



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 2:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village of Taos Ski Valley Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wittman 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:

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

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Knox **PASSED:** 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Knox **PASSED:** 4-0

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM –for non-agenda items only. Limit to 5 minutes per person (please email awooldridge@vtsv.org to sign up)

A. Dan Vaughan, VTSV Chamber of Commerce Director announced that the NCRTD Blue Bus operation is seeking drivers. The Chamber is assisting with advertising for staff to get the Blue Bus schedule operational for the winter.

B. John Kelly from TSVI gave an update on TSVI's forestry projects. He said that the US Forest Service was conducting a review process of thinning efforts so no prescribed burns could take place. TSVI conducted chipping over the summer, concentrating on ski slopes. Mr. Kelly said that TSVI has started snowmaking for the ski season. Snowmakers are on task, working 24/7 to gear up. The parking plan for ski season will be like last year, with the same pick-up and drop-off. Staff will be parking in Deer and Eagle parking lots, and RV camping the same as last year with a maximum stay of 7 days. The Rio Hondo Learning Center will open on December 9, 2022, along with the Rueggli and the Gondolita.

C. Trudy DiLeo

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission

Commission Chair Wittman said that the Commission had not met would meet in November.

B. Public Safety Committee

Chair DiLeo said that the Committee and the Board had met on October 3, 2022, and would meet again on November 7, 2022. One of the fire trucks will be replaced with an engine better designed for high altitudes. All the sirens are installed and in good working order. The updated CWPP is almost complete. The Committee will put a letter in the utility bills to spread the word about recommended firewise measures to take on property in the Village.

D.Firewise Community Board:

See report above.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee: No Report

E. Lodger’s Tax Advisory Board

Co-chair Stagg said the grant applicants should get their paperwork to Clerk Wooldridge for disbursements.

7. REGIONAL REPORTS:

8. MAYOR PRO TEM’S REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem Wittman thanked TSVI for sponsoring the Memorial gathering that was held on October 1, 2022 in honor of Mayor Neal King.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were included in the Meeting Packet and are posted on the Village website.

A. Administrator Avila:

B. Finance Director Griesedieck:

C. Public Safety Director Vigil:

D. Building Official Bowden:

E. Planning Director Nicholson:

F. Public Works Director Martinez:.

G. Clerk Wooldridge:

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Direction for Village Staff to Allow Return of \$140,000 in Escrow Payment toward the Development Impact Fees for the First Floor of the Fire Station Development to TSVI:

Administrator Avila explained that the Village of Taos Ski Valley entered into an escrow agreement with TSVI for Development Impact Fees as allowed by Ordinance so that TSVI could pay the impact fees into escrow before the building permit deadline. TSVI then applied for discounts allowed in the MDA while the construction project was underway. The DIF discounts were determined by the Village Council, and those funds are to be returned to TSVI. The Village will receive the impact fee funds as determined by the Council. Although allowed in the agreement, keeping the First-Floor fees in escrow is not necessary given the commitment of TSVI and the Village to identify and secure funds to be ready for the procurement process when the First Floor condominium is offered for sale to the Village.

TSVI CFO Chaz Rockey expressed concern that the Village would not follow through with purchase of the first floor of the new Firehouse. Mayor Pro Tem Wittman assured him that the Village is seeking funding sources in order to be able to complete the purchase as required in the Project Participation Agreement signed by the Village and TSVI. An appraisal would be conducted to determine the purchase price of the first floor.

MOTION: Direction for Village Staff to Allow Return of \$140,000 in escrow for the Development Fee for the First Floor of the Fire Station to TSVI

MOTION: Councilor Knox **SECOND:** Councilor Wittman **PASSED:** 3-1 (Councilor Caldwell voting nay)

B. Election Update:

Mayor Pro Tem Wittman and Clerk Wooldridge were able to hold a detailed conversation with Charles Romero of the NM Secretary of State’s office on October 14, 2022. He explained that two statutes work jointly to lay out the provisions for a Mayoral vacancy. Unless a qualified elector is appointed to fill the vacancy, with the advice and consent of the governing body, Mr. Romero explained that the position could be filled by having the mayor’s position on the ballot at the next election.

The next Municipal Officer Election will take place in March 2024.

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The Village Council may decide to opt-in to the Regular Local Election, which is held in November of odd-numbered years. This requires adoption of a Municipal Opt-in Ordinance to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State by June 30, 2023. It will have to be determined whether the terms of the elected officials will be reduced or extended to correspond with the new election date.

This item was for discussion only at this time.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve **Resolution 2023-518**, Approval of agreement with the NM Department of Environment Capital Appropriation Project SAP 22-G2437-STB for Funds to Install Fire Hydrants in the Village of Taos Ski Valley

The Village of Taos Ski Valley has applied for Capital Outlay and was awarded \$200,000 to purchase, equip, and install fire hydrants. The NM Environment Department grant agreement SAP 22-G2437 is required to have a Resolution passed by Council that approves the agreement. The project installation will be scheduled to start summer of 2023.

MOTION: To Approve **Resolution 2023-518**, Approval of agreement with NM Department of Environmental Capital Appropriation Project SAP 22-G2437-STB for Funds to Install Fire Hydrants in the Village of Taos Ski Valley.

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Caldwell **PASSED:** 4-0

B. Consideration to Approve **Resolution 2023-519**, Approval of Agreement with the NM Environment Department of Capital Appropriation Project SAP 22-G2434-STB to Plan, Design, Construct, and Equip the Kachina Water Distribution Lines in the Village of Taos Ski Valley

The Village of Taos Ski Valley applied for Capital Outlay and was awarded \$50,000 to plan, design, construct and equip the Kachina water distribution lines in the Village of Taos Ski Valley. The NM Environment Department grant agreement SAP 22-G2434-STB is required to have a Resolution passed by Council that approves the agreement. This project installation can be scheduled to start summer of 2023.

MOTION: To Approve **Resolution 2023-519**, Approval of Agreement with the NM Environment Department of Capital Appropriation Project SAP 22-G2434-STB to Plan, Design, Construct, and Equip the Kachina Water Distribution Lines in the Village of Taos Ski Valley

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Caldwell **PASSED:** 4-0

C. Consideration to Approve a Second Amendment to the April 2021 TSVI-VTSV MOU Regarding a Village-Wide Water System Study and Development of a Master Plan. The Amendment is the second to the April 5, 2021 MOU and is intended to put to use the Repair Design Plan created through the June 28, 2022 Amendment to install Master Meters

On April 5, 2021, the Village and TSVI entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), following Council approval, to collaborate in developing long-term planning to address Village water resources and infrastructure. The goal was to implement planning concepts and to eventually adopt a revised Village Water Master Plan to ensure the effective use of municipal water resources now and in the future. Following adoption of the MOU, Glorieta Geoscience and Dennis Engineering were hired to assess Village water resources. One of the issues that the study identified was line loss in the Village water lines. The June 28, 2022 First Amendment to the MOU included a Repair Design Plan with a priority item being to address installation of Master Meters.

The proposed Second Amendment expands the original Memorandum of Understanding to allow for implementation of study recommendations contained in the Design Plan. This Amendment allows the TIDD Board full discretion to determine the extent of reimbursement by the TIDD. It is hoped that the proposed repair plan would be incorporated into a greater Water Master Plan in the coming year. The

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goal is to follow the repair plan that is anticipated as a TIDD-eligible project for reimbursement. The development of a formal water plan helps the Village secure funding through grants, as well as anticipated TIDD project funding. The Village has received a Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund subaward grant for \$750,000 which is intended for water line repair. The Second Amendment to the TSVI-VTSV MOU is intended to use the TIDD mechanism to complete another important item identified in the plan, installation of Master Meters. The amendment is an agreement for construction improvements to a Village facility.

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MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Knox **PASSED:** 4-0

D. Consideration to Appoint a TIDD Board Member

MOTION: To appoint Councilor Caldwell to the TIDD Board as a new member.

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 4-0

E. Consideration to Approve Letter of Support to Taos County for its Efforts and Plan to Implement an Additional 0.25% GRT to Fund Fire and EMS services in the Region

MOTION: To Approve Letter of Support to Taos County for its Efforts and Plan to Implement an Additional 0.25% GRT to Fund Fire and EMS services in the Region.

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Knox **PASSED:** 4-0

F. Consideration to Approve a Letter of Support to the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion in Support of Taos Net Application for Grant Funding

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MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 4-0

12. MISCELLANEOUS: No Reports

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE

VILLAGE COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Village Council will be the Regular Meeting on November 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

14. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: To Adjourn Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Wittman

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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