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MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC AND REGULARLY SCHEDULED
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE JEMEZ SPRINGS BATH HOUSE

Public Meeting: Michael Nealeigh, Chair for Planning and Zoning gave a brief summary of Steep Slope Exemption regarding The Lands of Maggie Green lot 4.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present Mayor Sweet, Trustees Sanchez, Wilson, and Alton. Absent Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan. Also present were Chief Joe Moreno, Rose Fenton, Dan Tumenas, Jeff Bold, Michael Nealeigh, Talia Michelle, Fred Simmank, Scott Johnson, David Martinez, Dr. Greg Mertz, and Donna Sanchez.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Sanchez asked that item number 12, Brew house Rent Forgiveness Discussion be moved to number 7, and Wastewater be moved to number 12. Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the agenda as amended; Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of Minutes-12-20-2023

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Alton seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

5. Vote on Steep Slope Exemption

Following a Discussion, and assurance by Michael Nealeigh that all requirements have been met, and that this would set the president by which all Steep Slope applications would be approved or disapproved by, Trustee Alton moved to approve the Steep Slope Exemption for Daniel Tumenas & Gabrielle Bucci regarding the Lands of Maggie Green lot 4. Trustee Sanchez seconded. The Steep Slope Exemption was approved.

6. Jim Cox- Finance Advisor

a. Resolution 2024-001

Mayor Sweet on behalf of Jim Cox gave a summary on updates regarding the Village finances. Rose Fenton gave a brief discussion regarding Resolution 2024-001. Trustee Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-001. Trustee Sanchez seconded. Resolution 2024-001 was adopted.

7. Waste Water

a. Sewer Ordinance- Bath House Removal from Collection System

Rose Fenton stated the Bath House needed to be removed from the Waste Water collection system due to high Boron levels, which in her words were 9000 ml. A discussion was had.

b. New Connection Fee Resolution 2024-002

After discussion, Trustee Sanchez moved to table the issue until the next meeting on 02-21-2024, Trustee Alton seconded. The motion to table was approved.

8. Resolution 2024-003 to update Holiday Schedule

Resolution 2024-003 was amended to follow the Holiday schedule of the State of New Mexico. Trustee Wilson moved to approve Resolution as amended Trustee Sanchez seconded. The motion was approved.

9. Employee Hire's and Resignations

- a. Robert Dilley-Resigned 11/29/2023
- b. Patrick Mooney-Resigned 01/01/2023
- c. Ashley Marie Gaswick (BH)- Employed part time.

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve all resignations and hire's. Trustee Alton seconded. The motion was approved.

10. Consideration in Chapel Donation- Called by Trustee Alton

Michael Nealeigh gave a brief summary of the Chapel Donation. A discussion was had.

11. Reports

- a. Maintenance- submitted
- b. Bath house- The Bath House would be closed January 22-29 for maintenance.
- c. Library-submitted
- d. Court-submitted
- e. Wastewater- Trustee Sanchez asked about Rose's certification test.
- f. Police Chief- Gave a summary on various projects, possible new hires, staff, and new communication towers.
- g. P&Z Commission-Approval of a conditional use permit for solar panels.
- h. Volunteer Fire Department- Dr. Mertz stated he was stepping down as EMS Director, due to there being no EMS volunteers, and asked if there were any need for BLS training so that he could get it scheduled. Mano Sanchez gave a report regarding various projects, and gave an update on their reinspection.
- i. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board-submitted

12. Brew house Rent Forgiveness Discussion-

The Brew House owners gave a brief report, following a discussion, it was decided that any future improvements would need to be approved by the Mayor and Council. The Village/Council agreed by a majority yes vote that \$8400.00 which is half of the total expenditures would count toward the rent forgiveness claim.

13. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet- Mayor Sweet thanked all those who were running as candidates for stepping up and doing a good service.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan- not present
- c. Trustee Wilson- none
- d. Trustee Sanchez- Trustee Sanchez gave a report on the Municipal training class he attended.
- e. Trustee Alton- none

14. Executive Session called by Trustee Sanchez- Personnel issues & staff performance

The Executive Session was called to order at 8:40 pm, nothing from the regular session was brought forth. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

15. Adjourn

Mayor Sweet adjourned the Regularly Scheduled meeting at 8:38 pm

