



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & FIREWISE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Henry Caldwell at 10:03am. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Michael Chandler, Henry Caldwell and Jim Woodard.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Discussion and approval of today's Agenda

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved (Motion: Michael, Second: Jim Unanimous).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and approval of minutes of the March 2, 2026, meeting.

The minutes for the March 2nd, 2026, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting were approved (Motion: Michael, Second: Jim, Unanimous).

4. PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREWISE BOARD

A. Update on 60 Day Fire Mitigation Plan – Henri Hammond-Paul

Henri Hammond-Paul stated that the document would be a high level, open-ended document for the Village to use in making tradeoffs on the most cost-effective mitigation strategies. The plan will include some discussion of undergrounding of all power lines and clearing of lots with excessive undergrowth and dead and downed trees. Another element of the plan will be improving communication with the various organizations which would be involved in the event of a fire in the Valley. Henri reiterated that both money and staff time were very limited, so we must make the most effective progress with what we have.

B. Community Forestry Program Update – Garrett Hanson
Garrett Hanson was not available. His report was provided by Henri

C. Hurst Wood Boiler Proposal– Garrett Hanson
Henri stated that discussions were ongoing with the State and TSVI. The cost to move the boiler were on the order of \$600,000 which vastly exceeds the available Village resources. Grants would have to be provided. He did say that there were at least 2 years of slash available to burn in various parts of the village. The boiler would provide a resource as the Village continues to clear lots and create defensible space.

D. CWPP Grant Update
Henri Stated that he felt good about the proposal. We should know something next month.

E. Kachina Road Bypass Status – Henri Hammond-Paul
Henri will provide more information next month on the plan for using the road as an evacuation resource.

F. VTSV Recycling Program Update – Henri Hammond-Paul

Henri will provide more information next month on a VTSV Recycling Program.

G. Natural Gas Extension Update – Bob Thomas
Bob Thomas Was not available.

H. Time for next meeting - all

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE /FIRWISE BOARD

May 4, 2026-REGULAR MEETING. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee /Firewise Board of the Village of Taos Ski Valley will be held as a hybrid in-person and on-line meeting on May 4, 2026, at 10:00 am 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>.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Attest:



Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar