

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, February 5, 2024, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:03am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Jim Woodard, Kent Kiehl, and Ben Pitz.

The minutes for the 8 January 2024 Public Safety and Firewise Meeting and Agenda for the 5 February 2024 Public Safety and Firewise Meeting were approved, (Motion: Jim, Second: Ben, Unanimous).

Public Safety Committee:

Undergrounding of the Power Lines

Henry stated and Ann Marie confirmed that the draft ordinance entitled: Regulations Requiring Underground Electrical Utility Service has been posted and would be on the Village Council Agenda for its meeting on 16 February 2024.

KCEC Meetings

Ben stated that he had a meeting with Andrew Valero scheduled this week in Amizette. Henry said he would try to drop in.

Street Numbers on Houses

The Committee discussed how the House Numbers Message should be communicated with the Village homeowners and thought that both an email posting and a written message in the water bill was appropriate. Depending on the reaction by homeowners the same message might need to be sent out on a regular basis. The Committee also thought

that targeted messages to homeowners without house numbers might also be needed.

Trash Dropoff Area

John Avila stated that the compactor in the Trash Dropoff Area is owned by Waste Management (WM) and leased by the Village. John said that the door has been repaired and that the compactor was working as designed. Tom McCullough commented that people must be dumping grease in the dumpster as the base area was a mess. Ann Marie said that the village had a grease policy prohibiting this. The Village has a grease dump and a contract with Valley Oil to get rid of grease. Ann Marie said that she and Marleen would visit the area and verify the location of the grease pit. The Village may need to notify village restaurants of the policy and location regarding grease.

Water Meter RFP Status

John Avila stated that the RFP was very close to being issued.

Miscellaneous Items

The Committee thanked Chief Vigil for Public Safety's impressive response to the snow and high traffic last weekend.

Firewise Board:

Update on the NFL Grant

Jalmar stated that the paperwork is ready for a FFP for fire mitigation in the Bull of the Woods area. He will next be preparing for work in the Kachina Vista area and then Porcupine Road area. Homeowners in this

area who have questions or concerns should contact Jalmar. Village homeowners affected in these areas have not yet been contacted.

Real Exercise Planning

Chief Vigil stated that there was no meeting in the last month, but that this week he and the Taos County Office of Emergency Management were meeting to begin planning for a Full Scale, Real Exercise sometime this summer.

Review of CWPP Status

Jim reported that he had contacted Mitch and Matt Rogers has all the CWPP materials. Matt said the response on the \$200,000 grant request to write the new CWPP was due in March. Matt also said that they have received two grants totaling \$45,000 to prepare for fighting wildland fires.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on March 4, 2024, via Zoom.