



**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA HYBRID-IN PERSON AND ON-LINE
MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT 102, 9 FIREHOUSE RD.
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Stanek at 1:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Marlene Salazar, Village Clerk, called the roll and a 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 Caldwell **PASSED:** 4-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2025, REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. None

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).

Chamber of Commerce CEO Dan Vaughn announced the Up & Over Trail Run is coming up. The Up & Over Trail Run event is scheduled for August 2nd, and August 3rd, 2025 in the Village of Taos Ski Valley. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with the event. If anyone is interested in volunteering, you can contact anyone from the Chamber of Commerce or email Dan Vaughn at dan@taosskivalley.com

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.

(no request)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning & Zoning Commission (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)** Commission Chair Wittman reported no meeting was held in June 2025. The next meeting of the P&Z Commission will be held July 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Public Safety Committee (Councilman Henry Caldwell)** Board Chair Caldwell reported a meeting was held on June 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Items discussed included an update from Administrator Bellis on the recycling program, which will be managed by the Taos County Landfill, and discussion between the Committee members and staff regarding ATV usage on Village roads, signage, and the updating of ordinances. The Village will receive equipment for recycling and a commercial-grade, multi-compartment large recycling container when this program gets started. The committee discussed possibly updating the Village Ordinance regarding ATV usage. Currently the Village follows State Rules & Regulations in regard to ATV's. No ATVs are allowed in Kachina Park. The Village is working with Gizmo Productions getting better signage for Village Trails. This will help to improve sign visibility and clarity to keep residents and guests safe. Ordinance 2025-001 Overnight Parking (tabled) will be coming back to Council for additional discussion at a future Village Council meeting once discussions with USFS and our stakeholders are completed.
- C. Firewise Community Board (Councilman Henry Caldwell)** Board Chair Caldwell reported the NFL grant is in use and property lots down in Amizette are currently being cleared and thinned. A request from Firewise Committee, through members Jim Woodard and Bob Thomas, has been made to NM Gas Co to extend natural gas service on Upper Twining Road. The committee will keep the Village updated with this request as new information arrives.
- D. Parks & Recreation Committee (Joan Woodard)** Board Chair Joan Woodard reported a meeting was not held in May 2025. Spring Clean Up day was held on May 27, 2025. Mrs. Woodard thanked all the volunteers, TSVI, and Council members who helped on Spring Clean Up day. The flower hanging baskets are up in the Village Core, Woodard thanked TSVI (Stephen Hoxie & Mike Mitchell) for attending too and watering the flower baskets. Woodard thanked administrator Bellis for working on getting approval for all 3 Tails plus Grant contracts.
1. Gizmo Productions is under contract to develop an enchanted circle strategy. This entails branding themes, designing signage etc.
 2. Enchanted Circle Trails Association is under contract to help the Village develop a Master Plan for trails, open space, and parks.
 3. Rocky Mtn Youth Corp is under contract to conduct trail clean up and maintenance work at the end of Aug-beginning of Sept 2025. The next meeting scheduled for the Parks & Recreation Committee will be held June 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (Councilman Chris Stagg)** Councilor Stagg reported no meeting was held. A meeting date will be scheduled for later this summer to discuss the budget-ending balance for FY 24/25 and to discuss possible future priorities.
- F. TIDD (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)** Board Chair Wittman reported a special meeting was held on May 29, 2025, at 4:00 pm. The meeting purpose was to discuss legal matters in an executive session.

8. REGIONAL REPORTS (Are all included in the attached Administrator's and Department reports)

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

DISCUSSION: Village Administrator Bellis stated all information was provided in the Village Council Packet, if anyone has additional questions they can contact him.

Councilor Caldwell commended Village Administrator Bellis on the Regional Reports. The reports are thorough and coherently written.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT (Mayor Chris Stanek) No report.

10. ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Attached. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator): Village Administrator Bellis presented an addendum to the Council of items that are currently being worked on and/or solicited. The list includes the status of all RFP's, BIDS, solicitations, and current projects that the Mayor, Council and residents had identified as priorities. The items included wood chipping, website meeting agenda software, appraisals, requested property surveys, utility rate analysis and structure study RFP, comprehensive plan update RFP, RFP for electrical contractors for the KCEC undergrounding project, and utility billing software. The additional reporting information from the presentation will be added to the Village Council Packet.

11. FINANCE REPORT

Attached. (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Officer): No presentation. All information was provided in the Village Council Packet.

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. None.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. No report

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2025-022; A RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT EXPIRING JULY 31, 2025 WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC, FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS AN ON-SITE 40-YARD COMPACTOR UNIT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 5 YEARS. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

DISCUSSION: Village Administrator Bellis reported this increase was already included by staff in the approved FY-25/26 budget, along with the anticipated Regional Landfill rate increase.

