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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING:
FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Present were Mayor Sweet, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan, Trustees Wilson, Sanchez & Sweet, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, Police Chief Felix Nunez, and Monique Alton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Mayor led the pledge.
3. Tour of Remodeled Bath House-The council went to the Bath House to see all the new renovations. The Bath House looks great, although we are still waiting on our contractor to re-roof the building.
4. Approval of Agenda-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Minutes from 1-16-19 Meeting-Trustee Wilson moved that the minutes from last meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the minutes were approved with no opposition.
6. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-Submitted
 - b. Bath House-Submitted. The first week after reopening has been spectacular, with the Bath House averaging 36 soaks a day! Mayor Sweet also pointed out that lower revenues this

past year may be attributable to the forest closure and the well problem. The Bath House has faced a lot of adversity this fiscal year, but hopefully between the renovations, the online reservation system, and the advertising we have invested in, things will get back on track.

- c. Library-Submitted
 - d. Court-Submitted
 - e. Wastewater-Submitted
 - f. Police Chief-Submitted-Chief Nunez explained that Officer Donally has taken a new job in Corrales. He has hired Marissa Pohl and Brandon Barber as new reserve officers.
 - g. P & Z Commission-Not Submitted
 - h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted
 - i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Submitted
7. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that all departments are within their budgets, however, public safety will need to slow their spending. It does appear that the Village's tax receipts will meet what was budgeted. Overall, work in the administrative department is going smoothly.
8. Discuss fees for use of Leyba Land-Ms. Dickey provided a proposed schedule of rates for use of Village Facilities. The council members agreed to take the proposal home and peruse it so we can make a policy next meeting.
9. Discuss Senate Bill 106 and its Ramifications for Lodgers' Tax-Senate Bill 106 has passed, and will become state law on 7/1/19. This bill removes the "fewer than 3 premises" exemption from the Lodgers' Tax Ordinance, allowing municipalities to collect Lodgers' Tax from Air B&B's and VRBO's. Ms. Dickey explained the process for the Village to adopt this ordinance so that it is effective 7/1/19 on our end as well. First, the Village must advertise the new ordinance for two weeks before the meeting in which the ordinance is to be approved-this ad should appear in the 5/1 issue of the Thunder. Then, there will be a public hearing before the 5/15 council meeting. During the 5/15 council meeting, we can pass the ordinance. Next, after the ordinance is passed, we need to


advertise it for another month, so it will appear in the 6/1 and 6/15 issues of the Thunder. This will fulfil our requirement of advertising, so on 7/1 the new ordinance finally will become effective. Trustee Wilson expressed his desire to send a letter to the Thunder in April just so there is a lot of early warning for those property owners who will have to start paying Lodgers' Tax. Ms. Dickey will follow up.

10. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet explained that he is still working towards obtaining the "Spirit Ranch" from the Paracletes. He met with Mr. Hiner from the Trust for Public Land, and although this will be a long process (up to two years), Mayor Sweet is optimistic. Also, a Star Party is being planned for March 30, and a grand re-opening party for the Bath House is also in the works. Ms. Alton volunteered to work on planning the July 4th celebration this year, and Mayor Sweet asked her to work with Billy Ehret. Everybody present expressed their appreciation for Ms. Alton's willingness to help out. The consensus was to have the July 4th celebration on the actual day, to have the parade and fireworks (if conditions allow), and that the theme will be "Jemez Healing". Ms. Alton will meet with Mayor Sweet in the next week or two to get some information and begin planning.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Nothing to report.
- c. Trustee Wilson-Trustee Wilson did remark that this year, it looks like there will be Capital Outlay funding available, which is excellent news.
- d. Trustee Sanchez-Nothing to report.
- e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet explained that "the run" in support of the bill allowing Naturopathic Practitioners to be licensed in NM was wildly successful. Dr. Sweet has been going to Santa Fe to testify before the legislature, and now the bill has passed the Senate! Hopefully it will also pass the House because it will enhance healthcare for many.

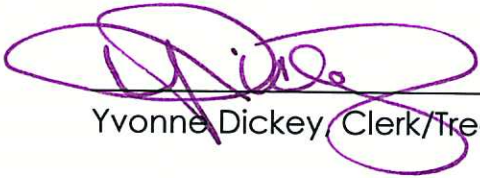
11. Adjourn-At approximately 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Approved at the regular meeting of the Village Council March 20, 2019



Roger Sweet, Mayor

Attest:



Yvonne Dickey, Clerk/Treasurer