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**VILLAGE COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
SNAKEDANCE CONDOMINIUMS HONDO  
RESTAURANT  
110 SUTTON PLACE  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018 1:00 P.M.**

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

The emergency meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Brownell at 1:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1 F. and Village Open Meetings Act Resolution No. 2018-350.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Administrator, called the role and a quorum was present.

**Governing Body Present**

Mayor Christof Brownell  
Councilor Jeff Kern  
Councilor Roger Pattison  
Councilor Chris Stagg  
Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

**Village Staff Present**

**Staff present:**

Village Administrator Mark Fratrik  
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Public Works Director Ray Keen  
Police Chief Sam Trujillo  
Public Works Superintendent Olaf Mingo  
Planning Director Patrick Nicholson  
Building Inspector Jalmar Bowden  
Administrative Assistant Christina Wilder  
Fire Chief Mitch Daniels

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda**

**Motion: Councilor Kern      Second: Councilor Pattison      Passed: 4-0**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion and Consideration to Approve Establishing Fire Restrictions within the Village of Taos Ski Valley

Carson National Forest instituted Stage 3 fire restrictions which include closure of the U.S. Forest Service lands. As the Village of Taos Ski Valley is surrounded by U.S. Forest Service property, the question has been asked about what restrictions should be considered and what other steps the Village should take in order to support the Carson National Forest Stage 3 restrictions. The Village cannot shut down as there are people living here, businesses are open, and there are projects under construction.

The Village Ordinance 2004-02 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO OPEN FIRES, FIREWORKS AND THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY; REGULATING THE USE OF FIREWORKS AND OPEN FIRES AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF OPEN FIRES DURING PERIODS WHEN THE FIRE CHIEF FINDS THAT THE FIRE DANGER IS HIGH; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 97-2, adopted on August 5, 2003 may not address current issues under consideration.

Some items for discussion and consideration are:

- should the Village consider not allowing people to camp on private property,
- should the Village restrict any open flames or barbeque grills, for example charcoal, wood, and propane, and
- should the Village keep the Kachina Vista Walking Park open for hikers.

The Carson National Forest’s press release states that for the Village of Taos Ski Valley,

- Administrative activities have been authorized for Taos Ski Valley.
- No public access is currently allowed within the Taos Ski Valley permit area.
- All trails and campgrounds in the Highway 150 corridor are closed including Twining campground.
- The Bull of the Woods and Williams Lake trail which leads to Wheeler Peak is closed.

Chief Daniels presented a draft resolution with possible fire restrictions that the Village could adopt.

**MOTION: To Approve Establishing the Fire Restrictions within the Village of Taos Ski Valley that are outlined in the draft Resolution**

**Motion: Councilor Stagg**

**Second: Councilor Kern**

Much discussion followed. Chief Daniels explained that his intent was not to shut everything down, but just to create a safe environment. He said that he hopes everyone can work together to keep the community safe. The goal is to keep business activity going.

Northside at Taos Ski Valley has decided to close. Hiker Parking is closed and a sign is needed to explain the circumstances surrounding the closure. It was decided that the Kachina Vista Park could stay open, to give people someplace to walk.

David Norden with TSV Inc. said that he endorsed the fire restrictions. TSV Inc. will be obtaining an exemption from the U.S. Forest Service to allow them to continue with work on installing the new ski lift, to work on snow making system improvements, and to continue with tree thinning and welding activities. TSV Inc. has its wildland crew standing by.

All previously issued burn permits are suspended. Holders of these permits will need to reapply for a new permit once these restrictions have been lifted. Construction crews must be prepared and practice fire safety measures. Permanent generators will still be allowed, but not temporary ones. The use of indoor fireplaces and woodstoves are permitted, provided that they are equipped with a metal spark arrestor screen. Other restrictions will be left to the discretion of the Fire Chief. Parking will be allowed in the parking lots, but not overnight camping.

**The Mayor called for a vote.**

**Passed: 4-0**

**7. 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 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snakedance Condominiums Hondo Restaurant. (Note: this was later changed to the Edelweiss Lodge Club Room.)

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn**

**Motion: Councilor Stagg**

**Second: Councilor Kern**

**Passed: 4-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Christof Brownell, Mayor

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