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**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 2:00 P.M**

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

The Special Meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Brownell at 2:00 p.m. The notice of the Special Meeting was properly posted.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Governing Body Present**

Mayor Christof Brownell  
Councilor Jeff Kern  
Councilor Neal King  
Councilor Chris Stagg  
Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

**Village Staff Present**

Village Administrator John Avila  
Village Clerk Ann Wooldridge  
Finance Director Nancy Grabowski  
Building Official Jalmar Bowden  
Public Works Director Anthony Martinez  
Police Chief Sam Trujillo  
Planning Director Patrick Nicholson  
Village Attorney Susan Baker

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda and adding discussion of pending litigation in the Closed Session**

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

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A.** Mayor Brownell said that he had been working with Mogul Medial to draw up a list of questions for both staff and for guests. These two lists will be added as addendums to the Executive Order and the Order will be re-issued.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Consideration to Approve Appointment by Council of Members to the new Capital Improvements Advisory Committee  
The Council, at the September 8, 2020 meeting, approved by Resolution No. 2021-449 the creation of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). This is in accordance with Section 5-8-19 of the NM Development Fees Act, to advise the

municipality of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions and the capital improvement plan.

Mayor Brownell recommends the following applicants to appointment by the Council to the Village of Taos Ski Valley Capital Improvement Advisory Committee:

Community Members:

Mike Fitzpatrick      Russell Olson  
Katherine Kett        Ben Cook

Development/Construction Fields:

Paddy McNeely   Tom Mastor  
Mike Bower

**MOTION: To Approve Appointment of these seven candidates to the new Capital Improvements Advisory Committee**

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

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2021-454, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Financial Assistance from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department FY2021, NM LGRF DOT CONTROL No. L500394

The Village Council needs to approve a resolution for State Highway and Transportation Department funding. After passage of Resolution No. 2021-454, the Highway Department will draft a contract for Village approval for the FY2021 road project. At this point, the State has committed to funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 with the Village contributing 25% of total project costs, or \$20,000.00, for a total project cost of \$80,000.00.

Monies for the project will be used for full construction with drainage improvements of various local streets.

**MOTION: To Approve Resolution No. 2021-454, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Financial Assistance from the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department FY2021, NM LGRF DOT CONTROL No. L500394**

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

**B.** Council Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Radio Equipment Donation from A-1 Communications to Taos Ski Valley Fire & Rescue

Chief Molina explained that the Taos Ski Valley Fire and Rescue (TSVFR) has been given a donation of radio equipment from A-1 Communications in Albuquerque, NM. It has been some time since the radio equipment has been upgraded in the Fire Department's apparatus. Since TSVFR is currently on VHF frequencies and Taos County Central Dispatch is on UHF, it has been difficult to communicate with Central Dispatch and to respond to mutual-aid calls from other agencies needing assistance. Having all Taos County departments on the same frequencies will be a big benefit to the Fire Department, to the Village, and to TSV Inc. Included in the donation is a converter which will allow the Village to continue using the radios it currently owns and remain on VHF.

**MOTION: To Acknowledge and Accept the Radio Equipment Donation from A-1 Communications to Taos Ski Valley Fire & Rescue**

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

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A.** Councilor Wittman said that during the TIDD Board meeting he had inquired about whether an improvement to the road between Hiker Parking and the Phoenix Lodge could become a part of the Hiker Parking improvement item which is on the list of TIDD-eligible projects. Councilor

Wittman said that parking spots could possibly be added on both sides of the road for an increase of up to 100 cars. This will be discussed in more detail later.

**B.** Jeff Muggleston asked about the limits of Village authority in mandating items in the Emergency Resolution and the Mayor’s Executive Order. It was explained that municipalities have the right to regulate businesses. In addition, without being COVID-safe, business would not be able to operate in the winter and the local economy depends on ski season.

**C.** TSVI CEO David Norden announced that Taos Air would not be operating this winter.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**A.** Discussion of Acquisition of Real Property and of Pending Litigation

**MOTION: To go to Closed Executive Session**

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

**MOTION: To return to Open Session**

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

No decisions or motions were made during closed session.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Council Regular Meeting on November 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Teleconference.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Mayor Christof Brownell

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