

Public Safety & Firewise Agenda for 4/5/21 10:00 AM

1. Roll call.
2. Determine future layout of meetings, times order attendees etc.
3. Paid FD/EMS positions.
4. Firewise for existing properties.
5. Prioritize our to-do list.

Paid Positions for FD/EMS

The Village is in need of paid positions as the number of qualified volunteers has declined over the last few years.

The committee needs to meet with the necessary people to recommend to the Village Council a viable solution

I think we need to take the following steps:

- Meet with Chief Molina and determine what we need now and in the future.
- Draw up job descriptions.
- Discuss salaries, working and housing options.
- Discuss funding options.
- Report to the council.

Again this is a broad outline to get us going. The village cannot keep ignoring this problem.

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of December

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 1 Elevator Rescue
 - 1 Structure Fire

- EMS/SAR
 - 1 EMS call for MVA at 26 Gallina Canyon Rd (Mutual Aid Assist)
 - 1 EMS call at Mogul Medical

Total of 9 calls

Total calls for the year of 2020 are 89

Community Outreach

- The department continues supply information and PPE for COVID-19

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of January

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 2 Camp Fire
 - 6 Fire/CO alarm
 - 2 Elevator Rescue

- EMS/SAR
 - 2 Calls for EMS

Total of 12 calls for the month of January

Community Outreach

- The department continues supply information and PPE for COVID-19.
- Assisting on the plaza for safe COVID-19 practices.

Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue Administration Office

In a conversation with John Avila and the New State Fire Marshal's Office, we talked about adding an administrative office to the Fire Department. Austin Meuli from the NMSFMO he stated that it would be possible to be approved if we have the following in place. This could possibly increase our funds from the state by about \$60-\$80,000 per year.

- Partnership agreement with NMSFMO for the department to conduct inspections and investigations.
- Two paid positions
- Certified Fire Inspector
- Certified Fire Arson Investigator
- A separate office away from the fire station.

Another way to increase our fire funds from the state is by lowering the ISO rating. Below is a list of the needed item to lower ISO rating

ISO

- Upgrading apparatus to facilitate protection during fires and EMS calls.
- Continue training of current and new members to the fire department.
- Paid positions that will allow for faster response times to the call.
- Upgrading equipment for the protection of the members of the fire department.
- Upgrading/Expansion of fire stations to have the needed storage for the apparatus need.
- Upgrade of hydrant system and hydrants at the Amizette area.

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of February

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 2 Smoke alarm
 - 2 Elevator Rescue
 - 1 Rockslide
 - 1 Motor assist

- EMS/SAR
 - 5 Calls for EMS
 - 1 Medical alert
 - 1 Landing zone
 - 4 MVA

Total of 12 calls for the month of January

Community Outreach

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Taos Ski Valley Fire

I Chief Roberto Molina Jr am reaching out to the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council for approval of an Administration Office for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue. If the Village Council does approve to the administration office for the Fire Department, my recommendation would be to move forward and build 4 part-time paid positions for the fire department to facilitate coverage for the protection of Fire/EMS for this community. I believe that \$150,000.00 will be enough to facilitate the coverage that is needed to protect this community.

Doing this will assist in have trained members at the station ready for any call that TSVFR would be called for.

If we start the pay for a firefighter in the department of Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue the pay should be \$13.82 per hour. Will work a max of 32 between hours at the office, training, and calls.

- I. Current pay for the chief is currently \$770.00 per pay period which is \$21.39 an hour for 18 hours per week.
 - i. \$770.00 per pay period.
 - ii. \$20,020.00 per year.
- II. If we add on more part-time position. This position the pay at \$13.82 per an hour for 18 hours the pay would be.
 - i. \$248.76 per week.
 - ii. \$12,935.52 per year.
- III. The budget we would need for these two positions would be.
 - i. \$32,955.52 per year
- IV. If is to increase to up to 32 Hours. Pay at \$21.39 for a max of 32 hours the pay will be
 - i. \$684.48 per week.
 - ii. \$35,592.96 per year.
- V. Working a max of 32 hours at \$13.82 the pay will be
 - i. \$442.24 per week.
 - ii. \$22,996.48 per year.

If a total of 3 more part-time positions with the Fire Chiefs position the budget needed is \$104,582.40. If the approval budget of \$150,000 would be approved the remaining balance of \$45,417.60 would be to compensate volunteers for their time to cover a shift during busy times and for attending calls.

Below is the pay rate for other department within our area.

- Taos Fire pay at a rate of \$13.82 per hour for their firefighters.
- Taos County Ambulance pays a rate of \$13.42 per hour for EMT Basic.
- Questa Fire Department pays a rate of \$13.42 per hour for EMT Basic.

In New Mexico, a full-time firefighter makes an average \$48,240 per year according in indeed. Below is the link to the website.

<https://www.indeed.com/career/firefighter/NM>

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of September

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 2 Camp fire
 - 1 Structure Fire (mutual aid assist for Hondo Seco Fire Department)
 - 1 Gas leak investigation.

- EMS/SAR
 - 1 EMS call for SAR on Bull Williams Lake

Total of 5 calls

Total calls year to date 74

The Village of Taos Ski Valley remains under fire restriction due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will remain till rescinded. USFS Stage 1 is also under fire restrictions beginning 0800 Friday October 23, 2020

TSVFR is now on VHF frequency. Working on the cross-band link Between VHF and UHF frequencies.

Still waiting on the temporary building for M311 and E313.

Community Outreach

- The department continues supplying information and PPE for COVID-19 to residents and visitors to the Village of Taos Ski Valley.

Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue received a donation of VHF and UHF radios, as well as a cross band repeater. Estimated total value is about \$12,000-\$15,000.

- VHF radios 6
- UHF radios 7
- VHF/UHF cross band repeater 1

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of October

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 4 Camp fire
 - 6 Fire Alarm
 - 1 unauthorized burning

- EMS/SAR
 - EMS call for accident-injury near Bavarian Restaurant
 - EMS call for citizen assist on Williams Lake Trail

Total of 13 calls

Community Outreach

- The department continues supply information and PPE for COVID-19

Report for Taos Ski Valley Fire Rescue

Month of November

Calls

- Fire Calls
 - 1 Structure Fire
 - 3 Fire/CO alarm
 - 1 Elevator Rescue
 - 1 Utility problem

- EMS/SAR
 - 0 Calls for EMS

Total of 6 calls for the month of November

Community Outreach

- The department continues supply information and PPE for COVID-19.

Firewise for Existing Properties

Purpose: Draft a resolution that will allow the Village to bring all existing properties to Firewise Standards.

The resolution will lay out the steps needed to achieve this goal.

Steps can include:

- Definition of a Village Forester and responsibilities.
- Starting a Village database for each lot to hold all information and documents for each.
- Remapping and categorizing existing lots, take photographs of each lot.
- Contacting each owner with their rating and photographs etc.
- Follow up as needed.
- What to do with owners who do not reply or are non-compliant. We will have all relevant documentation in the database.

This is just a broad outline that we can work on, all suggestions are welcome.

	Jim's Rating	Kathy	Sheila	Neal	Num Votes
Firewise					
Check when needs renewing	1		1	1	3
Recruit new members	2			1	2
Finish Firewise				2	1
Events for next year					
Latest Evac plan to web					
Evac plan to residents	4		2		2
Evacuation card			4		1
Check with Jalmar on firewise status			3		1
Firewise resolution for existing properties	3			3	2
Plan for existing properties					
Text alerts	5				1
GIS					
Firewise status and to do			5	4	2
Check with Roberto on his todo's for the year			7		1
Fire restriction signs at village entry			6	5	2
Public Safety					
Amizette underground power			1	2	2
Check with Sammy for his view of what needs to be done			11	2	2
Stay involved with Kachina Master Plan			10		1
Reach out to Parks and Rec about Kachina bathrooms			9		1
Summer plan for parking etc			8	3	2
Will there be a 4th of July parade			7		1
Recruit new members. Should we have all members Firewise and Public Safety	1		3	1	4
Get important docs etc on line. (Same with Firewise).			6		
Review Firewise and PS pages on village web site			4		1
Siren status	2			6	3
Bearproof containers	6			5	3
Overflow hiker parking and village wide	8				1
EMS staffing			2	3	3
EMS supplies				3	1
Village AEDs	7			4	2
Speeding	4				2
Universal Street Address Marking on all Residences	5				1
Review email cc list for PS & Firewise			5	8	2