



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024 1:00 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 Chris Stanek at 1:00 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:

Mayor Chris Stanek

Councilor Henry Caldwell

Councilor Chris Stagg

Councilor Doug Turner

Councilor Tom Wittman

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Stanek said that Mayor Pro Tem Wittman would run the meeting if the time went past 3:00 p.m. Agenda item 10.B will be moved to item 12.A

MOTION: To approve the agenda as written

MOTION: Councilor Wittman

SECOND: Councilor Turner

PASSED: 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2024 VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 19, 2024 Village Council Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Turner

SECOND: Councilor Wittman

PASSED: 4-0

5. A. CITIZEN'S FORUM –for non-agenda items only. Limit to 5 minutes per person (please email awooldridge@vtsv.org to sign up)

A. Resident Matthew Hayner expressed his concerns with the new Council meeting format with fewer opportunities for the public to comment and ask questions, he said. He said that having multiple closed sessions at Council meetings leaves the community feeling underinformed.

B. Ben Cook spoke about the good job on the part of Village staff dealing with recent storms and hazardous conditions on the roads. He will gather a committee to organize funds for this year's Village Staff holiday party, he said. He said that he has been dismayed by recent activity on the part of the Village government, namely not yet collecting the entirety of the development impact fees for the Hotel St. Bernard, not yet collecting the impact fees for the new Firehouse first floor, and not addressing the road made in Amizette.

B. CITIZEN'S FORUM - Public comment on agenda items. Limit of 5 minutes per person. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on items appearing on the meeting agenda, except for Public Hearing items. Subsequent public comments by persons not directly affected will generally be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer during discussion of agenda items by and among the Council members and persons and entities who are directly affected.

A. Resident Mike Fitzpatrick spoke about his concern with the Village's General Fund making transfers of funds to the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. He also spoke about his concerns with the Village signing a lease in a building that TSVI owns, which is the new Firehouse.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission: Councilor Wittman said that the February 5, 2024 Meeting had been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is on March 4, 2024. (Note: this was later cancelled.)

B. Public Safety Committee: Councilor Caldwell reported on a meeting held on February 5, 2024. Items discussed were the recent notification to residents of the availability of obtaining house numbers through the Village, the follow-up on the trash compactor, grease bins, and work being done to improve signage at the compactor. The Committee applauded the efforts of the Public Safety Department and the Public Works Department in assisting both visitors and residents in recent snowfalls. Building Inspector Jalmar Bowden will be making forward strides in the spring by contacting residents about the NFL Grant follow-up. The planned emergency exercises are still being conducted with the Police Department and Taos County Emergency Management. Application for a grant to re-write the CWPP will be underway. The next scheduled meeting for Public Safety/Firewise will be March 4, 2024, via Zoom.

C. Firewise Community Board: see above.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee: Committee Chair Joan Woodard reported on a meeting held at the end of January 2024. Moving forward, all meetings are planned to be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m., via Zoom and in-person. Membership applications have been received for new members and the Committee is busy restructuring with these new members. The Committee has developed a Charter to better understand its roles and responsibilities. Work will be taking place on the summer trails plan.

E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

7. REGIONAL REPORTS

8. MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Stanek announced the first Special Council Workshop to be held on Saturday March 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake Fork Room and via Zoom.

9. STAFF REPORT

Administrator Avila presented all the Village Departments' reports. Training and certifications are being updated in the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration to Approve **Ordinance No. 2024-51**, amending Regulations Requiring Underground Electric Utility Service and amending Planning, Connection, and Penalties sections of Ordinance 2015-51

PUBLIC HEARING

Resident Matthew Hayner asked whether there would be any reimbursement for owners who were previously connected to electrical underground.

No one spoke for or against.

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: To Approve **Ordinance No. 2024-51**, amending Regulations Requiring Underground Electric Utility Service and amending Planning, Connection, and Penalties sections of Ordinance 2015-51

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MOTION: Councilor Caldwell **SECOND:** Councilor Wittman

The question concerning certain language in the Staff Report will not be included in the Ordinance.

PASSED: 4-0

B. Consideration to Approve an Interim Lease with Option to Purchase the Neal King Memorial Firehouse Condominium Unit 101 of TSV Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Road, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Taos County, New Mexico (This item may follow closed session.)

MOTION: To move agenda item 10.B to agenda item 12.A

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0

(AGENDA ITEM MOVED TO 12.A)

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve **Resolution No. 2024-565** Requesting a Budget Adjustment (BAR) to the FY2024 Budget, Increasing Revenues and Expenses in the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to accommodate the 2023/24 Increased Contractor Cost not currently in the Budget

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

B. Discussion and Direction to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with Taos Area Mutual Domestic Water and Sewer Systems to share equipment and staffing when needed

MOTION: To Direct and develop a Memorandum of Understanding with Taos Area Mutual Domestic Water and Sewer Systems to share equipment and staffing when needed

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0

C. Consideration to Approve the Village Continuing as a Member of the New Mexico Self Insurers Fund in the updated Joint Powers Agreement

MOTION: To Approve the Village Continuing as a Member of the New Mexico Self Insurers Fund in the updated Joint Powers Agreement

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

A. Discussion of the Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property

This matter may be discussed in closed session under Open Meetings Act exemption 10-15-1(H) (8)

MOTION: To go into closed session in the matter of the purchase or Acquisition of Real Property

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

MOTION: To go into open session in the matter of the purchase or Acquisition of Real Property

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

(12.A) Consideration to Approve an Interim Lease with Option to Purchase the Neal King Memorial Firehouse Condominium Unit 101 of TSV Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Road, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Taos County, New Mexico (This item may follow closed session.)

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MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 2-1

Voting Nay: Councilor Caldwell **Abstaining:** Councilor Stagg

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13. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Councilor Wittman asked the Public Works Department to put more gravel on Twining Road because of the potholes, as well as in front of the Village Office on 7 Firehouse Road.

B. Councilor Caldwell requested that snow plowing of the roads in Amizette be put on the next Village Council Meeting agenda.

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 Special Council Workshop on Saturday March 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake Fork Room and also via Zoom. The next Regular meeting of the Village Council will be held on Friday March 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 4-0

Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest: Village Clerk, Ann Marie Wooldridge

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