

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2020 (Postponed from 2/11/2020 due to weather)

6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Nuñez, Trustee Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Atencio

Members Absent: Trustee Crist

Others Present: Rhonda Gimler, Trey Gimler, Willie Herrera, Lee Martinez, Leticia Contreras, Mike Castillo, Frank Angel, Celeste Zimmerman, Lisa Neal, David Shields, Sal Ramirez, Linda Alvarez, Teresa Trujillo, and Elizabeth Porras.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held in the Trustees Chambers located at 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, on the above date. The Clerk Treasurer called the roll as follows: Mayor Nunez – Present, Trustee Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Torres led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and Trustee Whitlock gave the opening prayer. Mayor Nunez then called for a moment of silence.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

No Public Input.

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update on the projects for the Village of Hatch.

Trustee Whitlock made a motion to approve the Contract for the Gateway Signs Project between Consensus Planning and Village of Hatch to plan, design, and construction services. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve an Ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 13.04 Section 13.04.060 Water Rates. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve an Ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges, Section 13.08.010 and 13.08.030. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 982 Authorizing and approving submission of a completed application for financial Assistance and project approval to the New Mexico

Finance Authority. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

\*6:18 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to convene in closed executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, employment matters as authorized by the open meetings act § (H)(7). Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

\*6:28 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to reconvene in open session from closed executive session where no decisions were made. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Atencio moved to accept the resignation of Leticia Contreras effective January 27, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye

Trustee Whitlock moved to ratify the approval to relieve Guillermo (Willie) Herrera from his duty as the Village of Hatch Fire Chief effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye

Trustee Whitlock moved to ratify the appointment of Jorge Au as Interim Fire Chief for the Village of Hatch Fire Department effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve Officer Larry Bleimeyers's 2% pay increase as per FOP Contract effective February 1, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Mike Castillo, PWD, reported that the work on the Rodey Lift Station is complete and he is working on pricing different type of motors, three phase electricity. There was meter ran over, all water lines have been fixed including the dike. He has tested for Wastewater. Lisa Neal, Library Director, reported on the Library, improvements continue. A site visit from the State, they were very impressed with all the changes that have been done to the library. The last visit from the State was in 2013. Endowment for the Public Libraries decreased the GO Bond to 1.5 million dollars. Frank Angel, Interim Police Chief, on behalf of the Police Department 178 calls, road tests, building permits, and codes kept the department busy. DASO (Dona Ana Sheriff's Office) is going to a new radio system, it's supposed to help police department with radio communications.

Trustee Whitlock reported that the Caballo Soil & Water District were giving away trees, and ask the Mayor if it would be ok to take some trees to be planted at the community center.

There being no further business Trustee Torres moved to adjourn at 7:05p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_