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MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Sweet, Trustees Ryan, Sweet & Wilson, Chief Nunez, Maintenance Assistant Michael Betz, Librarian Janet Phillips, Representative Christine Chandler, Johnathan Hayden of the Forest Service, P & Z Chair Joe Bowen, Bath House Attendant Perian McBee, and several members of the community including Berta Shinaberry, Stan Renfro, Judith Isaacs, Glen Thamert, Steve Garritson, and Susan Nichols.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Mayor led the pledge.
3. Approval of Agenda-Trustee Wilson moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes from 7-17-19 Meeting-Trustee Wilson moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the minutes were approved without opposition.
5. Johnathan Hayden-Spirit Ranch-Mr. Hayden explained that he is the Land Use Program Manager with the national forest. He has been working with Mayor Sweet trying to obtain the Spirit Ranch property. This property surrounds the Village and would be a great addition to the National Forest's holdings, with the intention that the Village would become "joint stewards" of the land. Mr. Hayden explained that he wants to try to use Land & Water Conservation Funds, although the process to do so is lengthy. He explained the application process, which he is willing to complete on the Village's behalf. He said the process takes into consideration the quality of

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the land, community support, and proximity to other national forest properties. Based on these criteria, our application will be VERY strong. Since the purchase process can be lengthy and congress will have the ultimate say, we will need to be prepared for a long wait and also develop a strategy to help the Servants of the Paraclete (sellers) be patient. The soonest congress could act on our application is October of 2020, so in the meantime, the Trust for Public Land can help us hold the land. Mayor Sweet explained that Representative Chandler, Senator Udall, and Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia-Richard have all promised letters of support. Representative Chandler suggested reaching out to Senator Heinrich as well. Mayor Sweet asked what the Village can do with the land as "joint stewards" if the purchase goes through. Mr. Hayden explained that there will be a few restrictions, but making trails would definitely be listed on the land use plan as something we can do. Trustee Sweet asked whether we should gather letters of support now. Mr. Hayden said that if we gather our letters of support, he can attach them to our application. Trustee Sweet also asked how historic sites (if present) on the land would be protected. Mr. Hayden responded that the forest service will do a full survey and identify any sites of interest before we can build any trails.

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6. ICIP Discussion and Selection of Priorities, Resolution 2019-008-Capital projects were discussed and the council reached the consensus that the priorities for capital improvements will be: 1- Engineering for South Mooney Bridge, 2-Riverwalk behind Village Complex, 3-Library Improvements, 4-Economic Development like a Business Park and possible new admin offices, and 5-Police Equipment. Trustee Wilson moved that we approve Resolution 2019-008 and list these projects in this order on our ICIP. Trustee Sanchez seconded, and the resolution was approved unanimously.
7. Approve permit for Beer Garden during "I Heart Art" Labor Day Event-Trustee Wilson moved that the council approve permits for the Beer Garden on Labor Day weekend. Trustee Sweet seconded and the permit was approved without opposition.
8. Resolution 2019-009 In Support of Valles Caldera National Park designation as an "International Dark Skies Park"-Trustee Wilson moved that the council pass Resolution 2019-009, which simply states the Village's support of VCNP becoming an International

Dark Skies Park. Trustee Sweet seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved.

9. Berta Shinaberry presentation-*Ms. Shinaberry is part of the Los Alamos Study Group and spoke to the Council about her worries that the increased budget for LANL may signal increased pit manufacturing for new weapons. She expressed a desire to have a say in public forum and her frustration that the LANL budget process does not seem very transparent. She asked the council to pass a resolution asking LANL not to make any more pits for weapons. Trustee Sanchez explained that as a LANL employee, he has studied this budget also. While nobody is in favor of nuclear proliferation, the situation is not that simple. He assured Ms. Shinaberry that his information states that the vast majority of the funds will be used to renovate and repair existing LANL facilities, not to make pits. He explained that with so many LANL employees living in the Village, it would be impossible for the council to pass such a resolution without alienating constituents. Trustee Wilson asked Ms. Chandler if there was a way she could get more information as to the purpose of this large budget given to LANL. Ms. Chandler reassured everybody at the meeting; according to the information she has been given, the vast majority of the money will go to facilities as Trustee Sanchez said. Mayor Sweet commended Ms. Shinaberry on her grass-roots type organization and the passion with which she spoke. He recommended she continue to attend any public meetings given by LANL and to speak with their public relations office to better understand the situation. Ms. Shinaberry thanked the council, then she and Mr. Renfro, Ms. Isaacs, Mr. Thamert, Mr. Garritson, and Ms. Nichols left.*

