



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES  
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 2:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Village 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 Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Caldwell **PASSED:** 4-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2023 VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING and the APRIL 18, 2023 VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**MOTION:** To Approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Village Council Regular Meeting and the April 18, 2023 Village Council Budget Workshop with the amendment in item 12. Miscellaneous of noting that a rate increase would meet the covenants of the WWTP loan.

**MOTION:** Councilor Caldwell **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](mailto:awooldridge@vtsv.org) to sign up)

Dan Vaughn spoke about summer 2023 Chamber activities.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Commission met on May 5, 2023 to approve referring the Avalanche Study to Council for updating the Avalanche section of the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission will meet again on June 5, 2023.

**B. Public Safety Committee:** Chair Trudy DiLeo relayed that there had been a presentation on remote-read meters at the Public Safety Committee meeting. The Committee urges that the Village mandate upgrades to each property's service line as well as investigating the remote-read meters for residents. Work continues on getting power lines underground in Amizette.

**C. Firewise Community Board**

**D. Parks & Recreation Committee:** Katt Kett announced Spring Clean up to be held Thursday May 25, 2023 with lunch to be held on the Plaza at 11:30 a.m. The Parks & Rec Committee is looking for volunteers to join and take over the Parks & Recreation Committee. Ms. Kett will continue to hold this position until November 2023.

**E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board:** No Meeting held.

**7. REGIONAL REPORTS:** Administrator Avila reported on activities of the Taos Regional Landfill Board. Planning & Zoning Director Nicholson reported on the Regional Transportation Board meeting.

## **8. MAYOR PRO TEM'S REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem Wittman is still involved in solutions to getting water to the Wheeler Peak Condos. A potential leak in the Kachina area will be found soon, hopefully. A large leak was found at a private property on Zap's Road.

## **9. STAFF REPORTS**

Reports were included in the Council packet and are posted to 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**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion, Acknowledgement, and Consideration to Approve the Village Interim Budget for Upcoming Fiscal Year FY2024, and Discussion of Budget-related Water/Sewer Rates for FY2024

Discussion took place about the Draft Budget, which was presented by Finance Officer Griesedieck.

**B.** Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-535** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, Increasing Transfers into Law Enforcement (04), and Increasing Transfers out of the General Fund (03) to Cover Increased Expenses in FY23

**MOTION:** To Approve **Resolution No. 2023-535** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, Increasing Transfers into Law Enforcement (04), and Increasing Transfers out of the General Fund (03) to Cover Increased Expenses in FY23

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

**C.** Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-536** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the Water Reserve Fund (41) to accommodate the 2022 NM Subaward Grant of \$750,000 for Water System Repairs not Currently in the FY23 Budget

**MOTION:** To Approve **Resolution No. 2023-536** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2023 Budget, increasing revenues and expenses in the Water Reserve Fund (41) to accommodate the 2022 NM Subaward Grant of \$750,000 for Water System Repairs not currently in the FY23 Budget

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

**D.** Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2023-537** establishing a Village of Taos Ski Valley Policy for the Acceptance of Electronic Payments

This policy allows for electronic bank payments but does not allow for credit card payments.

**MOTION:** To Approve **Resolution No. 2023-537** establishing a Village of Taos Ski Valley Policy for the Acceptance of Electronic Payments

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

**E.** Consideration to Approve the Third Amendment to the April 5, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding a Collaborative Village-wide Water System Study and Master Plan Report

This involves the next step in designing improvements for the Village's water system improvements.

**MOTION:** To Approve the Third Amendment to the April 5, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding a Collaborative Village-wide Water System Study and Master Plan Report

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

**F.** Consideration to Approve an Escrow and Development Agreement for Final Determination, Collection, and Payment of Development Impact Fees ("DIF") for Taos Ski Valley, Inc.'s Redevelopment of its Hotel St. Bernard Property

The Village has adopted Ordinance 2022-30 as provided by Statute for funding identified Capital projects. The ordinance stipulates the formulation of DIF charges to be collected before the building permit is issued. It also allows the Village and Developers to enter into an agreement for payment of DIF charges. To allow construction to start of the HSB buildings while the DIF charges are under review, the Village would agree to the DIF assessment being placed in escrow for use after the final decision of Council concerning eligible discounts is complete. The Council is asked to approve the escrow agreements requested to continue progress of HSB while final agreement is reached.

Staff recommends that Council approve the escrow agreements with the amendment agreed to by Mayor Pro Tem Wittman, to address how funds may be held for the payment of DIF charges. TSVI will pay \$1,000,000 to the Village now and will put the remainder of the funds into Escrow at 1st NM Title.

**MOTION:** To Approve an Escrow and Development Agreement for Final Determination, Collection, and Payment of Development Impact Fees ("DIF") for Taos Ski Valley, Inc.'s Redevelopment of its Hotel St. Bernard Property with the Amendment that Mayor Pro Tem agreed to

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

**G.** Consideration to Publish and Post Ordinance No. 2023-30, an Ordinance amending section 7, subsection 6, 'Avalanche Design Requirements' of Ordinance No. 2022-30, as Amended; adopting Snow Avalanche Hazard Maps for the Village; adopting regulations for new land development and building reconstruction in designated avalanche hazard zones; prohibiting new construction that adversely affects avalanche safety on other properties in the Village

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**MOTION:** Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Knox

Discussion took place about the study and the Avalanche report.

**PASSED:** 4-0

**12. MISCELLANEOUS:** No Reports

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**A.** Discussion of Threatened or Pending Litigation. This matter may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H) (7)

No Closed Session took place.

**14. 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 June 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To Adjourn

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Pro Tem Wittman

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Ann M. Wooldridge, Village Clerk

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