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**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
SNAKEDANCE CONDOS HONDO ESTAURANT
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2015 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 14, Village Council Meeting.

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

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM – No one spoke at the forum.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Grabowski reported that GRT was \$208,944.00 for the month compared to \$157,119.60 for the same month last year. GRT yearly total is up by \$306,046.62 over last year. Lodger's Tax is up by about \$10,580.00 for the year as compared to FY 2014. Water revenue is down by \$32,000.00. Staff is looking for causes, however water sales have been reduced substantially from last year. The third quarterly report to DFA has been submitted. The draft budget was discussed at a workshop that morning, and is being introduced officially at this afternoon's meeting. This needs to be submitted to DFA by June 1. For the FY 2016 budget, the numbers suggested by NM Tax and Revenue for the GRT baseline have been used. A budget adjustment can be done if necessary.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported on the P&Z Commission meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2015. Three Commissioners were absent. Items brought before the Commission were:

- A draft cell phone ordinance, which will be inserted as a section of the zoning ordinance. This will be discussed in more depth at the next P&Z meeting.
- Second draft of the Roadway Element of the proposed revised Master Plan. Planner Foster is seeking input on setting priorities for the roadway improvements. The final draft will be considered at a future meeting.
- A presentation from TSV Inc. on changes made to the final plans for Parcel G. Planner Foster will approve the changes administratively, however the Commission wanted to be aware of the changes involved in Amendment #2.
- A public hearing for conditional use for temporary building placement at the old Thunderbird Lodge site. This will be a Sprung structure used for retail space. The permit was approved.
- Planner Foster presented the next element of the revised Mater Plan, which is the Land Use Element
- A draft revision to the portion of the zoning ordinance referencing signs and sign permits will be introduced at the next P&Z meeting
- Representatives from Sierra del Sol (SDS) approached the Commission to explain their concern with the culvert that TSV Inc. will be replacing near the SDS office. Chris Stagg said that TSV Inc. would work with the SDS to help preserve the path by the office. The culvert must meet the Village's standards, but the arrangements must be sorted out between SDS and TSV Inc.

B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported that as part of her role on Holy Cross Hospital Nominating Committee, she had spent a long day interviewing for Holy Cross Board candidates. From eight interviewees, two were chosen to proceed to interview with the Board.

The Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2015. Councilor Bennett reported on the following agenda items:

- Work on the draft gun ordinance continues. The first draft appeared too detailed, the second, too simple. After the wording is sorted out, the Committee will refer the draft to Dennis Romero for review.
- Discussion on requesting that "10" codes not be used in emergency calls took place. Councilor Bennett explained that "10" codes can be tedious for volunteers to use.
- Details of the July Fourth "un-parade" near the Bavarian are being worked out. She will be coordinating decorations with the Chamber, as well as coordinating other activities.
- Funds to purchase AEDs will be in next fiscal year's budget. The plan is to place the AEDs in locations open late into the evening, such as hotels, restaurants, and bars. The Village's AED at the Bavarian will be replaced by one belonging to TSV Inc.

Firewise Community Board of Directors

The Board met on Monday, May 4, 2015. Councilor Bennett reported on the following agenda items:

- The Village Wildfire Community Preparedness Day took place on May 2, 2015. 10 residents came to help rake brush and thin trees to create an example of defensible space. The grant money obtained was used to hire a professional to do the bulk of the cutting. More than 140 sites across the country were doing wildfire clean-up projects on that day.
- The fire siren has been mounted on the VMF building and will be tested in the next week.
- The Wildfire Evacuation Plan has been rewritten, and with permission from TSVI, the KK will now be used as the evacuation site in the event of a wildfire.
- The Slash pile location is still to be determined.
- The USFS will not allow use of the burn boss on their land. A new location will be determined.

