



VILLAGE COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING

AGENDA

HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
DECEMBER 20, 2021 3:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2022-500 Declaration of Emergency Due to Natural Disaster for the Village of Taos Ski Valley
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
6. ADJOURNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER**

I, Christof Brownell, duly elected Mayor of the Village of Taos Ski Valley, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

Upon consultation with the Village Public Safety Officers: Administrator, Police Chief, and Fire Chief, do declare, that a civil emergency exists, as of 6:00 am Wednesday December 15, 2021 when the destructive effects of a snow squall struck the Village of Taos Ski Valley and the greater Taos County area.

The Village emergency action is included in the greater Taos County effort and Village personnel were engaged in assisting Taos County efforts on Wednesday, December 15th and are allowed to do so under the emergency declaration and consistent with those agreements that are in place, including but not limited to operation under the Taos County Office of Emergency Management.

The storm struck the Village with wind speeds exceeding 100 mile per hour causing property damage and endangering the health and safety of the Village from acres of trees (many dozens of meters tall) being uprooted, shattered, scattered, and disrupting electricity, heating, and water services along with damage to structures and public facilities.

Under the powers therein granted to the office of Chief Executive and Public Safety Officer, Staff is ordered to render what assistance that may be necessary to mitigate the damages that threaten public safety within the Village and under the organization of the Office of Emergency Management may also aid and receive aid in the County of Taos NM.

THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021

SIGNED

Christof Brownell, Mayor Village of Taos Ski Valley

ATTEST:

Ann Marie Wooldridge, Village Clerk

**Village of Taos Ski Valley
Resolution 2022-500**

DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY FOR THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY

WHEREAS, the Village of Taos Ski Valley sustained severe damage from tree fall and power lines caused by the extreme weather events identified as a snow squall on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Taos County Office of Emergency Management and Taos County have declared a State of Emergency in order to control and eliminate risks to the life, property, and safety of inhabitants of Taos County; and

WHEREAS, the Taos County Office of Emergency Management will help organize emergency efforts within the County including those in the Village of Taos Ski Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Brownell has made proclamation of an emergency and directed Staff to take appropriate action to mitigate risks to the public safety and to cooperate with the Taos County Office of Emergency Management to address the recovery from this natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Village has complied with the state requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the posting and notification of an emergency meeting of the Village Council during a declared state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY COUNCIL, BY THIS RESOLUTION, THAT WE THE ELECTED OFFICIALS DO HEREBY DECLARE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That, consistent with the declarations of Taos County for the extreme weather emergency, it is hereby established by the Council an Emergency Declaration in the Village of Taos Ski Valley.
2. That said declaration shall invoke those financial, planning, police powers and other additional resources available to the Village through a formal declaration of a state of emergency.
3. The Council hereby acknowledges Mayor Brownell's emergency proclamation, approves declaration of an emergency, authorizes the Mayor as Chief Law Enforcement Official of the Village, and the Village Administrator to conduct such emergency measures as may be appropriate to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of both our residents and visitors.

4. The Council authorizes the Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Wittman and Councilor Chris Stagg, in that order of succession, to sign as alternate signatories on contracts for the Mayor on behalf of the Village, should he be unavailable.
5. That Council authorizes that the Mayor and Village Administrator are empowered to enter into any JPA's MOU's, shared services agreements, or contracts as may be necessary to provide the continued operation of services in a time of depleted staff or increased need due to this state of emergency with other governmental, quasi-governmental, or private entities and may similarly assist other governmental entities, utilities, health services, or public safety entities engaged in the delivery of essential services to the community necessary for the continued public health, welfare, and safety of the community.
6. That the Council authorizes the Mayor, Village Administrator, Treasurer/Finance Director to prepare for, expend resources in anticipation of, and to apply for such state and federal assistance as may be anticipated or allocated as related to the states of emergency.
7. That the Council authorizes such other emergency measures as outlined in the Village's coordination with the Taos County Office of Emergency Management or by order, direction or advisement of the federal or state government, or such interagency mutual aid and emergency cooperation agreements as the FEMA and DHS, approved Taos County All Hazards Plan, to which the Village is a signatory.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 20th day of December, 2021, at an Emergency Meeting of the Village Council by the following vote:

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY

Christof Brownell, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Ann Marie Wooldridge, Village Clerk

Susan Baker, Village Attorney