



## DRAFT MINUTES

### VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MEETING TO BE HELD VIA HYBRID - IN PERSON AND ONLINE MEETING ROOM LOCATED AT 102, 9 FIREHOUSE RD. TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 AT 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 PM. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

##### **Governing Body Present:**

Mayor Chris Stanek

Councilman Henry Caldwell

Councilman Doug Turner

Councilman Chris Stagg

Councilman Tom Wittman

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION: COUNCILOR WITTMAN SECOND: COUNCILOR STAGG PASSED: 4-0**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE NOVEMBER 21, 2025, REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

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#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

None

#### 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

- A. Discussion of non-agenda items only. Limited to 5 minutes per person. Please email [msalazar@vtsv.org](mailto:msalazar@vtsv.org) to sign up in advance so that you can be recognized.
- B. 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 to those directly affected.

#### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning & Zoning Commission (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)
- B. Public Safety Committee (Councilman Henry Caldwell)
- C. Firewise Community Board (Councilman Henry Caldwell)

- D. Parks & Recreation Committee (Committee Chair Joan Woodard)
- E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (Councilman Chris Stagg)
- F. TIDD (Mayor Pro Tem Tom Wittman)

## **8. REGIONAL REPORTS**

(All are 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 (No report)
- C. Taos Regional Landfill (TRF) (per Village Administrator's Report)
- D. North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) (per Village Administrator's Report)
- E. Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)(per Village Administrator's Report)
- F. North Central Economic Development District (NCEDD) (per Village Administrator's Report)
- G. Rio Hondo Watershed District (RHWD) (per Village Administrator's Report)
- H. San Juan Chama Water Contractor's Association (SJCCA) (per Village Administrator's Report)

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A. Mayor's Report (Mayor Chris Stanek)

## **10. ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Administrator & Staff Reports (Rick Bellis, Village Administrator)

## **11. FINANCE REPORT**

- A. Finance Report (Carroll Griesedieck, Village Finance Officer)

## **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. (NONE)

## **13. OLD BUSINESS**

(NONE)

## **14. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Reporting of the official 2025 General Election results/canvassing and acceptance by Council.

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- B. **RESOLUTION 2025-040**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2026 UPDATE TO THE  
VILLAGE WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**MOTION: COUNCILOR WITTMAN SECOND: COUNCILOR TURNER PASSED: 4-0**

- C. **RESOLUTION 2025-041**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING FINDINGS FOR AND DECLARATION OF AN  
EMERGENCY**

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- D. Approval by Council to grant authority to the Mayor to negotiate a Professional Services Contract, not to exceed 6 months, with the departing Village Administrator to complete certain outstanding grants and projects and to provide such services as deemed necessary by the Village to ensure a smooth transition, contingent upon the availability of funding.

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**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. A. Procurement Announcements (None)

**16. LEGAL UPDATES/STATUS REPORT**

**17. 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, 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 ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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**TO RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

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**18. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

(John Appel, Village Attorney)

**19. PERSONNEL**

- A. Recommendation of the Mayor for appointment of a candidate to the position of Village Administrator and ratification by Council.

**MOTION: TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND OFFER THE POSITION OF  
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO HENRI HAMMOND PAUL**

**MOTION: COUNCILOR WITTMAN SECOND: COUNCILOR TURNER PASSED: 4-0**

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

JANUARY 9, 2026: SPECIAL MEETING. The next 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, January 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM (Swearing in Ceremony) 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, January 16, 2026, at 1:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM& (Organizational Meeting) The Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: COUNCILOR WITTMAN SECOND: COUNCILOR TURNER PASSED: 4-0**

ATTEST:

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Mayor Chris Stanek

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Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar