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DAVID RYAN  
Trustee  
DR. JULIETTE MULGREW  
Trustee

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Minutes for the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting  
May 17, 2017 6:00 p.m.  
Village Council Room

1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Wilson. Also present at the meeting were Trustees Sweet, Sanchez, and Ryan, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, Police Chief Felix Nunez, newly hired Reserve Officer Pat Mooney, and several members of the community.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

*The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. Approval of Agenda

*Trustee Sweet moved that the Agenda be approved, but that we move item 9 up to right before the Approval of the Minutes so that the new Trustee can participate. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.*

4. Appoint new trustee and elect Mayor Pro-Tem

*Mayor Wilson nominated Dr. Juliette Mulgrew as a new trustee. Dr. Mulgrew introduced herself, accepted the nomination, and expressed a desire to help and be more involved in the community. Trustee Ryan moved that Dr. Mulgrew be appointed, and Trustee Sanchez seconded. Dr. Mulgrew was unanimously approved as a new trustee. Mayor Wilson asked Trustee Sweet if he was willing to become Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustee Sweet accepted the nomination. Trustee Sanchez moved that Sweet be approved as Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustee Ryan seconded, and Sweet was unanimously approved as Mayor Pro-Tem.*

5. Approval of Minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and May 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

*Trustee Ryan noted that he did not attend the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, but that Trustee Sanchez was here. (Ms. Dickey was at training out of town for that meeting, and a different person took the minutes.) Trustee Sweet asked that his desire to work on refurbishing the old fire station be noted in the Mayor's Report section. Trustee Sweet moved to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes as corrected. Trustee Sanchez*



*seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. Trustee Ryan moved that the May 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and those minutes were approved with no opposition.*

6. Presentation by John Taschek, Environmental Consultant for NM DOT.

*Mr. Taschek was joined by Roxanne Blatz, who also consults for NM DOT. Ms. Blatz started by explaining that the DOT has evaluated the bridge nearest the Forest Service Office, and found it to be in poor condition. It also lacks a sidewalk, making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. The DOT has secured funding from federal and state sources, and the project will begin in April or May of 2018. As part of the planning, three alternatives have been developed. The DOT's preferred alternative is to shift the bridge west into the Trujillo's field, widening it and adding pedestrian/cyclist access at the same time. The DOT has already begun negotiating with the Trujillo family and is contacting utility companies whose infrastructure will be impacted by the project. The project is expected to cost \$4,000,000 and is fully funded. Trustee Sweet said that he plans to attend the next public meeting and request that 1% for the Arts be part of the project. Ms. Blatz told him this meeting should occur in mid-June. Mr. Taschek explained that because some federal funds will be used on the project, a NEPA evaluation is taking place. This evaluation so far has identified the need for preservation of wildlife habitat. He also noted that there are culturally significant petroglyphs on the rock face to the west of the highway, and that stabilization of this surface will be included to preserve the petroglyphs. Ms. Blatz explained that the project will affect the stretch of Highway 4 between Sandoval Road and mile marker 19. She left drawings of the proposed project for the Council's information.*

7. Reports Submitted/Not Submitted

- a. Maintenance-Submitted
- b. Bath House-Submitted
  - i. Approval of new hire and resignation-Tatiana Osorio has resigned as attendant so she can return to college. Leandra Baca has been hired in her place.
- c. Library-Submitted, Librarian Janet Phillips also passed out information on the library's summer program. Trustees Sanchez and Ryan complimented her on the planning and completion of the "facelift" to the conference room.
- d. Court-Submitted
- e. Wastewater-Submitted
- f. Police Chief-Submitted-Chief Nunez has scheduled a forum with other local law enforcement entities in order to share information and try to formulate valley-wide plans to combat the break-ins and to create cohesive traffic strategies for upcoming events like the Southwest Racing event and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - i. Approval of new hire-Patrick Mooney has been hired as a reserve officer.



- g. *Planning & Zoning Committee-Not Submitted. Trustee Ryan asked how things were going for the P & Z Committee. Mayor Wilson explained that Joe Bowen is conducting the meetings, however no chairperson has been selected. Meanwhile, Ms. Dickey will learn as much as she can so there is some knowledge of P & Z procedures at the Village Office.*
- h. *Fire Department-Submitted*
- i. *Lodgers' Tax Board-Submitted*

#### 8. Village Clerk's Report

*Ms. Dickey explained that Gross Receipts Tax received is still quite low. A large reimbursement from the Library Grant is pending-this money will reimburse the general fund for the improvements to the conference room. Ms. Dickey and the Mayor have been working together to establish the Interim Budget, which needs to be approved at this meeting.*

