

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, December 4, 2023, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:05am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Jim Woodard, Kent Kiehl and Ben Pitz.

The minutes for the 6 November 2023 Public Safety and Firewise meeting and Agenda for the 6 December were approved, (Motion: Jim, Second: Kent, Unanimous).

Public Safety Committee:

Undergrounding of the Power Lines

The committee reviewed a draft ordinance representing an upgraded version of the current undergrounding ordinance entitled: REGULATIONS REQUIRING UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE written by Patrick Nicholson. This ordinance clarifies the Village's responsibility for bringing the power underground to the homeowner's lot line and establishes a clear time frame for the homeowner to complete the undergrounding process.

The Safety Committee voted to recommend that the Village Council adopt this ordinance update. (Motion: Jim, Second: Kent, Unanimous)

Ben said he had a meeting scheduled with Kit Carson this week. He will try to establish a process for a bulk request for underground hookup. He will also try to obtain a list of homeowners, all over the Village, who are serviced by above ground lines who could hook up underground. This is also a good time to review the draft ordinance with KCEC. Finally,

he will try to establish the process for relatively new homes, which have meters near the road that are supplied by above ground power, but have underground to the house, to hook up to underground lines.

Street Numbers on Houses

The Committee briefly discussed this issue and asked when the Village last notified residents that these numbers were important and available in the Village Office.

Trash Dropoff Area

John Avila stated that the compactor in the Trash Dropoff Area is owned by Waste Management. They will do a site inspection and investigate an installation of security cameras in the area this week.

Firewise Board:

Update on the NFL Grant

Jalmar was offline. Report will be rescheduled for next meeting.

Tabletop Exercise

Chief Vigil updated the committee on the Tabletop Exercise which he and the Taos County Office of Emergency Management hosted November 6th. He stated that it brought together all the agencies which would be involved in an emergency in Taos Ski Valley and improved teamwork. He and the Taos County Office of Emergency Management are planning a Full Scale, Real Exercise for some time this summer.

CWPP Status

Mitch was offline. Report will be rescheduled for next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Bob Caroon asked if letters of appreciation and donations for Public Safety were appropriate. John Avila stated that they were appreciated and clearly marked donations would be welcomed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on January 8th, 2024 via Zoom.