



**VILLAGE COUNCIL DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 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 role 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 with the amendment to move new business agenda item C up to A as written

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: To Table the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Village Council Meeting until next month.

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)

Dan Vaughn Chamber Director talked about summer event planning that is taking place. The Chamber's quarterly meeting will be held on March 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Door 38 Pizza and everyone is invited.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission

Commission Chair Wittman explained that the new Avalanche Study was discussed at the March meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023

B. Public Safety Committee

Committee Member Woodard reported that progress is being made to have residents in Amizette submit their easement agreements to Kit Carson for installation of underground electric. Package boxes were successfully installed at the post office but arrangements for providing keys to the boxes is still in progress. The Committee is very supportive of efforts to require monitoring meters at residences for possible water leak notification, he said.

C. Firewise Community Board

D. Parks & Recreation Committee

E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

Board Co-Chair Stagg reported that the Board approved funding for Taos Air in a similar way as last year. \$200,000 is in the budget with the potential for another \$100,000 if lodgers tax collections exceed \$500,000 for the fiscal year. Chair Stagg said that Chief Vigil had requested \$70,000 for EMS services and at this time, the Board approved \$35,000 with the hope to fund the \$70,000 amount once collections and beginning balances are verified.

7. REGIONAL REPORTS

NCRTD service has stopped for the season and the hope is to have a full season of service next year. The Taos Valley Watershed Coalition will be starting tree thinning on the Highway 150 corridor with Village support offered by the volunteer Fire Department. Building Official Bowden has been making progress with the NFL grant initiative. The Rio Grande Trails program is advancing. The Village is working with the US Forest Service to allow Village Public Safety activity on USFS lands. Administrator Avila is now Vice-Chair of the Taos County Landfill Board and they will be focusing on grant writing for needed funding. The ECCOG is in support of lobbying the Legislature to allow use of lodgers funds in support of a regional film office.

Director Nicholson reported on activities by the NCRTD.

8. MAYOR PRO TEM'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Wittman reported on the Council Hearing on the appeal hearing for the P&Z Commission decision on the Hotel St. Bernard re-development approval. It was a long meeting but the Council affirmed the P&Z Commission decision to approve the Conditional Use Permit but added some conditions for this approval. The findings of fact and conclusions of law have been finalized, which starts the timing to allow any appeals of this decision in District Court.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were included in the Council packet and were posted on the website.

A. Administrator Avila

Administrator Avila reported that the master meter installation on the Village's water system is ready to mobilize after ski season. The grant will be submitted for the Bureau of Reclamation SMART water program for additional funding for the Village's water system. Additional Capital Outlay Funds of \$200,000 have been obtained to augment funding for water system repairs.

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. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration to Approve **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-72** AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT IN FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY IN THE NEXT REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION

PUBLIC HEARING: No one spoke either for or against adoption of the Ordinance.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-530** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, increasing transfers into (01) Water Enterprise, and increasing transfers out of the General Fund (03) to cover increased expenses in FY23

Staff recommends approval of **Resolution No. 2023-530** to amend the budget for FY2023 increasing the transfers from the General Fund (03) to the Water Enterprise Fund (01) in order to cover increased expenses and remain in compliance with DFA.

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MOTION: To Approve **Resolution No. 2023-530** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, increasing transfers into (01) Water Enterprise, and increasing transfers out of the General Fund (03) to cover increased expenses in FY23

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

- B.** Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-532** requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment to the FY2023 budget (BAR) to increase the Municipal GRT and State GRT revenue collections and corresponding transfers out of the General fund, while increasing the transfers in for pledged funds to the USDA (63) for debt service, roads fund (05) and Water Reserves fund (41) for general support & increasing budgeted expenses in the General Fund

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2023-532 to amend the budget for FY2023, to increase the Municipal GRT and State GRT revenues in the General Fund (03), while increasing the transfers out of the General fund to the USDA Fund (63) for debt service, the roads fund (05) and Water Reserves fund (41) for general support & & increasing budgeted expenses in the General Fund.

MOTION: To Approve **Resolution No. 2023-532** requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment to the FY2023 budget (BAR) to increase the Municipal GRT and State GRT revenue collections and corresponding transfers out of the General fund, while increasing the transfers in for pledged funds to the USDA (63) for debt service, roads fund (05) and Water Reserves fund (41) for general support & increasing budgeted expenses in the General Fund

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

- C.** Consideration to Approve and Acknowledge the 2023 Annual Report from the Village of Taos Ski Valley's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC)

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

- D.** Consideration to Approve and Authorize the Purchase of Capital Equipment a 2023 Excavator

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MOTION: Councilor Knox **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 3-1

OPOSED: Councilor Caldwell

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 Village Council Budget Workshop on Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Village Council Regular Meeting will be Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Wittman

ATTEST: _____
Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk

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