#### 9. Resolution 2017-008 Approving Interim Budget

*Several factors were considered during the development of the Interim Budget. One of the largest factors affecting budgeting right now is uncertainty with the State Legislature. There also seems to be a great deal of variability with GRT received, and yearly increases in insurance and other expenses. In addition, minimum wage requirements may change. All this has led to the conclusion that the budget must remain as flat as possible, with some departments even receiving modest cuts. There will be no planned increase in any employee salaries. Overall, the Interim Budget is very conservative, and for the time being it is best to count on only minimum allocations from the state. Trustee Ryan advocated keeping the MVD viable because of the service it provides to the community. The Mayor explained that the Interim Budget is needed so that the Village can function from July-September. The final budget will be due at the end of July.*

*Trustee Ryan moved that the Interim Budget and the Resolution adopting it be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Mayor Wilson-aye, Mayor Pro-Tem Sweet-aye, Trustee Sanchez-aye, Trustee Ryan-aye, Trustee Mulgrew-aye.*

#### 10. Upcoming Events

- a. *Southwest Racing Gathering at Leyba Land-Greg Mondragon of Racing Southwest addressed the council. He explained that the car club would like to use the Leyba Land as a staging area to avoid the traffic jam that has happened in previous years. The event will be on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-4:00. It will be an alcohol free event, and vendors will be present at the Leyba Land. Chief Nunez said he has been in communication with adjoining jurisdictions to plan traffic control since the event starts at the Santa Ana Star Center and ends at the Valles Caldera. In case of overflow from the Leyba Land, traffic will be diverted to the Credit Union and Madonna Hall. Parking will be directed and the goal is to have a fun and peaceful event while keeping Highway 4 clear. Mr. Mondragon has recruited 20 volunteers just for traffic control. The*



*trustees agreed to allow use of the Leyba Land with the conditions that trash will be picked up, portable toilets provided, and traffic well controlled. Chief Nunez added that a Christian Motorcycle Riders' Group would like to use the gazebo for a picnic on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.*

- b. Update on Music Event at Leyba Land-The music event to benefit Homeless Veterans is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> and members of the American Legion have planned for portable toilets, vendors, and crowd control. Hopefully the event will be a success.*
- c. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration-Joy Bandy has begun to organize the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, which will fall on a Tuesday this year. She has created applications for vendors and parade participants. She is seeking outside purveyors of food and beverages. Chief Nunez suggested increasing vendor fees and creating different brackets based on the goods or services provided. This is an idea to explore next year. Ms. Bandy said the theme for the parade this year is "The Spirit of the Jemez". Former Chief Harry Betz will be in charge of the fireworks display.*

**11. Salvage Sale-approve items to be sold.**

*The list of items to sell has not been fully compiled yet, and the Mayor said this item should be postponed until the next council meeting.*

**12. Discuss ICIP Priorities**

*Ms. Dickey passed out a copy of the last ICIP to each council member. Mayor Wilson asked the Trustees to begin thinking of Capital Improvement projects and their priorities for discussion and selection at the July council meeting.*

**13. Mayor's Report-Mayor Wilson reported that he has talked to Representative Stephanie Garcia-Richard and that during their discussion, she expressed optimism that some of the budgetary uncertainties at the State level will be resolved during the special legislative session. The Mayor also visited with Lee Yardman of Sandoval County public works. Mr. Yardman would like to store extra dirt for local road maintenance at the Leyba Land. This can benefit the Village as well as the County if timed correctly as Mr. Yardman has agreed to use some of the fill dirt to improve drainage at the Leyba Land. The use of the skate park as a fenced area in which residents can do off-leash dog training was brought up. Trainers would have to be vigilant about cleaning up after their dogs, and if others arrive to use the skate park, the dogs would have to be leashed again. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.**

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem-Mayor Pro-Tem Sweet commented on the success of the Plein Air Painting group that worked in the area earlier in May. He complimented the organizers, Susan Vigi-Vigil and Jemez Fine Arts, and stated that the group should be encouraged to return.*

- b. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez thanked Dr. Mulgrew for her willingness to serve on the Village Council.
- c. Trustee Ryan-Trustee Ryan expressed the same sentiments and welcomed Dr. Mulgrew to the council.
- d. Trustee Mulgrew-Trustee Mulgrew thanked the other council members for the opportunity to become more involved in the community and said she was excited to begin.

14. Adjournment-At approximately 8:30 p.m. Trustee Sanchez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Ryan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.



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Approved, Mayor Bob Wilson



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Attest, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey