



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & FIREWISE BOARD 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
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

Henry Caldwell called the meeting to order at 10:04am on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Notice of the meeting was properly announced.

Members present were Michael Chandler, Bob Thomas, Jim Woodard, Henry Caldwell.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion and approval of minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting.

Discussion and approval of minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting. The minutes for the April 6th, 2026, meeting were approved. (Motion: Michael Chandler, Second: Bob Thomas, Unanimous)

4. PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREWISE BOARD

A. Council Reaction to the Fire Mitigation Plan – Henri Hammond-Paul

Henri Hammond-Paul was unable to attend the meeting. The consensus of those present was that the plan was well done and very well received by the Council. Jim Woodard took the action item to contact Henri before the next meeting and identify which of the 10 recommendations Henri was planning on pursuing and how he would like for them to be reported at these meetings. There was considerable discussion regarding Undergrounding Power. Christof Brownell presented a graphic showing the houses that are ready and nearly ready to connect to underground power. This presentation is shown below. Garrett said that he was exploring if the Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant could be used for Home Hardening including undergrounding electric power.

B. Community Forestry Program Update – Garrett Hanson

Garrett expects to receive final approval for the Community Forestry Grant this week. This grant will support Village firefighters treating lots and educating homeowners on ways to reduce the risk to their homes from a wildfire. It was suggested that the new Village website be used to advertise this opportunity to homeowners.

C. Hurst Wood Boiler Proposal– Garrett Hanson

Garrett reported that this was interesting idea, but the expense of movement and issues with ongoing supply of wood chips have put this proposal on the back burner. Priority is going to establishing an

ongoing Community Forestry Program.

D. CWPP Grant Update – Garrett Hanson

Garrett reported that he expects to hear about the grant to support rewriting the CWPP this month. He has a contractor lined up to assist. However, Garrett felt that the 60 Day Study on Fire Mitigation set to stage for the new CWPP and that considerable progress has been made.

E. Kachina Road Bypass Status – Henri Hammond-Paul

In Henri’s absence, Gabe reported that he would run the grader through Kachina Vista Park so that it could be used as an emergency access road if required. He expects this to be done in the next two weeks.

F. VTSV Recycling Program Update – Henri Hammond-Paul

No Discussion

G. Natural Gas Extension Update – Bob Thomas

Bob reported that he had set up a meeting with the coordinator of the latest extension up Twining Rd. Discussions with some of the people involved said that there was no Village money involved and described the process as “emotionally and financially draining”.

H. Miscellaneous Items

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

06/01/2026-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 June 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. 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

ATTEST:

Jim Woodard

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar