



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 1:00 PM**

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 pm. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Marlene Salazar, Acting Village Clerk, called the role and quorum was present.

Governing Body Present:

Mayor Stanek

Councilor Caldwell

Councilor Turner

Councilor Stagg

Councilor Wittman

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Stagg **PASSED:** 3-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2025, REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MAY 9, 2025 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING WITH AMENDMENT TO ADD A DISCUSSION FROM COUNILMAN WITTMAN AND CORRECTION OF VOTE REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. A presentation by Kit Carson Electric Cooperative regarding KCEC wildfire prevention efforts, the KCEC/VTSV joint project to place electrical service underground in order to reduce fire risk, and a proposed joint KCEC/TSVI/VTSV project for a micro-grid battery storage project. (Luis Reyes, CEO of KCEC)

B. Introduction of a VTSV wildfire public information and outreach campaign. (VTSV staff)

6. A. CITIZEN'S FORUM –Discussion of non-agenda items only. Limited to 5 minutes per person. (Please email msalazar@vtsv.org to sign up in advance so that you can be recognized).

B. CITIZEN'S FORUM - Limit of 5 minutes per person related to a specific agenda item. Public comment during consideration of agenda items by the Council is only permitted at the discretion of the Chair and is limited and those directly affected.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning & Zoning Commission (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)

B. Public Safety Committee (Councilman Henry Caldwell)

C. Firewise Community Board (Councilman Henry Caldwell)

D. Parks & Recreation Committee (Joan Woodard)

E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (Councilman Chris Stagg)

F. TIDD (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)

8. REGIONAL REPORTS

(Included in the attached Administrator's and department reports)

- A.** Enchanted Circle Council of Governments (ECCoG) (No report)
- B.** Taos Regional Landfill (TRF) (See report)
- C.** North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) (No report)
- D.** Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO) (No report)
- E.** North Central Economic Development District (NCEDD) (No report)
- F.** Rio Hondo Watershed District (RHWD) (See report)
- G.** San Juan Chama Water Contractor's Association (SJCCA) (See report)

9. MAYOR'S REPORT (Mayor Chris Stanek)

10. ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Attached. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

11. FINANCE REPORT

Attached. (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Officer)

12. CONSENT AGENDA

This item is placed on the agenda so that the Governing Body by unanimous consent can designate those routine agenda items that they wish to be approved or acknowledged by one motion. If any proposal does not meet with the approval of all Governing Body members, that item will be heard when reached under the regular agenda.

A. Approval of **VTSV Contract 2025-004**, a contract between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and the Enchanted Circle Trails Association for the provision of services required by and in fulfillment of the Village's requirements as specified in the FY 2024-25 NM EDD Division of Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant, and the attached scope of work for project management (\$5,030.00), GIS and mapping (\$7,115.00), stakeholder and community engagement (\$7,115.00), field work, data collection and reporting (\$4,610.00), draft report and revisions (\$7,875.00), and permitted indirect costs (\$33,057.00), **for a total not to exceed \$33,627.00.**

B. Approval of **VTSV Contract 2025-005**, a contract between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for the provision of services required by and in fulfillment of the Village's requirements as specified in the FY 2024-25 NM EDD Division of Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant and the attached scope of work for the provision of trail-related repairs and improvements within the Village of Taos Ski Valley **in an amount not to exceed \$23,489.00.**

C. Approval of **VTSV Contract 2025-006**, a contract between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and Gizmo Productions for the provision of services required by and in fulfillment of the Village's requirements as specified in the FY 2024-25 NM EDD Division of Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant, and the attached scope of work for the development of a unified branding, style, and signage system for trails and way-finding for the trails and recreation system throughout the Enchanted Circle Region of northern New Mexico, and within the Village of Taos Ski Valley, specifically, and **at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.**

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the revised FY 2025-26 Village of Taos Ski Valley Budget and permission to submit the budget to NM DFA for consideration and approval. (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Officer)

The full VTSV FY 2025-26 Budget may be viewed here: [Interim-Budget-PDF-for-approval-at-May-16-2025-CM.pdf](#)

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

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of the staff report and recommendation for the TIDD project for phase 2 of the Rt. 150 corridor utilities improvement project and the formal acceptance of the dedication from TSV, Inc. to the Village of Taos Ski Valley. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

The full Report and all attachments may be viewed here: [TIDD-Dedication-Project-for-Phase-2.pdf](#)

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

VOTING NAY: 1 Councilor Caldwell

ABSTAINED: 1 Councilor Stagg

15. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Personnel

Recommendation of the Village Administrator for the appointment of Acting Clerk, Marlene Salazar to the position of Village Clerk based upon applications received, qualifications of the candidate and her performance in the position of Acting Clerk. Further, having successfully completed 6 months in the position of Acting Clerk as of June 16th, while also continuing her duties as Deputy Clerk and Public Works Administrative Assistant, and having completed multiple years of commendable service with the Village as Deputy Clerk, that the 6-month probationary period be considered as having been satisfied. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

Mayor Stanek recommendation to appoint Marlene Salazar as the Village Clerk

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

16. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

The following matters may or may not be discussed in closed session under the NM Open Public Meetings Act under exemptions 10-15-1.H (8): meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by a public body, and 10-15-1. H (7): attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant.

17. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (John Appel, Village Attorney)

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the Village of Taos Ski Valley will be held as a hybrid in-person and on-line meeting on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM and the Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Mayor Chris Stanek

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar