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**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
VIA ZOOM TELE CONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 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 Brownell at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk, called the roll 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

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 with the elimination of items 11.A. and 11. C.

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2021, VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING and the APRIL 13, 2021 COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MOTION: To approve both minutes as presented

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

5. CITIZENS’ FORUM – Limit to 5 minutes per person (please sign in)

- A.** Homeowner Francie Parker asked the Council to review her neighborhood survey concerning Twining Road improvements and give her feedback.
- B.** TSVI’s David Norden asked for clarification on the agenda.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission –Commission Chair Wittman reported that the Commission met on April 5, 2021. The draft utility hook-up ordinance was tabled, and Commission Chair Witman reported on the other agenda items. Next P&Z meeting will take place on April 5, 2021.

B. Public Safety Committee – Chairman Neal King reported on Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board activity, such as discussion of a firewise resolution, and discussion of Hiker Parking. He asked that anyone interested in joining that Committee or the Board to please contact him.

C. Firewise Community Board of Directors -see above

D. Parks & Recreation Committee – Committee Chair Kett reported that Hiker Parking is of concern as it gets full early on weekends and overflow parking occurs on the road. The bathroom project is on hold at the moment as the Committee considers using vault toilets instead of the previously considered composting toilets. The Village trash pick-up day is being planned for May 20, 2021. The disc golf course will be installed on Strawberry Hill, continuing up Pioneer Glade. The Volleyball court will be set up again this summer and hanging flower baskets will be placed around the Village core.

E. Lodger’s Tax Advisory Board –Co-Chair Stagg said that the Board will look at the Chamber budget and summer transportation items soon.

F. Capital Infrastructure Advisory Committee – Committee Chair Ben Cook reported that the Committee had been working on the methodology of calculating impact fees, a draft fee schedule, and completion of the final written report.

8. REGIONAL REPORTS

Director Nicholson reported that the NCRTPO had completed ranking of regional projects.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Brownell reported that the Landfill Board had approved taking over the Recycling Center, and that Kit Carson had announced the installation of additional electric vehicle charging stations.

A. Consideration to Acknowledge and Approve Mayor’s Executive Order 2021-05

This update states that the Village will follow the NM Governor’s Health Order. The collaborative effort of citizens, employees, and visitors allowed for a successful ski season.

MOTION: To support and approve Mayor’s Executive Order 2021-05

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0

10. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were included in the Council packet and were posted to the Village web site.

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction: **Ordinance 2021-10** Updating Ordinance 2010-10 An Ordinance of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Adopting Building and Construction Codes
This item had been removed from the agenda.

B. Consideration to Approve **Resolution 2021-470** Applying to the NM DOT Transportation Project Fund for Twining Road Reconstruction Project Construction Phase Funds

The Village was awarded \$275,500 by the NMDOT for preliminary engineering and design for the Twining Road Improvement Project in FY 2020 and recently was granted an additional \$100,000 for final design and engineering via a FY 2022 Legislative Capital Outlay by Representative K. Ortiz. A new fund for local and municipal transportation projects was established during the recent legislative session -Transportation Project Fund.

Staff seeks approval to apply for construction dollars to complete all the proposed drainage, environmental, safety, grading, and utility improvements indicated on the engineered plans. The amount requested will be approximately \$3.7M. Final road surfacing i.e., pavement, would be a separate and final project phase. The construction pavement phase is expected to cost an additional \$1.5M. There is a corresponding 5% match required or approximately \$185,000 for the first construction phase by the Village. This can be allocated across the three fiscal years this project phase is expected to take to complete.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 2021-470 Applying to the NM DOT Transportation Project Fund for Twining Road Reconstruction Project Construction Phase Funds

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

C. Consideration to Approve **Resolution 2021-471** Concerning Open Meeting Requirements of Governing Body Official Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Village of Taos Ski Valley
This item had been removed from the agenda.

D. Discussion and Acknowledgement of the Village's 3rd Quarter FY2021 Financial Report
As per State of New Mexico Statute and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), all municipalities are required to submit quarterly reports 30 days after the end of each quarter. The 3rd quarter of FY2021 ended on March 31, 2021, therefore the report is due to the DFA by April 30, 2021.
Staff presented a summary of the 3rd Quarter FY2021 report and the Profit and Loss statement from July 01, 2020, through March 31, 2021.

MOTION: To Approve and Acknowledge the Village's 3rd Quarter FY2021 Financial Report

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

E. Consideration to Approve a Letter of Support to the US Forest Service for the Taos Ski Valley Inc. Projects Including the Master Development Plan, the Forest Thinning Project, and the Entryway Road project

MOTION: To Table this item and bring a Resolution for consideration at the next Council meeting

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

F. Consideration to Approve a Letter of Support for Taos Air

The Village of Taos Ski Valley previously supported the Taos Air operation in FY19, which contributed to tourist visits for the area. After the COVID Pandemic restrictions have been relaxed to allow more air service, Taos Ski Valley Inc. (TSVI) is again planning operation of four destination routes, for both summer and winter service. TSVI requires public support to operate the service and is requesting from Enchanted Circle municipalities and from Taos County, contribution to the effort. The restart of Taos Air is expected to be the first year of a continued yearly air service.

MOTION: To Approve a Letter of Support for Taos Air

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

G. Discussion of Fire Department Staffing

Discussion took place on the possibility of hiring paid staff members for the Fire and EMS Departments. This item will be discussed by the Public Safety Committee and the Firewise Board at their next meetings.

H. Discussion of Property/Fire Insurance

Discussion took place on how fireline scores are calculated and what could be done to improve the availability and the pricing of obtaining building insurance in the Village.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Mayor Brownell reported that he is taking the Hiker Parking situation very seriously, to come up with some solutions. He discussed the possibility of the RTD running a blue bus to not only the Village Core but up to the Williams Lake Trailhead. For this year, efforts will be made to manage parking along the Village roads with a plan and with signs, he said.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Council Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Christof Brownell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk