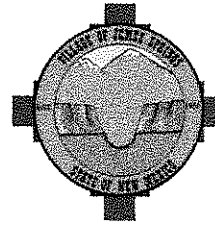




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Minutes for the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting
February 15, 2017 6:00 p.m. in the Village Council Room

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order. Present at the meeting were Mayor Wilson, Trustees Sweet, Sanchez, and Ryan, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, Police Chief Felix Nunez, Fire Chief Peter Dwyer, Paul Rael, Mike Farber, Larry Waisner, Don Conger, and Brian Appell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Sweet moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the agenda was approved with no opposition.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 18th Council Meeting

Trustee Ryan moved that the minutes be approved as written. Trustee Sweet seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Reports Submitted/Not Submitted

Mayor Wilson gave everyone a few minutes to look over the reports submitted, and then asked if there were any questions.

- a. Maintenance-Submitted
- b. Bath House-Submitted
- c. Library-Submitted
- d. Court-Submitted
- e. Wastewater-Submitted
- f. Police Chief-Submitted

Chief Nunez explained that he has been working with his contacts from the Village of Corrales and has received commitment from them to sell the Village two retired police cruisers for \$1 each. He may also be able to get an SUV for the Fire Department. One car could be kept for Village use and the other auctioned to add money to the police budget. Both cars would be stripped of the police equipment, and the radio (usually costs \$1,500) put into the new brush

truck. Chief Nunez may also be able to obtain new computer monitors and network equipment at no cost to the Village. He has talked to a traffic engineer about getting signs to increase awareness and safety near the fire station, and perhaps even a message board to warn commuters of hazards on the way to Los Alamos. Brian Appell expressed concerns about the "aesthetics" of such a sign.

g. Planning & Zoning Committee-Not Submitted

h. Fire Department-Submitted

Chief Dwyer explained that the department has been working towards getting the Village's ISO rating lowered. A lower ISO rating translates to lower property insurance rates and increased funding for the department. The brush truck, building improvements, and generator were steps on that path, and the final hurdle is having hydrants in the Village tested to substantiate water availability. Mayor Wilson explained that there are small line sizes above the Village and that flow may not be enough. However, Chief Dwyer said that the last time a pressure test was done at the Leyba Land, results were good. Mayor Wilson advised him to coordinate with John Kennedy of JSDWA. For the upcoming year, fire funding will likely be the same dollar amount although timing may be delayed. Administratively, this means we will have to carefully watch outflows of cash to ensure that money is available for the payment on the brush truck. The VFD will be working on gathering information from local businesses to put together a "Pre-Fire Plan" that will also help lower property tax rates, improve the ISO rating, and enhance the safety and planning ability of our first responders. Chief Dwyer gave the council copies of the VFD's STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES and asked the council to review them. Once the SOP's are refined, the council will need to make a resolution adopting the document. This will also help with ISO rating. Brian Appell questioned Chief Dwyer about the timing of the hydrant tests, wanting to be sure that the procedures wouldn't inconvenience his business. Chief Dwyer offered to communicate ahead of time with Appell and explained that the test only takes 2-3 minutes per hydrant. Finally, Chief Dwyer reported that JSVFD responded to a fire on Monday, February 13th behind Margy Hillhouse's property. It was likely a fire from Meth Lab or other form of arson.

i. Lodgers' Tax Board-Not Submitted

6. Village Clerk's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Dickey explained that the major revenue sources in January were still GRT and Property Taxes. Revenues will be slow until the spring. The library HVAC repair will mostly be covered by grant money. Public safety is over budget mainly because of the payout on former Chief Betz's accrued leave. Chief Nunez has presented the Village Office with some ideas to make up the shortfall. Maintenance and judicial are slightly over budget, but this is likely to work itself out by fiscal year end. Clerk is under budget by about \$13,000 mainly due to Lupita's absence. The VFD needs to watch spending very carefully.

7. Resolution 2017-001 In support of submitting a project package to NMDOT for road funds

Mayor Wilson outlined four possibilities for road projects: Sealing Mooney, combining the south entrance of the park onto Mooney and widening that part of the road, working on drainage at Sierra Court to prevent water damage, working on Canyon Road drainage for the same reason, and engineering for the south Mooney Bridge. Since the Village would have to provide 25% of the funds, we can only commit to one of the projects. Trustee Ryan moved that the resolution to submit a request for funding be adopted. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

8. Resolution 2017-002 Accepting Loan from DFA for Brush Truck

Trustee Sweet moved to adopt Resolution 2017-002 and accept the loan for the brush truck. Trustee Ryan seconded. A roll call vote followed with the following results: Mayor Wilson-aye,

Trustee Sweet-aye, Trustee Ryan-aye, Trustee Sanchez-aye. The resolution was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and act on need for any Resolution in response to USFS Wilderness Evaluation Plan

A few months ago, the Village Council considered passing a resolution opposing the characterization of land surrounding the Village of Jemez Springs as "Wilderness". Mayor Wilson has since participated in planning meetings with the Forest Service, and has come to understand that not much land near the Village would actually be affected. At this time, Mayor Wilson does not believe that the Wilderness Plan would harm the Village and recommends no resolution either for or against the plan. Trustee Ryan expressed concern that if too much land became "Wilderness" it could have a negative impact on visitors and the local economy. Trustee Sweet spoke in favor of wilderness areas in general, because they are marketable to a different segment. Trustee Sanchez explained that the impact is likely to be minimal. Mayor Wilson explained that the next phase of the Forest Service's planning process does allow for input from Villages, Pueblos, and other entities. Trustee Ryan moved that no resolution be passed now, and that the council revisit the issue after the next phase of planning. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

10. Authorize Mayor to sign Liquor Permit for Los Ojos to operate a beer garden at the Cabin Fever Festival

Trustee Ryan moved to authorize Mayor Wilson to approve the liquor permit. Trustee Sanchez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved

11. Discuss and act on continuing to allow the Farmers' Market to use the Village Park on Saturdays at no charge

Trustee Ryan made a motion that the Village Council continue allowing the Farmers' Market to use the Village Park on Saturdays free of charge. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the motion passed with no opposition.

12. Update on Legion/Farber/Waisner Music Event at the Leyba Land

The event is planned for Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Mr. Waisner reported that he has gotten commitment from 7 bands of varying musical styles. He has visited with Chief Nunez to plan security and traffic control. Chief Nunez recommends hiring 10 private security personnel to keep the Village from having to pay overtime for our own officers. Mr. Conger has spoken to Brian Appell, who is willing to help. Appell asked whether the event would be adults only, but this will be a family friendly event so he will need to contain the beer garden as with other events like Cabin Fever. Conger is scheduled to appear on KKOB to promote the event, is working on other promotions through the American Legion, and will visit out legislators to advocate for the event. Mr. Farber suggested that local acts could play at the gazebo to support the concert and draw visitors through the Village. The council said this was okay, and reminded the group that grounds must be cleaned after the event. It was also suggested that local 4-H, FFA, or other clubs be recruited to help with parking and any proceeds be split with those organizations. Overall, planning for the event seems to be going very well.

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson reported that Legislation has been introduced that could change election protocols, but no changes have been made yet. He did go to the legislature and visit with Stephanie Garcia-Richard. Wilson spoke in support of the Lodgers' Tax changes that would include collection from "Air B & B" and similar lodging, and informed Garcia-Richard that the Village of Jemez Springs is against HB50. Mayor Wilson also went to a meeting with the

Midregion Transportation and asked about changing the south entrance to the Village Complex. They will help us get an evaluation. Meanwhile, Wilson is looking for an attorney to review the loan documents for the brush truck.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider

Mayor Pro Tem Grider was not present.

b. Trustee Sweet

Trustee Sweet said that the Library will be hosting a party on September 10th at Jemez Falls for Volunteer Appreciation and asked whether there were any other events in conflict with this date. The council could not think of any. Sweet shared some disappointing news about the 1% for the Arts funding, which has been clawed back by the state. Trustee Sweet expressed his frustration and disapproval.

c. Trustee Sanchez

Trustee Sanchez had nothing to report.

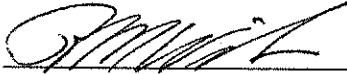
d. Trustee Ryan

Trustee Ryan reminded the council that there is a farewell party for the Griders this Sunday, February 19th at the fire station in La Cueva. Mayor Wilson showed the council the plaque that we ordered for Mayor Pro-Tem Grider. Clerk/Treasurer Dickey explained that the Village will try to plan a second party specifically for Pam in the first two weeks of March if the Griders are still in town.

14. Adjournment

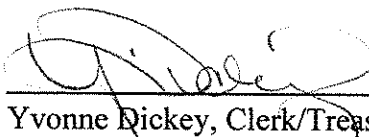
At about 8:30 p.m. Trustee Ryan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sweet seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Approved March 15, 2017



Robert M. Wilson, Mayor

Attest:



Yvonne Dickey, Clerk/Treasurer