10. Reports

a. Maintenance-Submitted.

b. Bath House-Submitted. *Perian McBee, an attendant at the Bath House, explained that she and Manager Anna Lovato have been visiting with Ms. Dickey at the admin office weekly to keep better track of the Bath House's financial performance. During the month of July, the Bath House was expected to bear a loss of about \$10,000 because of their Workers' Comp insurance bill. Instead, the Bath House earned a profit of close to \$5,000! These are excellent results,*

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so Ms. McBee and Ms. Lovato will continue to monitor, plan & adjust if necessary the Bath House's performance with input/guidance from Ms. Dickey.

c. Library-Submitted. Ms. Phillips explained that she has hired a new Library Aide, Dianne Duback. Ms. Phillips asked that the waiting period for benefits be waived so that Ms. Duback can begin contributing to PERA right away. The waiting period has been waived in the past for employees in similar situations. Trustee Sanchez moved that the waiting period for Ms. Duback be waived. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the motion was passed without opposition.

i. Appoint new Library Board Member, Hailey Cooper-Ms. Phillips also explained that new resident Hailey Cooper is willing to serve on the Library Board. She has been thoroughly vetted, and would be a great addition. Trustee Sanchez moved that the council approve Ms. Cooper's appointment to the Library Board. Trustee Sweet seconded and Ms. Cooper was unanimously welcomed to the Library Board.

d. Court-Submitted

e. Wastewater-Submitted

f. Police Chief-Submitted. Chief Nunez welcomed Michael Betz, who will be helping with maintenance on all Village Properties. Mr. Betz is working with us under a program offered by Workforce Solutions-this program pays 75% of his salary and the Village pays the other 25%. His focus will be catching up on some long overdue maintenance (Leyba Land for instance) and beautification.

g. P & Z Commission-Submitted

h. Volunteer Fire Department-Submitted

i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Submitted

11. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Submitted. Ms. Dickey explained that revenues are a bit ahead of what we expected, and it seems the Fiscal Year is off to a solid start. We are beginning to spend our new grant money and preparing for the audit. Ms. Zapata is healing from her surgery and very anxious to come back to work. In the meantime, Mayor Sweet has allowed Ms. Dickey to modify her schedule and Ms. Phillips has offered to let Ms. Duback come help

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at the admin office if needed. Ms. Dickey expressed appreciation for these measures while Ms. Zapata is out.

- a. Fixed Asset Certification-Ms. Dickey presented the council with a list of the Village's Fixed Assets. This is done so that the council is aware of what capital assets we possess. Trustee Sweet moved that the council approve the Fixed Asset Certification. Trustee Wilson seconded and the Fixed Asset Certification was unanimously accepted.

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12. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet-Mayor Sweet explained that he and Ms. Dickey met with three representatives from the LANL Community Outreach program, and discussed finding funding for the Village and residents to become Night-Sky compliant. Also discussed was planning for a business-cluster or other economic development initiative.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-Unable to attend.

c. Trustee Wilson-Nothing to report.

d. Trustee Sanchez-Nothing to report.

- e. Trustee Sweet-Trustee Sweet said she was approached by a community member who was concerned about some sort of spraying (pesticide?) being done from a vehicle. Perhaps it was NM Department of Health, although nobody on the council knows for sure. What is certain is that it was not anyone from the Village of Jemez Springs doing the spraying.

13. Adjourn-At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Sanchez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sweet seconded and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

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