



**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, JANUARY 16, 2026 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 a quorum was present.

**Governing Body Present:**

Mayor Chris Stanek  
Councilman Matt Myers  
Councilman Doug Turner  
Councilman Chris Stagg  
Councilman Tom Wittman

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Councilor Wittman** requested the agenda be changed and modified, item 10.A needs to state Discussion and Approval of the Council to nominate a Mayor Pro Tem, and on the same item the assistant finance director from the personnel list needs to be removed.

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19TH, 2025 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**5. 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.**

**Citizen Mike Fitzpatrick** spoke about the urgent need for underground electrical services, and suggested a pause in TIDD contributions to accelerate the process.

**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 and those directly affected.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Planning & Zoning Commission (Councilman Tom Wittman)**

**Board Commission Chair Wittman** reported no meeting in January 2026; The next meeting of the

Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for February 2, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

**B. Public Safety Committee (Committee Chair Henry Caldwell)**

**Board Chair Caldwell** reported that a detailed report was presented during the Village Council Meeting held in December 2025. No other report at this time.

**C. Firewise Community Board (Committee Chair Henry Caldwell)**

No report

**D. Parks & Recreation Committee (Committee Chair Joan Woodard)**

**Committee Chair Woodard** reported a meeting was not held in November 2025 and December 2025 due to the holidays. **Committee Chair Woodard** stated Parks and Rec has been focusing on the comprehensive plan work and Trails Plus grant activities. **Committee Chair Woodard** confirmed the hybrid meeting on January 27, 2026 and new time at 3:00 PM and expressed gratitude for community input with the Trails Plus planning.

**E. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (Councilman Chris Stagg)**

No report

**F. TIDD (Councilman Tom Wittman)**

**Board Chair Wittman** reported a meeting would be held February 2, 2026. **Board Chair Wittman** stated he would propose changing the time of the TIDD meeting from 4:00 to a different time to improve attendance.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

**Mayor Stanek** thanked Public Works Director Vasquez and the Public Works team for resolving a water issue and welcomed Councilor Myers to his first Village Council Meeting.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

(All are included in the attached Department reports)

**Former Administrator Bellis** provided an update on the Capital Improvements Committee, noting that Ben Cook will organize a discussion with Mayor Stanek and provide a presentation for the Council. This will help to receive feedback from the Council on the direction of the Committee. **Former Administrator Bellis** provided a short update on the Water Trust Board application and reported that the Village applied for a waiver of the match and a waiver of the loan requirements, which would then turn the item into a forgivable loan. And lastly, **former Administrator Bellis** reported that the microgrid project is facing supply chain delays, making it difficult to meet any type of deadline.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

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

**Finance Director Griesedieck** reported decreases in gross receipts tax and larger stacks collections and an increase in property tax collections. All information was provided in the Council Packet.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion, and approval of the Mayor's appointment electing a Mayor Pro Tem and confirmation of the Persons Who Shall be Employed by the Municipality, including the Appointed Offices**

**AMENDED AGENDA ITEM 10.A:**

**MOTION:** Discussion and Approval of the Village Council to nominate a Mayor Pro Tem

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Stagg nominated Tom Wittman to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem

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

**AMENDED AGENDA ITEM 10.A**

**MOTION:** Confirm the persons who shall be employed by the Municipality, excluding the Assistant Finance Director position and including the Appointed Offices

**DISCUSSION:** Attorney Appel raised a point of order to address the confirmation of municipal employees, which was resolved with a motion to confirm all employees

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

- B. Consideration and possible approval of the Governing Body to renew and accept the Stifel Municipal Advisory Services Agreement Contract**

**AMENDED MOTION:** Consideration to approve the Governing Body to renew and accept the Stifel Municipal Advisory Services Agreement Contract

**DISCUSSION:** Council approved the Stiefel Municipal Advisory Services Agreement contract, with Councilor Myers noting the 30-day termination clause.

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

- C. Council acceptance of the FY2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial to be submitted to the NM Dept. of Finance, Local Government Division by January 31, 2026.**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council then accepted the FY26 second quarter financial report to be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance Local Government Division by January 31st, 2026.

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

- D. Consideration to Approve a FY27 Village Budget Calendar for financial planning and reporting**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council approved the FY27 village budget calendar, with the Annual Village Budget workshop scheduled for April 24-25.

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

- E. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of the 2026 Hourly Rate Unit Fee Schedule with (DEC) Dennis Engineering Company**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council approved the 2026 hourly rate unit fee schedule with Dennis Engineering Company.

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

- F. Discussion, consideration and possible approval to appoint and select a Representative to the Holy Cross Hospital Nominating Board of Trustees**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council approved the nomination of Henri Hammond-Paul, Village Administrator for the Holy Cross Hospital Nominating Committee, clarifying that the position was for the

committee, not the Board of Trustees.

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

**G. Discussion, consideration and possible approval of and permission to publish the Village 2026 Holiday Calendar**

**DISCUSSION:** The council approved the publication of the Village 2026 holiday calendar, correcting the date for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to January 19, 2026, and fixing the name spelling error.

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

**H. RESOLUTION-2026-001 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

**I. RESOLUTION-2026-002 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREWISE COMMITTEE**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council approved three resolutions regarding public meeting notices for various committees. Attorney Appel clarified the distinction between statutorily mandated committees (like Planning and Zoning) and informal Village Committees, noting that while formal resolutions for informal committees are not required, they are considered good practice. All resolutions passed with Attorney Appel agreeing that while formal resolutions for advisory committees are not mandatory, they help ensure transparency and compliance with public participation requirements.

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

**J. RESOLUTION-2026-003 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED Parks and Recreation Committee (PARC)**

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

**K. RESOLUTION-2026-004 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STURGIS STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AS THE GOVERNING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL AND ALL VILLAGE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BODIES, AND THEIR MEETINGS**

**DISCUSSION:** The Village Council approved Resolution 2026-004 establishing Sturgis as the governing rules of procedure for the Village of Taos Ski Valley.

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

**11. MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilor Wittman corrected the date of the TIDD meeting to January 19th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

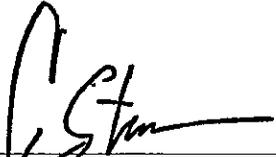
**12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

02/20/2026-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 meeting on February 20, 2026, at 1:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM and the Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Mayor Chris Stanek

ATTEST:

  
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Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar