

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, April 1st, 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, Kent Kiehl, Jim Woodard, and Ben Pitz.

The minutes for the February 5th Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting (motion: Jim, second: Kent, unanimous) and Agenda for the March 4th Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting (motion: Kent, second: Jim, unanimous) were approved.

Public Safety Committee:

Underground Power RFP Status

John Avila related that Red Tail Surveying is ready to finish the surveying work in Amizette as soon as the snow melts. He also related that there were no bidders to the RFP for underground power installation. The Village will begin calling contractors on the State Price Agreement List to see if one can be found to begin work this summer.

Water Meter RFP Status

John related that Zenner was the one bidder to the RFP for smart water meters. The Village is working out how to proceed with the available funding. There was a brief discussion of the Village response to meters that were not working correctly.

Trash Drop-off Area Signs

Gabe stated that Public Works had prepared a rough draft for two signs in the trash drop-off area. One is a 6ft by 6ft sign describing what can/cannot be dropped off to be installed to block off people dropping

of big items behind the dumpster. The other a smaller sign giving instructions for compacting the trash in the dumpster.

Emergency Services Status

During the Village Workshop citizens asked about the emergency services availability during the day and after hours. There was a discussion of availability and Jim agreed to write up a status statement for the Village to use in answering this question.

Statement of Purpose

The committee reviewed a draft statement of purpose for the Public Safety Committee. John Avila had some concerns regarding who in the Village was tasked by the statement. Jim agreed to work with John to clean up the draft.

Miscellaneous Items

Matt Rogers raised the purchase of a new ambulance for the Village. Matt said he would send the specifications to Jim who would distribute them to the rest of the Committee. There is at least a 40-minute delay if the Village must wait for a Taos County ambulance.

Firewise Board

Update on the NFL Grant

Jalmar was not present. However, Matt stated that a Wildland Coordinator would be hired shortly and could assist Jalmar in communicating with Village homeowners about their application status for tree thinning.

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. The location and focus have not yet been selected. Taos Ski Valley and Questa are both in the running. Henry offered to provide a letter from the Village requesting the exercise be focused on a wildfire between Taos and Taos Ski Valley.

Review of CWPP Status

Matt said the response on the \$200,000 grant request to write a new CWPP has not yet been received.

Miscellaneous

It was suggested that the Public Safety Committee review the Capital Projects List at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on May 6, 2024, via Zoom.