Meetings for both committees are scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015 at 10:00 and 11:00 consecutively at the Snakedance Condominiums Hondo Restaurant.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee – No report

D. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board - No report

8. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on a meeting of the DWI Grant Council. The Council's budget will be increasing over the next few years, but this will not be a big benefit as the Council will now be funding drug courts, instead of focusing on drug preventions. During an all-day session, 33 counties presented on their work and their focus on obtaining results. The UNM graduation will take place on Friday, May 15.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King said he has been busy being involved in the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day thinning project, as well as with the TIDD and equitable ways to determine the TIDD baseline. He attended the Water Trust Board meeting with Councilor Wittman and Administrator Fratrack.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Fratrack reported on the following:

- Townsite Act – The agreements are almost ready for review and possible signature.
- Water Trust Board (WTB) Kachina Water Tank Application and Presentation – a waiver had to be obtained from the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) for Water Rights compliance. The WTB approved the waiver dependent on corrections being accomplished by June 2nd. Administrator Fratrack presented to the WTB, focusing on the need for the water tank for fire suppression and to accommodate growth. Paul Drakos with Glorietta Geoscience also spoke at the presentation.
- County Property Tax Baseline – Village staff met with Taos County representatives to discuss the property tax baseline and implementation of the TIDD process. The County staff declared that they have the 2014 baseline for VTSV but it will have to be adjusted to the TIDD boundaries. The last encompassing assessment was performed on VTSV properties about five years ago. The resolution that the County Commission passed in February should suffice for them to proceed with allotting the 35% increase in VTSV property tax to the TIDD. The County representatives expressed support for the new projects in VTSV. The County Manager asked that the Village support their efforts to get NMDOT to repair roads.
- The Copier – After much research and debate, a new copier for the Village office has been ordered. Delivery will take place later in the week. Between the purchase price and the ongoing maintenance agreement, an estimated \$11,000 will be saved over a four-year period, compared with costs of the previous copier.
- Reserve Funds for FDIC CD deposits – Director Grabowski met with a representative from People's Bank to investigate options for investing Village funds in higher interest-bearing accounts. A 6-month CD could generate 2% interest, compared with checking or savings accounts that produce roughly .01% interest.

Director Wallace explained that included in the grant he received for the Polaris is a requirement to work with other Search and Rescue Squads in the area. NM Search and Rescue has asked to use our resources, namely the Polaris, and volunteers.

Director Wallace reported on the April activity regarding Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire.

Calls for Service for the Month of April 2015 Report

Law Enforcement

- (5) Alarm Calls
- (2) Motor Vehicle Collisions
- (1) Larceny
- (1) DWI Arrest
- (47) Hours of Traffic Enforcement
- (3) Traffic Stops
- (4) Verbal Warnings
- (24) Parking Citations

Fire/EMS

- (1) Fire Responses
 1. Smoke Detector Activation
- (1) EMS Responses
 1. Vehicle Rollover

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- (1) SAR Mission to the Montoso area

Other Activity

- None

Planner Foster reported that work for the P&Z Commission, E911 GIS training, the Regional Water Plan, and the revised Master Plan have kept him busy.

Director Keen reported that most of his time has been spent on overseeing leak detection and improving Village roads. He is looking into software programs for managing capital assets.

Clerk Wooldridge invited citizens to join in for the two upcoming Village clean-up days: Thursday, May 21 with a pot luck barbeque at the Firehouse at noon, and Saturday, May 30, with a pot luck barbeque at Mayor King and Councilor Bennett's house at 3. She also reported that the first meeting of the TIDD Board of Directors would be taking place on Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. The agenda includes adopting the open meetings act, adopting bylaws, adopting the Master Development Agreement, and adopting a preliminary budget.

Director Grabowski reported that the office is re-assessing the Village IT needs in light of the server having crashed and not being up to speed again for two weeks. IT costs will become a separate line in the budget starting next year.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration to Approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-38**, Amendments to Ordinance No. 2004-38, An Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Water Use Within the Village of Taos Ski Valley

Attorney Romero explained that the principle purpose of this revision has been to track recent changes in New Mexico law relative to allowing a municipality to require the connection to its water system but also setting out the specific grounds by which a property owner may drill a well as an exception to the requirement. Given this, the Village would not be able to require an existing building with a well to connect to the Village water system unless a well permit is impaired. Also, if a residence with a well has had consecutive permitting, then there would not be a requirement to hook up to a new water line if one was installed within 300 feet.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Public Hearing was opened. No one spoke in favor. No one spoke against. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: To Approve ORDINANCE NO. 2015-38, Amendments to Ordinance No. 2004-38, An Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Water Use Within the Village of Taos Ski Valley

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Introduction of FY 2016

According to State Statute, the Village needs to have an introduction of the draft budget for FY 2016. A public hearing will be held at the July 2015 Village Council meeting to hear any comments from citizens. The budget workshop was held that morning.

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, June 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snakedance Condominiums Hondo Restaurant.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Neal King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk