

Minutes of the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting held at 10am on Monday, December 1st, 2025, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:00am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Henry Caldwell, Kent Kiehl, Michael Chandler, Bob Thomas and Jim Woodard.

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved (Motion: Bob, Second: Michael, Unanimous). The minutes for the November 3rd, 2025, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved (Motion: Bob, Second: Michael, Unanimous).

Public Safety Committee:

Brainstorm Safety Policy for Village Signs

The committee discussed the importance of signs and the desirability for having uniform formats across the Enchanted Circle but did not identify significant safety concerns or issues to add to the existing activities by PARC, the Village, or the Resort.

CWPP Update

Garret Hanson reviewed the recent grant application status. There is one promising application to the New Mexico Counties Association which administers BLM resources. Technically the Village falls under the Taos County CWPP which was updated in 2022, but it would be good to call out the special circumstances for the Valley.

Firewise Board

Dead and Down Experience in Angel Fire

Garrett summarized that the Angel Fire approach was too complicated and heavy handed. This resulted in frustrated citizens who threw up their hands and not do anything.

Brainstorm Dead and Down Approaches for TSV

Garrett reported that he had requested a grant to develop a fee-based approach for fire wise treatments of TSV properties. This might take the form of a property tax or utility bill increment for example. This would provide resources for property treatment and have the side benefit of keeping the firefighters employed, available and busy through the summer. The Firewise board was enthusiastic about exploring this kind of an approach and encouraged the Chairman to bring the concept before the Village Council at the next meeting. Garrett was encouraged to continue to develop to concept and be prepared to address the Council with options.

Firewise Annual Renewal Progress

Garrett stated that this would not a Village staff function and should be done by non-Village personnel. On further exploration it was discovered that last application was in 2023. Nothing has been done in 2024 or 2025.

Natural Gas Line Extension Update

Jim and Bob reported that Chris Baca of NM Gas has provided a tentative written estimate for extending the main natural gas line to the end of Upper Twining Rd, including trenching. Bob will explore with homeowners if the costs are acceptable and implore more lot owners to join in.

Miscellaneous Items

The committee wanted to ensure that the momentum developed on underground power not be lost with Robbie's departure. Henry agreed to set up something with Rick to explore options.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

The next meeting will be at 10am on January 5th, 2026, via Zoom.

James B Woodard