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

B.RESOLUTION 2025-023; A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND CIVIC PLUS FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTAINANCE, AGENDA AND MEETING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, AND TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,154.00 AND AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$9,07.00. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

Councilor Wittman made the motion to amend resolution 2025-023 to include the updated annual fee of \$9,070.00 as there was a typo in the original motion.

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

C.RESOLUTION 0225-021; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER(S) AND AGENT(S) FOR NMED CAPITAL APPROPRIATION PROJECT SAP 25-J4407-STBR. (Carroll Griesedieck, Finance Director)

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

D.RESOLUTION 2025-20; ELECTION RESOLUTION FOR THE VILLAGE IDENTIFYING ELECTION DATE, TIME, AND OFFICES THAT WILL BE CONTESTED. (Marlene Salazar, Village Clerk)

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

15. OTHER BUSINESS

A. None

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.

(To enter closed session)

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

(Return from closed session)

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

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

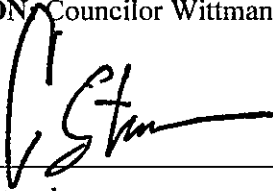
Village Attorney, John Appel reported that the only item that was addressed was the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by a public body, and 10-15-1. H (7): No action was taken and no other matters were discussed.

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, July 18, 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



Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest: 

Village Clerk Marlene Salazar

STATUS OF RFP'S/BID'S/SOLICITATIONS/PROJECTS

- **Woodchipper**
Solicited, awarded, received and in operation, per our recycling/solid waste needs and wildfire management presentation last month
- **Website, Agenda and Meeting software**
Solicited, awarded and scheduled for Sept.
- **Appraisals**
Solicited, awarded, received and completed
- **Requested Property Surveys**
Solicited, awarded, received and completed
- **Rate Analysis and Structure Study**
RFP drafted and advertised with a close date July 10th
- **Comprehensive Plan Update**
RFP drafted and advertised, close date June 18th
- **Electrical Contractors for KCEC Undergrounding**
RFP drafted and advertised, close date July 18th
- **Utility Billing Software**
In final stage. Refined software options by providers recommended by our equipment suppliers and that will work with our type and size of system(s), and unique environmental, communications, and terrain issues.

STATUS REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND ACCEPTED BY NM DFA LGD REGARDING ANY CURRENT OR PAST AUDIT FINDINGS, BRINGING THE VILLAGE INTO FULL COMPLIANCE.
- THERE IS NO ACTIVE OR PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE VILLAGE.
- ALL IPRA REQUESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON TIME OR AHEAD OF THE TIME REQUIRED BY THE STATE.
- ALL MEETING NOTICES AND AGENDAS HAVE CONTINUED TO BE POSTED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE STATE REQUIRED DEADLINE.

- ALL AGENDA PACKETS HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE IN FULL WITH ALL STAFF REPORTS 24-48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE STATE REQUIRED DEADLINE.
- ALL MANDATORY AND VOLUNTARY REGULATORY REPORTING HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY ALL DEPARTMENTS ON-TIME WITH NO VIOLATIONS OR EXCEDANCES REPORTED BY ANY PROGRAM.
- THERE IS ONLY ONE UNRESOLVED CODE COMPLAINT OR MATTER AND THAT IS DUE TO THE NEED FOR MULTIPLE FEDERAL AND STATE ENTITIES WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION TO COMPLETE THEIR FINDINGS.
- THERE ARE TWO STOP WORK ORDERS IN FORCE IN THE VILLAGE, BOTH FOR CONSTRUCTION OR EXCAVATION WITHOUT A PERMIT.
- THE CLERK HAS UPDATED THE LIST OF ALL BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO THE VILLAGE'S BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND LICENSE REQUIREMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL OF THOSE BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE.
- THE CLERK HAS COORDINATED WITH NM ALCOHOL AND GAMING TO UPDATE THE LIST OF BUSINESSES AND PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE VILLAGE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE AND, PER STATE LAW, LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCE.
- ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE'S JOINT UTILITY FUND ALERTING THEM TO THE CHANGE IN RATES AND PROVIDING WEB ADDRESSES AND HYPERLINKS TO THE RESOLUTION AND INFORMATION ON HOW THE RATES ARE CALCULATED AND THE FUNDS ARE USED.
- ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST TO REDUCE, ELIMINATE, OR POSTPONE NON-CRITICAL EXPENSES UNTIL THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, IN ORDER BOOST YEAR-END RESERVES AND CARRYOVER BALANCES GIVEN CURRENT GRT PROJECTIONS.