

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, May 5th, 2025, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:05am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Kent Kiehl, Jim Woodard and Ben Pitz.

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved (Motion: Jim, Second: Kent, Unanimous). The minutes for the March 3rd, 2025, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting were also approved (Motion: Jim, Second Kent, Unanimous).

Public Safety Committee:

Smart Water Meter Installation Status

The Village is working with TSVI to assume responsibility for Smart Meter Monitoring of the meters that the TIDD and TSVI installed last summer. The transfer is expected to be complete by this September. The Village has decided to cancel the Zenner contract and use Neptune Ultrasonic Meters. These meters are new technology versions of the meters the Village has been using for quite some time. These meters will ultimately be retrofitted with a remote turnoff capability. Rick did say that the new meters are more accurate and likely to read higher levels use since the old mechanical meters understate water use.

Recycling Status

The Northern New Mexico Recycling Project Grant has been approved at \$8M, which would cover a new recycling building at the County Landfill site and some local recycling containers. Initial thoughts of the Village and TSVI starting a limited recycling program in the Spring are

now on hold since the grant will include the initial costs for local containers PLUS a truck to take containers down to the recycling center but would not be reimbursed if the Village started early. There is currently no timeline for this project.

Kachina Park/ PARC Grant Status

Rick stated that grading, cleanup and gate replacement at Kachina Park will be done in concert with the \$94K PARC Planning Grant, which has been approved, and the money is available. Many of these are items are part of cost sharing for the Grant. Work will hopefully start in July and be completed by Fall. Gabe, Rick and the PARC committee will tour the area and finalize planning as soon as the snow melts and the roads are graded and treated for dust. The three contracts for this work are being prepared and should be on the agenda for the May 16 Village Council Meeting.

ATV Usage on Village Roads

The ATV Ordinance is delayed while Camping and Parking Ordinance is debated. Rick is working on an ATV Ordinance which should be ready for a first reading at the June Regular Village Council Meeting. The Ordinance needs to be consistent with the State rules and regulations for ATV's. However, Rick believes that ATV use can be regulated and avoid the Village being overrun with ATV's.

Gondolita Crossing on Upper Sutton Place

The hotel construction is currently on hold. Fixing the crossing is one of the last things to be done as part of the construction process. There are plans to fix the crossing and hopefully the work will be done before winter, but it awaits the construction of the hotel.

Signage Standards

Rick said that there have been discussions to manage overuse of hiker parking and the Williams Lake Summer and Winter Trails involving the Forest Service, TSVI, the Village, and the Chamber. There is a meeting scheduled for June to determine who is in charge and what role the Gondola could play in the solution. Signage has taken a bit of a backseat, but it is an issue to be worked in the PARC Grant so he will continue to work the issue.

Parking and Camping Ordinance Status

The Draft Parking and Camping Ordinance was the spark that started the multiagency discussions described above to deal with the overuse of the Williams Lake Trail all the way back to Route 150.

Miscellaneous Items

Firewise Board:

CWPP/NFL Grants Status

Garrett was not available to provide an update, but property owners who wish to discuss thinning should contact Garrett.

Underground Power

A contractor has been selected to do the trenching for Village rights of way. The plan is to finish the trenching for the houses on Porcupine then move to Amizette and complete those properties. Rick believes that there is money to finish all the trenching for underground power on Village right of way this summer.

Microgrid, Battery Power Status

KCEC will be reporting on these projects at the Village Council Meeting on the 16th of May. It looks like the siting will be on a combination of Village and TSVI property. Timelines, storage times and other features will be presented at the meeting.

Natural Gas Line Extension of Upper Twining

While there are not as many applications as hoped, Jim and Bob are planning to complete the application process this summer. Henry offered to obtain Warranty Deeds from the County for applications in hand.

Real Exercise Planning

Virgil stated the Tabletop Planning Exercise was held on April 26th. Questa Youth Center from 1pm to 4pm. Tabletop Exercises are run in preparation for a Real Time Exercise.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on June 7^{2nd}, 2025, via Zoom.

James B Woodard