

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND FIREWISE BOARD MEETING
FOR THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
HELD ON MARCH 6, 2023 (VIA ZOOM) at 10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 and notice of meeting announced.

Members present included Trudy DiLeo, Henry Caldwell, Jim Woodard and Mitch Daniels.

Public Safety Committee:

Trudy DiLeo congratulated Matt Rogers (EMS Department Chief) for completing UNM School of Medicine, Diploma in Mountain Medicine.

Chief Vigil gave an update on the signage on Highway 150. Working with the DOT, he will have more 'No passing' signs and the speed limit will be 30 mph throughout the village, with more signs reflecting that.

The package lockers in the post office have not been installed yet. Henry Caldwell is working with the Taos postmistress to get these installed.

A letter will be sent out with the next water bill to the village residents about having visible house numbers at each residence for emergency personnel.

An update was given on efforts being made to have the overhead power lines buried underground in Amizette. Henry Caldwell, Trudy DiLeo, Mike Fitzpatrick and Joe Cicconetti are helping John Avila get this moving forward. They are all working with Kit Carson to get phone calls made and easements signed by each resident on the south side of Highway 150 in Amizette. Hopefully, easements will be signed and returned by April 7th, and trenching can begin as soon as the snow melts.

Anthony Martinez gave an update of the remnants of the water outage that began on December 28th. Only one homeowner is without water currently.

A discussion was had about incentives and motivations to get residents to install remote read water monitors or water turn-off valves. Anthony explained that if someone had a water leak between the meter and their interior plumbing, there would be no way to pick that up with a monitor, as most of them are installed at the water meter.

Each homeowner would have to look at their particular situation and plumbing setup to see what would work best. There was some discussion about not giving anyone that had a big leak any kind of discount on their water bill, if they didn't have a water turn off or a water monitor in place. Some spoke of a 6-month phase-in period for folks to get this set up in their homes.

Henry Caldwell asked Anthony if there was a need for water pipes that Roger Pattison had offered to sell the village last year. Anthony said there was a need for some of it.

A short discussion was had about snow plowing the side streets in Amizette. Anthony said that the village has never recognized those streets as legitimate streets. He said he would research this issue.

Firewise Board:

Trudy DiLeo said she would be attending a meeting on March 10 with the Taos Valley Watershed Coalition.

Mitch Daniels said that some language in the CWPP had been deleted that stated the Firewise Board would update the fire risk assessments of each property.

Jalmar Bowden was not present to give an update on the NFL grant.

Trudy DiLeo stated that the next meeting would be on April 3, 2023 at 10:00 via zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.