

## **Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on November 6, 2023, via Zoom.**

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:05am and notice of the meeting was announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Jim Woodard, Mitch Daniels and Ben Pitz.

The minutes for the 2 October 2023 Public Safety and Firewise meeting were approved, (Motion: Jim, Second: Mitch, Unanimous).

### **Public Safety Committee:**

The progress on undergrounding of electrical supply was reviewed. Amizette has had 6 homes and 2 multifamily dwellings on the north side of HWY 150 in Amizette connect to underground power. Red Tail Surveying has submitted their bids to KCEC for work to establish the private property boundaries to lay the underground supply line on the south side of the highway.

An electrical supply line has been buried on Upper Twining Rd. The transformer has not yet been installed and KCEC expects undergrounding homes on Upper Twining will not start until spring.

Houses on Snow Shoe Trail and Phoenix Switchback that were still serviced by above ground power were discussed. It was agreed that these houses would also be addressed by the Public Safety Committee in its undergrounding efforts in the future.

New Mexico Gas service line ends at 76 Twining Rd. The process for applying for a line extension was discussed. Each affected homeowner must fill out a simple form and submit a copy of the Recorded Plat and

Warranty Deed for their property. Copies of the Warranty Deed and Recorded Plat are available from the Taos County Recorder.

Ben Pitz volunteered to try to organize all these projects and develop an action plan. The Committee eagerly agreed.

Chief Vigil updated the committee on the Table Top Exercise which he and Taos County Office of Emergency Management have been preparing. The Chief invited to committee to attend a workshop that afternoon at the Rio Hondo Learning Center.

The Committee also discussed the need for address numbers visible from the street for each house in the Village. The numbers can be obtained free of charge from the Village Office. It was agreed that the Committee should include a letter stating the importance of house numbering in a letter to be included in the water bill.

### **Firewise Board**

Jalmar gave the committee an update on the NFL grant. He is currently working to treat the Village property and 6 private lots near Bull of the Woods Road. He hopes to accomplish this treatment before Winter shuts down operations. After Thanksgiving and into the winter, Jalmar will be planning for Spring operations and communicating with the other NFL Grant applicants.

It was decided that the Village did not need additional control of the campground fire pits with in the Village limits. The Forest Service control is adequate.

Mitch reported the VTSV CWPP was rejected by the State. They recommended that the 2024 submission be professionally prepared and

provided Mitch with a grant opportunity to pay for preparation. Mitch has applied for a \$150k Grant for CWPP preparation.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on December 4th, 2023 via Zoom.