

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico held at 10am on Monday, June 2nd, 2025, 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, Bob Thomas, Michael Chandler, Jim Woodard and Ben Pitz.

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved (Motion: Bob, Second: Jim, Unanimous). The minutes for the May 5th, 2025, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting were not approved as the date was wrong. The minutes will be addressed next month.

Public Safety Committee:

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 this 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, but probably a Spring of 2026 start at the earliest.

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 have been signed.

ATV Usage on Village Roads

The committee debated the need for an ATV Ordinance. Virgil stated that there has not been much of a problem with ATVs in the Village. TSVI and Fire and Rescue use these vehicles to support important activities in the Village. The general feeling was that ATVs could be managed with vehicle regulations. All agreed that ATVs would not be allowed in Kachina Park if motorized vehicles were prohibited.

Signage Standards

Rick said that he had signed a contract with Gizmo as part of the Trails Plus Grant to develop uniform signage standards for the entire Enchanted Circle. A standard should be available this summer.

Parking and Camping Ordinance Status

A Draft Parking and Camping Ordinance is expected to be presented to the Village Council at the June Regular Meeting. The Forest Service has left this in Village hands.

Sign by Trash Compactor

Rick said he was not aware of the sign or its state of disrepair. He said he would drop by and take a look. However, he said that the whole area would need to be modified with the installation of the MicroGrid Battery Storage System.

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. Discussions are underway with Kit Carson to explore an advance of the Franchise Fees to enable more work to be done in Upper Twinning.

Microgrid, Battery Power Status

Rick expects the Microgrid Battery System to be installed this summer on the Village Property next to the Sewer Plant. Such a system will provide several benefits to the Village. It is expected to bring Village Water closer to Amizette. It should improve the quality of power in the Village overall. It should also provide up to 8 hours of power in case power in the line from town is lost.

Natural Gas Line Extension of Upper Twinning

While there are not as many applications as hoped, Jim and Bob have submitted 11 applications for Natural Gas to New Mexico Gas. Jim will follow up with them to track progress. It was noted that at least one insurance company has insisted that trees surrounding above ground propane tanks be removed. Bob said he would communicate such concerns to the Upper Twinning property owners.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on July 7th, 2025, via Zoom.

James B Woodard