road. They were receptive to the idea.
- Administrator Fratrack will be attending the NMML City Managers Conference in Cloudcroft from 6/10-6/12/15.

Director Wallace reported on the May activity regarding Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire. The month of May had a low number of calls for service:

- Law Enforcement: (4) Motorist Assists (47) Hours of Traffic Enforcement (10) Traffic Stops (10) Verbal Warnings (4) Parking Citations

- Fire/EMS: (0) Fire Responses (1) EMS Response
- SAR: (3) SAR Mission to the Hopewell Lake
- Other Activity: None

Director Wallace reported that the Jaynes Corporation has a good safety program in place. Even given the large amount of construction taking place in the Village, the safety program is working well and there have been no incidents. Director Wallace meets daily with Jaynes' safety coordinator.

Planner Foster reported that work on the Master Plan and other items for the P&Z Commission have kept him busy, along with GIS updates and the creation of an updated zoning map.

Director Keen reported that the Public Works Department has been working on Zap's Road, leak detection, and finding infiltration. He is trying to get the bionic soils company to come and give a presentation.

Clerk Wooldridge reported that business license renewal letters mailed out included information to businesses on using the new TIDD location code, 20430, instead of the Village code, starting with reporting in August 2015 for July 2015 gross receipts tax. She will be working with the Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce to clarify the change for all of its members.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2015-284**, Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Set the Amount for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) Baseline Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)

After the TIDD formation was approved by the Village and then by the State, the Village Council is required to set the GRT baseline. Administrator Fratrack explained that six different versions of Resolution No. 2015-284 are being presented for a vote by the Council: Resolution No. 2015-284a sets the baseline at \$3,160,376.88, the calendar year 2014 amount, which is the number that was proposed by the Cabinet Secretary of NM Tax and Revenue. Resolution No. 2015-284b sets the baseline at \$2,780,789.00, which is the number that was proposed by representatives of TSV Inc., backing out GRT from TSV Inc. construction projects from the 2014 GRT total. Resolution No. 2015-284c sets the baseline at \$2,970,582.94, which is the median number between the highest and lowest numbers being presented. Resolution No. 2015-284d sets the baseline at \$2,840,498.00, which is the three-year average of the Village GRT from 2012-2014. Resolution No. 2015-284e sets the baseline at \$2,810,207.00, which is the mid-point between the three calendar year average and the number proposed by TSV Inc. Resolution No. 2015-284f has a blank where the baseline would be, to allow for the Council to approve a different number than presented in the other resolutions.

Discussion took place on the results of setting the baseline at the various values.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2015-284a, Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Set the Amount for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) Baseline Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)

Motion: Councilor Bennett **Second:** Councilor Wittman

Vote: Yes: Councilor Bennett **No:** Councilor Wiard, Councilor Wittman **Abstaining:** Councilor Stagg

Failed: 1-2

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2015-284b, Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Set the Amount for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) Baseline Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Wiard

Vote: Yes: none **No:** Councilor Bennett, Councilor Wiard, and Councilor Wittman **Abstaining:** Councilor Stagg

Failed: 0-3

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2015-284c, Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Set the Amount for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) Baseline Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett

Vote: Yes: Councilor Bennett **No:** Councilor Wiard, Councilor Wittman **Abstaining:** Councilor Stagg

Failed: 1-2

MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2015-284d, Village of Taos Ski Valley's Intent to Set the Amount for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) Baseline Gross Receipts Tax (GRT)

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman

Vote: Yes: Councilor Wiard, Councilor Wittman **No:** Councilor Bennett **Abstaining:** Councilor Stagg

Passed: 2-1

The Mayor and Councilors dismissed Resolution No. 2015-284e and Resolution No. 2015-284f by consensus

12. NEW BUSINESS

B. Consideration to Approve Request for Council to Pre-approve Merit Salary Increases for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget 2016

Director Grabowski explained the necessity of pre-approving the merit salary increases that are part of the FY2016 proposed budget. A pay period will occur in July before the budget is formally adopted by resolution at the July 14, 2015 Council meeting.

MOTION: To pre-approve merit salary increases for FY2016 budget

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

C. Consideration to Approve Contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce Administrator Fratrack explained that this is the annual contract for Chamber of Commerce to provide advertising and promotional services for the Village. The budgeted number for FY2016 is \$150,000, as in the past.

MOTION: To approve the contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce

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

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 is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snakedance Condominiums Hondo Restaurant.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Neal King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk