



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE  
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 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 2:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Ann Wooldridge, Village Clerk, called the role and quorum was present.

**Governing Body Present:**

Mayor Chris Stanek

Councilor Henry Caldwell

Councilor Doug Turner

Councilor Chris Stagg

Councilor Tom Wittman

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Stanek asked that agenda items 12.I and 12.J be removed.

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda with that amendment

**MOTION:** Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner

Councilor Caldwell asked that agenda item 12.N be moved to agenda item 12.A.

**MOTION:** To move agenda item 12.N to 12.A **SECOND:**

**VOTE:** To approve the removal of items 12.I and 12.J **PASSED:** 4-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2024 VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Councilor Wittman requested that a typo be fixed on Paragraph 8. The sentence says May and it should say March.

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

**5. PRESENTATION: VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR DAN VAUGHAN REGARDING VILLAGE WEBSITE**

Chamber Director Dan Vaughan presented five options from companies he had communicated with concerning municipal website tools, templates, and add-ons. He will send the additional detail for the Village Staff and Elected Officials' review.

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

**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 comment 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.

1. Ben Cook said that he is asking the Mayor and Council to not accept the proposal to terminate the Village employee, as stated on the Council Agenda. Mr. Cook explained that he had been President of the Kachina Property Owners Association and is currently Chair of the Capital Infrastructure Advisory

Committee. Mr. Cook said that he found this Village employee to be a highly principled and dedicated public employee, with whom he had worked successfully on dedication of the Kachina parcels to the Village as open space, as well as on the Village coming into compliance with the NM Development Impact Fees Act and beginning the initiative to improve Twining Road.

2. Trudy DiLeo spoke about having been Chair of the Public Safety and Firewise Committees, saying that the Village employee had been available to her for discussions and sharing of information.

3. Mike Fitzpatrick spoke as a member of the Capital Infrastructure Advisory Committee and longtime resident. He asked that the Council rescind its intent to terminate a Village employee.

4. Matthew Hayner expressed to the Council that he thought it was irresponsible to dismiss a Planning Director when there are many development projects ongoing.

5. Thomas McCullough said that as a resident on Twining Road for more than 50 years he had been impressed with a Village employee taking interest in improvement of Twining Road.

6. Francie Parker spoke about the Taos Ski Valley Neighborhood Association's support of the Planning Department employee and their work.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Planning & Zoning Commission**

Commission Chair Wittman reported that no meeting had been held in the month of April.

A meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024

### **B. Public Safety Committee**

Committee Chair Caldwell reported that the underground electric project is moving forward, with a bid having been published for a contractor.

### **C. Firewise Community Board**

Board Chair Caldwell reported that NFL letters would be issued soon to everyone who applied for grant funds.

### **D. Parks & Recreation Committee**

Board Chair Woodard reported that a meeting was held April 23, 2024. The Village has scheduled a clean-up day on May 28, 2024. Lunch will be provided at the TSVI Upper Plaza.

### **E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board**

Councilor Stagg reported that no meeting had been held. Board Chair Mariani submitted a budget report to Finance Director Griesedieck. The Board will meet next month to confirm the actual collections for the fiscal year.

**8. REGIONAL REPORTS:** Chief Vigil reported that he attended the Rio Hondo Watershed Coalition meeting with Public Works Department Staff. Public Works Department Staff informed the Rio Hondo Watershed Coalition about the operation of the Village Treatment Plant, as well as about the strict limits of the Village's NPDES permits and requirements with the EPA.

**9. MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Stanek reported that John Avila, Village Administrator, has submitted his resignation to the Village. Mayor Stanek expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Avila's dedication to the Village. Chief Vigil has agreed to step in as Interim Village Administrator. The next Community meeting will be held on May 11, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Lake Fork Room and via Zoom. The subject will be Electric Undergrounding in the Village. Kit Carson Electric CEO Luis Reyes will be presenting.

