



**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, OCTOBER 17, 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 p.m. Notice of the meeting was properly noticed.

2. ROLL CALL

Marlene Salazar, Village Clerk, called the roll and a quorum was present.

Governing Body Present:

Mayor Stanek

Councilor Turner

Councilor Stagg

Councilor Wittman

Councilor Caldwell (attended later)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

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).

Citizen Trudy Dileo spoke raising concerns about Councilor Chris Stagg's eligibility to run for the TIDD board due to his settlement with the New Mexico State Ethics Commission regarding conflicts of interest with regard to voting on Village Council issues that affect the Taos Ski Valley, as his employer. Mrs. Dileo stated Councilor Stagg's employment with TSVI would directly impact his ability to make decisions and discuss or vote on any issues that come before the TIDD board since all TIDD issues directly involve TSVI, as the sole developer for the TIDD. Mrs. Dileo asked the Mayor and Council to remove this member from the TIDD ballot due to conflicts of interest.

Mayor Stanek stated that he believed that it is not legally within the purview of the Council to determine who is and who is not eligible to run for elected positions. He asked for the concurrence of the Village legal counsel.

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) Commission Chair Wittman reported no meeting was held in October 2025.

B. Public Safety Committee (Councilman Henry Caldwell) No reports

C. Firewise Community Board (Councilman Henry Caldwell) No reports

D. Parks & Recreation Committee (Joan Woodard) Committee Chair Woodard provided an update on Parks and Recreation, including trail work, a master plan for park trails, and plans for hiker parking improvements. Rocky Mountain Youth Corp completed all scheduled work and there are remaining funds to use for next summer 2026. Committee Chair Woodard reported three meetings will be held for community input. These meetings are scheduled as follows December 5, 2025 (virtual meeting only), December 7, 2025 in Taos and on December 17, 2025 in Taos Ski Valley (meetings subject to change). Data from the VTSV Chamber of Commerce was discussed. Items discussed included the continuing growth and visitation to the hiker parking and Kachina Basin area. Kachina Vista Park safety was discussed in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee. Items included closing the park in the winter and posting proper signage for avalanche safety/hazard. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be held on October 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (Councilman Chris Stagg) No Reports

F. TIDD (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman) Board Chair Wittman reported the next meeting of the TIDD Board will be held on October 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Board Chair Wittman reported that the lawsuit filed against the TIDD that was recently dismissed in favor of the TIDD, but has been appealed by Mr. Fitzpatrick. The TIDD Board is awaiting a response from the court at this time.

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

A. Enchanted Circle Council of Governments (ECCoG) (No meeting, no report)

B. Enchanted Circle Marketing Cooperative (Scheduled to meet later this month)

C. Taos Regional Landfill (TRF) (Meeting Thursday, per Village Administrator's Report)

D. North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) (No report)

E. Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO) (No report)

F. North Central Economic Development District (NCEDD) (No meeting, no report)

G. Rio Hondo Watershed District (RHWD) (Met in September re: wildfire efforts, no report)

H. San Juan Chama Water Contractor's Association (SJCCA) (per Village Administrator's Report)

DISCUSSION: Village Administrator Bellis reported all regional reports were provided in the Council packet. Village Administrator Bellis acknowledged and thanked Councilor Stagg for attending the Taos Regional Landfill Board meeting on his behalf, due to a conflict in scheduling.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT (Mayor Chris Stanek) Mayor Stanek thanked the Neighborhood Association for hosting the recent Candidates Forum. Mayor Stanek also commended Geoffrey Plant (Taos News) in moderating the Candidates Forum along with the help of resident Michael Chandler.

Mayor Stanek also commended all participants running for office and encouraged residents to get out and vote.

10. ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Attached. (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator) Village Administrator Bellis reported all details were provided in the council packet. Village Administrator Bellis also added and covered several key updates, including the 90% completion of the U.S. Forest Service project, which aligns with the village's concerns and Taos Ski Valley Inc.'s recommendations. Administrator Bellis mentioned that the Forest Service is now open to enforcing regulatory measures, such as managing camping and parking, which were previously creating issues for park users, the Village and residents. Administrator Bellis also discussed the need to update the ICIP project order, and that staff are currently addressing the need for more accurate historical and comparative data on water production and consumption, which will also be addressed in an executive session. The village received a waiver for its Water Trust Board application and proposed a phased series of five one-year consecutive design and construction cycles.

11. FINANCE REPORT

Attached. (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Officer)

Financial update presentation. (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Director)

Finance Director Griesedieck reported all information was included in the council packet. Finance Director Griesedieck reported all gross receipts tax is down 26% year-to-date, but new water rates have led to a 16% increase in revenues for July, August, and September compared to last year.

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. COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE FY 2026 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL DATA DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION BY OCTOBER 31, 2025.

B. RESOLUTION 2025-37: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE FY2026 BUDGET (BAR) INCREASING BUDGETED EXPENSES IN THE WATER & WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO INCORPORATE FY26 RATE STUDY CONTRACT

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. OTHER BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Village Administrator Bellis proposed that each committee/board conduct a needs assessment in November 2025 to identify priorities for the coming year's budget and the need to prioritize and rank these projects along with the ICIP.

A. PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deadline for RFP for on-call architectural, planning and design services has passed, with 5 responses received, which are being scored, and interviews are being scheduled with the finalist(s).

16. LEGAL UPDATE/STATUS REPORT

None

17. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

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, 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, and 10-15-1.H (2) limited personnel matters.

TO RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

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

reported that no decisions were made in this 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, and 10-15-1. H (2.) limited personnel matters.

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2025: REGULAR MEETING. 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 meetings on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM

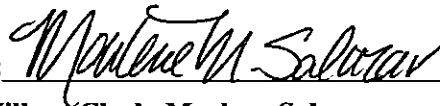
The Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

20. ADJOURNMENT

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



Mayor Chris Stanek

Attest: 

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar