



**VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL 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, APRIL 24, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The Special meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Mayor Chris Stanek at 1:05 pm. Notice of the meeting was properly posted.

2. ROLL CALL

Governing Body Present:

Mayor Chris Stanek

Councilman Matt Myers

Councilman Chris Stagg

Absent:

Councilman Doug Turner

Councilman Tom Wittman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Stagg **SECOND:** Councilor Myers **PASSED:** 2-0

4. PRESENTATION

- A. FY 2026-27 Village of Taos Ski Valley Budget and Financial Direction Presented by Henri Hammond-Paul, Village Administrator & Carroll Griesedieck, Finance Director

The special Village Council meeting (Budget Workshop) focused on budget and finance. Village Administrator Hammond-Paul reported on the FY27 municipal budget of \$12.8 million. Village Administrator presented a comprehensive overview of the village's economic outlook, revenue challenges, and a proposed shift toward outcomes-based budgeting, emphasizing the need to diversify revenue streams beyond the current heavy reliance on gross receipts tax from tourism. The discussion covered major budget categories including public works infrastructure (\$6 million), general government (\$2.4 million), and public safety (\$2.5 million), with particular attention to critical needs like purchasing a grader for public works, implementing 24-7 fire department coverage, and modernizing village operations through AI tools and digital systems. Key initiatives discussed included a new website launch, utility billing system improvements, and potential transportation services, while the council also addressed staff

compensation through vacation time buy-downs and cost of living adjustments ranging from 5–7%.

B. Questions, comments, discussion

5. LUNCH BREAK

6. NEXT STEPS

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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ATTEST:

Mayor Chris Stanek

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar