



**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING-MINUTES
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022 2:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING:** The Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wittman

2. **ROLL CALL:** Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk, called the roll and quorum was present.

Governing body Present:

Councilor Henry Caldwell

Councilor Brent Knox

Councilor Chris Stagg

Councilor Tom Wittman, Mayor Pro Tem

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: To approve the agenda as written

Councilor Caldwell stated he would like to have a special election for the mayor position. This would let the voters elect who they would want. Councilor Caldwell believes this would be the best democratic decision.

First: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Caldwell

Passed: 4-0

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration to Appoint a Mayor for the Village of Taos Ski Valley in Accordance with NMSA 3-11-2

Motion: To Appoint Tom Wittman Mayor for the Village of Taos Ski Valley in Accordance with NMSA 3-11-2

First: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Vote:** 2-2 (Councilors Caldwell and Knox voting nay)

Discussion: Councilor Stagg has nominated Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman to hold the position of Mayor. Councilor Stagg states the special election would cost the village a lot of money and time and is not necessarily the proper procedure. It would be best to appoint a mayor at this point and move forward.

Councilor Caldwell states he would like to see a special election held. The Village has held special elections in the past. The cost should not be an issue as it is not as costly as some projects that have been held in the past.

Councilor Knox would like a special election to be held. The main concern would be that there would be three of the Governing Body positions appointed instead of elected. If Councilor Wittman were nominated by majority vote to Mayor, then someone would need to be appointed to Councilor to fill his position.

Village Clerk Wooldridge said that the statute says that the person appointed by majority vote for Mayor would fill the mayor position until the current term is up, which is in 3 ½ years.. One of the Council positions will be expiring at the end of this term. Village Clerk Wooldridge will look in the statute. If someone is appointed to Councilor, that person's term lasts only until the next election.

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Councilor Wittman would like Councilor Stagg to change his motion, to include electing a new Councilor should a Councilor be chosen as Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Wittman will act as the Mayor Pro Tem until a special election can be held in February 2023.

B. Consideration to Approve the Subaward Grant Agreement for the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and to Authorize Village Administrator to Enter into the Agreement

Administrator Avila: There are funds provided by the state for CSFRF (Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.) The Federal funding was awarded to States to disperse to local communities through CSFRF agreements. A \$750,000.00 project listed for the Water System Repair for the VTSV agreement is available. This agreement will allow the VTSV to access these funds.

Motion: To Approve the Subaward Grant Agreement and to Authorize Village Administrator to Enter into the Agreement.

First: Councilor Stagg Second: Councilor Knox Passed: 4-0

Discussion: Councilor Caldwell states there are a lot of requirements in order to obtain this agreement. This agreement will take place within the next two years.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on September 27, 2022, at 2:00 via Zoom.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to Adjourn

First: Councilor Caldwell Second: Councilor Knox Passed: 4-0

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