

Regular Meeting (Remote Meeting in compliance with NM Open Meetings Act)
May 12, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Crist, and Trustee Atencio

Members Absent: Mayor Nunez

Others Present: Tim Thornton, Mike Castillo, David Shields, Dave Sment, Albert Flores, Jorge Au III, Linda Alvarez, Teresa Trujillo, Elizabeth Porras

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held remotely. In attendance through remote electronic communication were Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Crist and Trustee Atencio. Mayor Pro Tem Torres asked everybody in attendance to join him in a moment of silence, and gave instructions on how the remote meeting would be conducted and each Trustee identified themselves and confirmed they could hear him. Mayor Pro Tem Torres then asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Nuñez – Absent, Mayor Pro Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Pro Tem Torres called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. 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.

Trustee Crist moved to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign a proclamation recognizing 911 telecommunicators and call takers as first responders. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Dave Shields gave an update on the different projects for the Village of Hatch. The Canal Road Low Water Crossing construction plan set is complete, and are currently waiting on approval from USACE to authorize demolition of the bridge structure crossing Placitas Arroyo. Trustee Whitlock has been working on the Pre Construction Notice with USACE and has sent out for SHPO clearance. On the Hatch Airport project is out for bids and will open Thursday May 14, 2020. The Hatch Water Preliminary Engineering Report is well underway, and targeting a completion date of July 31, 2020. The Placitas area will be included in the PER which the Village is currently seeking funding for line replacement in the community. The Hatch NPDES Permit renewal has been turned in. The Hatch NMDOT LGRF Projects have been submitted for funding for Fajardo St. paving for the 20/21 funding cycle. The NMED CWSRF Funding has been submitted for possible funding through a stimulus program NMED is administering.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 987 Authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement and intercept agreement by and between the Village of Hatch and the New Mexico Finance Authority. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye.
Motion carried.

Jorge Au, Fire Chief gave a brief report on the different activities going on at the Station. Clean up and organization continues. Station Duties being performed as assigned. Hatch Fire Apparatus responding to calls when paged out to Hatch, Rincon, or Garfield. Tested Apparatus pumps for drafting capabilities all were successful. Document inventory and organization ongoing.

The purchase of New HME Silver Fox Pumper ongoing, and can be delivered by end of July 2020

Recruitment/Retention efforts ongoing. Fire Hydrant Testing weekend of 5-8-20. Will test 4 to 5 hydrants in Hatch. Working on obtaining SOG's and current DACFES (Dona Ana County Fire & Emergency Services) membership requirements that can be modified and use as our own. The plan is to start running shifts out of Hatch fire in the near future. Chief of Police Thornton gave a brief report on the police department and reported that there has been an increase on domestics, and kids getting in trouble, no other issues were reported for the month, as not much activity has been going on due to the COVID-19 with keeping distancing restrictions orders from the governor. Mike Castillo, Public Works Director reported that the utility crew has been extremely busy with cleaning up the town, weeds, etc., and just continue servicing task orders from the residents of the Village of Hatch.

There being no further business Trustee Atencio moved to adjourn at 6:32p.m. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: _____