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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

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1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. All members of the council were present, along with Wastewater Operator Karen Nalezny, Police Chief Nunez, Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey, P & Z Commissioners Joe Bowen, Mike Nealeigh, and Talia Michelle, and Rose Fenton.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-Mayor Sweet led the pledge.
3. Approval of Agenda-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the agenda be approved, but that the Resolution Accepting the Audit Report be postponed until next meeting since the auditors could not attend this meeting. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved with the change.
4. Approval of Minutes from 3-20-19 Meeting-Trustee Sweet moved that the minutes be approved as prepared. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the minutes were approved with no opposition.
5. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-Submitted
 - b. Bath House-Submitted. Mayor Sweet explained that there will be a "Grand Re-Opening" party for the Bath House on May 18th. Ms. Asmus-Otero is organizing the event and planning on inviting many key attendees. The party will include vendors and the focus is on healing and renewal.

- c. Library-Submitted
- d. Court-Submitted
- e. Wastewater-Ms. Nalezny gave her report in person. She told the council that New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is beginning to enforce the EPA's standard on Boron in sewer effluent. This standard would require Ms. Nalezny to treat her sewer water to below what is naturally present in the river. In fact, she would be required to treat the sewer water to a standard stricter than what has to be met for drinking water! The problem is that water from naturally occurring hot springs often contains dissolved Boron, so this is a problem faced by many mountain communities. Treatment is prohibitively expensive, and the sewer plant property may not be big enough to house a treatment facility even if we could build one. Ms. Nalezny has called NMED but has not received a reply. She will take new Boron samples, and then ask NMED for an exemption.

Meanwhile, Ms. Nalezny also noted that the plant has been in service for 17 years or more, and many little parts are beginning to wear out. Trustee Wilson encouraged her to communicate the Sewer Plant's needs better, so as Ms. Dickey prepares the budget for the new fiscal year, she can follow up with Ms. Nalezny to determine how to fund these repairs.

- f. Police Chief-Chief Nunez introduced Rose Fenton, who has volunteered to train a search and rescue canine for the JSPD. Ms. Fenton served in the Navy for over 25 years; much of that work was with canine teams. After her retirement from the armed forces, Ms. Fenton attended the Tom Rose School to become a master dog trainer. She is donating the training, so JSPD only needs to feed, house, and provide veterinary care for the dog. Ms. Fenton and Chief Nunez introduced "Bandit", the puppy who will hopefully become our first Canine Officer. Mayor Sweet asked whether "Bandit" was a

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good candidate, and Ms. Fenton said that he has good physical attributes like a long snout. Bandit is also a husky, which is a hard-working breed. Ms. Fenton will know more about his potential after she does a two-week "boot camp" beginning April 23rd. Mayor Sweet asked about liability issues and policies, and Chief Nunez explained that since this is a pilot project in its infancy, he does not have a policy yet, but will provide one to the council in the next two months. Trustee Sanchez asked if another canine could be provided if "Bandit" does not work out, and Ms. Fenton explained that she likely has access to another dog. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan expressed enthusiasm for the project.

Chief Nunez also reported to the council that JSPD received a Capital Outlay Grant for a new Police vehicle, and that the funds provided may also be enough to purchase a trailer in which to store law enforcement equipment and signs. He will have a proposal for the council by the next meeting.

Chief Nunez then explained that he has been in contact with JVPS about a school resource officer. There is a grant that the school could partner with the Village to obtain, and this grant would allow the school to hire a full time SRO (School Resource Officer). If the Village partners with JVPS, we could have the officer work full time for us when school is out. The Village could contribute by providing equipment for the officer and paying his or her overtime. Chief Nunez already has some candidates in mind.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan asked Chief Nunez about the rumor that Sandoval County is purposely withholding cross-commissions for funding purposes. This is a terrible situation for two reasons. First, it prevents our officers from responding to calls outside the Village limits even though they are most often closer than Sandoval County's Deputies. Secondly, county deputies have been told by their superiors that since "Jemez Springs has their own police force, (the deputies) can 'put their blinders on' and not respond" to trouble in the Village. So, a

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caller from just south of the Village (Sewer City), Areas 1, 2, 3, La Cueva, Seven Springs, Thompson Ridge, or Sierra los Pinos, who has a "Jemez Springs Address" could potentially be ignored by Sandoval County at the same time as JSPD Officers are prevented from responding. These residents are in a sense, not being served by any law enforcement despite their tax contributions to the County! Mayor Sweet recognized the problem and asked Chief Nunez what we should do. Chief Nunez said he will attempt to talk to personnel at the Sheriff's Department, and if that does not resolve the situation, a strongly worded letter to Sandoval County Commissioners may be in order.

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- g. P & Z Commission-Members of the P & Z Commission were in attendance and presented the council with a draft ordinance for Short-Term Occupancy Rentals (Air B&B/VRBO's). This ordinance, if adopted, would provide these property owners with guidance, ensure compliance with regard to Lodgers' Taxes, and require basic safety measures for their guests. Trustee Wilson had several questions about floodplain, businesses that already have conditional use permits, and other matters. There were also questions from the council about enforcement and inspections. Mr. Nealeigh asked the council to think about this ordinance over the next few weeks so that we can refine the proposed ordinance.
 - h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted
 - i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Not submitted
6. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that overall revenues collected are at 73% of budget (which is fine because the fiscal year is 75% over). Expenditures for most departments are right around that same percentage. As the interim budget is prepared, Ms. Dickey plans on visiting with each department head to assess needs and plan for the next year's activities. Public Safety's budget will definitely need to be increased. The audit was finally

completed, materials for the North Mooney Bridge were ordered, and the Bath House will be re-roofed in the next week.

7. Resolution 2019-02 Adjusting the Budget-Ms. Dickey explained that Public Safety will need a transfer from general funds to cover budget overrun. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the resolution be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

~~8. Resolution 2019-03 Accepting the Audit Report~~

9. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet told the council that the latest star party was a tremendous success, with more than 340 guests! He thanked Chief Nunez for ensuring that reserve officers were in the Village that night, and said that he is planning another star party with the historic site. Mayor Sweet is working with Matt Barbour to see if the historic site can help contribute for the reserve officers' salaries. Meanwhile, we need to order fireworks for July 4th and pick a Volunteer of the Year. He suggested Jemez Helping Hands, and the council concurred.

- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan explained that the cross-commission situation with Sandoval County puts the Village at an enormous risk if Chief Nunez responds to calls outside the Village. For now, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan recommends that Chief Nunez and his reserves work only inside Village limits until the situation is corrected. He shared his sentiment that a stern letter to the county manager may be in order.

- c. Trustee Wilson-Trustee Wilson had no comments.

- d. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez brought up an issue with MVD. Customers have told Mr. Sanchez that our MVD Clerk was rude to them. Ms. Dickey explained that there are two problems contributing to difficulties at the MVD. The list of

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documents customers have to provide (this list is dictated to all MVD's by Federal Law) is onerous and many customers become frustrated when they learn that so much documentation is required. The second part of the problem is a personnel issue that should either be addressed by Ms. Dickey (as part of her role as Human Resources manager) or addressed in an executive session. Ms. Dickey assured Trustee Sanchez that she would follow up. Trustee Sanchez also asked Ms. Dickey if the Friends of the Volunteer Fire Department could get mailing labels for another fundraiser. Ms. Dickey will get those for Trustee Sanchez in the next two weeks.

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e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet had nothing to report.

10. Adjourn-At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

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