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## 10. STAFF REPORT:

Chief Vigil reported that Police Lieutenant Salazar and Officer Hutter would be representing the Village at a Memorial Service for Police Chief Trujillo and other fallen officers held during Police Week in Washington DC. Chief Vigil announced that Gabe Vasquez has been assigned to be the new Public Works Director.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS: No reports

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2024-574 Requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment to the FY2024 budget (BAR) to increase the Hold Harmless GRT Revenues and Related transfers out of the General fund (110), while increasing the transfers in for pledged funds to the USDA (403) for debt service, and for 7% each general support to Municipal Streets fund (216) and Water Reserves fund (535)

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

B. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2024-575 Requesting a permanent Budget Adjustment to the FY2024 budget (BAR) to adjust budgeted Rent Transfers needed due to FY24 changes in Department offices rented at the Village Complex

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

C. Council Acknowledgement of the FY2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial data for submission to the Department of Finance, Local Government Division by April 30, 2024

**MOTION:** To Acknowledgement of the FY2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial data for submission to the Department of Finance, Local Government Division by April 30, 2024

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

D. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2024-576, a Resolution to accept the First Amendment for time extension of the FY2022 - 2024 NM DOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Cooperative Agreement L500522

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution No. 2024-576, a Resolution to accept the First Amendment for time extension of the FY2022 - 2024 NM DOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Cooperative Agreement L500522

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

E. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2024-577 Authorizing the Assignment of Signature Authorized Officer(s) for the NMED Capital Appropriations Agreements: E2240, F2393, G2434, G2437, H2504, and H4297

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution No. 2024-577 Authorizing for the Assignment of Signature Authorized Officer(s) for the NMED Capital Appropriations Agreements: E2240, F2393, G2434, G2437, H2504, and H4297

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

Administrator Avila had been the only authorized signer for all these grants. Finance Officer

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Griesedieck will now become the signer.

**F. Consideration to Approve Huitt Zollars Professional Services Contract Amendment Related to Expanded Scope of Services, Compensation, and Term Extension for the Twining Road Reconstruction Project**

**MOTION:** To Approve Huitt Zollars Professional Services Contract Amendment Related to Expanded Scope of Services, Compensation, and Term Extension for the Twining Road Reconstruction Project

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

**G. Consideration to Award the Ultra-sonic Water Meter Project Contract to Zenner USA**

**MOTION:** To Award Ultra-Sonic Water Meter Project Contract to Zenner USA

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

**H. Consideration to Approve Awarding a Contract to Phoenix Mechanical for Village Electrician to Underground Individual Services using KCEC Franchise Fees**

**MOTION:** Councilor Turner **SECOND:** Councilor Caldwell

DISCUSSION: Phoenix Mechanical has not yet submitted a bid on the project.

**MOTION:** To Table Awarding a Contract to Phoenix Mechanical for Village Electrician to Underground Individual Services using KCEC Franchise Fees

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

**I. Consideration to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Valle de Taos Water and Wastewater Alliance for Mutual Member Assistance (Item Removed)**

**J. Consideration to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Greater Valle de Taos Water and Wastewater Alliance members to participate in an Association for Collaboration in Building Water Systems Resiliency (Item Removed)**

**K. Consideration to Approve an Agreement between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and Core & Main, Inc. for purchase of 50 tamper-proof Fire Hydrant locks**

**MOTION:** To Approve an Agreement between the Village of Taos Ski Valley and Core & Main, Inc. for purchase of 50 tamper-proof Fire Hydrant locks

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

**L. Consideration to Approve Entering a Contract for a Wildland Fire Coordinator**

**MOTION:** To Approve Entering a Contract with Enso Fire Services to be the Wildland Fire Coordinator

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

**M. Consideration to Approve Entering a Contract for Purchase of a new Medical Rescue/ Ambulance Unit**

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**MOTION:** To Approve Entering a Contract for Purchase of a new Medical Rescue/ Ambulance Unit

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

N. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Mayor's request for Personnel Action Terminating an individual's employment with the Village. Governing Body approval of this action is required to ratify this action pursuant to Section 3-11-6(D) NMSA 1978. The Governing Body, on motion duly made and adopted, may discuss this matter in executive session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978.

**MOTION:** To go to Closed Session

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

**MOTION:** To go to Open Session

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

**MOTION:** To Approve the Mayor's Request for Personnel Action Terminating an Individual's Employment with the Village

**MOTION:** Councilor Wittman **SECOND:** Councilor Turner **PASSED:** 3-1

Councilor Caldwell voting nay

**13. MISCELLANEOUS:** Councilor Wittman recommended to his fellow Councilors to have the preliminary budget reflect a 7% increase in Staff salaries versus the previously discussed 4%.

**14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL:** The next meeting will be the Community Meeting on Saturday May 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be on May 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To Adjourn the meeting

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



Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest:



Village Clerk, Ann Marie Wooldridge

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