

Public Safety Committee report-April 1, 2019

Continued discussion on paid Fire/EMS Chief position and accommodations, and the absorption of the Volunteer Fire Department into the Village-Susan and John are still working on that. Robert Medina was introduced as the elected interim chief. May require an approval referendum.

More discussion of the scope of a new staff position-Fire Chief vs. DPS Director vs. EMS Director. Consideration to hire one person to oversee Fire and EMS and both admins. But not Law Enforcement.

Grant update from Garrett. Awards should be announced by end of April. We applied for money to help hire a paid Fire/EMS Chief and a Wildland Captain.

Continued discussion of forming a new Wildland Firefighting Division, as backup and support for a sustainable fire and EMS department.

Discussions with Taos County regarding possible cooperative arrangement with them for EMS day service in the Winter.

Priority is vehicle housing bays. We will look into other grants for that purpose.

Next meeting - Inn at Taos Valley - ~~May 6th, 2019 at 10am~~ **POSTPONED til June 3rd, 2019 at 10am**