

Regular Meeting (Remote Meeting in compliance with NM Open Meetings Act)
August 11, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Mayor Nuñez

Others Present: Tim Thornton, Shirley Rice, Lisa Neal, David Shields, Many Sanchez, Linda Alvarez, Berlinda Carlson, 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 the pledge of allegiance, prayer and a moment of silence, 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 Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Commissioner Sanchez provided some follow up information on the voting sites and the number of Election Officials needed for the General Election. Right now, the 4 northernmost voting locations in the County (Garfield, Hatch, Rincon, & Radium Springs) all require a minimum of 4 election officials at each site meaning a minimum of 16 election officials are needed to have these open. As of today, the Clerk only has 5 Election Officials on her roster for these locations. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to the Clerk's office at (575) 647-7428 or they can go to <http://www.dacelections.com>. The Clerk has reached out to Superintendent Chavez and has tried to use any avenues to get the word out. Anything you all can do to help is really appreciated. The county has also submitted the CARES ACT application jointly with the Village of Hatch, Mesilla, Sunland Park, and Anthony. The request is for nine million dollars which will help with businesses, housing, county, and municipalities hurting due to COVID19.

Dave Shields gave an update on the different projects for the Village of Hatch. The Canal Road Low Water Crossing Project was awarded to Caliper Construction. Pre Con meeting was held August 11, 2020 and construction to begin August 17, 2020. On the Hatch Water PER BHI submitted engineering agreement to Hatch and NMED -CPS for review.

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Ordinance No. 410 Chapter 12.05 Right of use permit: Section 12.05.010; Fees for use of Right-of-Way. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to create an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 13.04, Section 13.04.060 Water Rates increase of 62.5%. 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.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to create an ordinance amending Title 13, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges, Section 13.08.010 and 13.08.030 with a 62.5% increase. 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.

*6:28 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 Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

*6:36 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to reconvene in open session from closed executive session where no decisions were made. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Officer Richard Garcia's 2% pay increase on anniversary of date of hire effective August 28, 2020 as per FOP contract. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Officer Raymond Lazos' 2% pay increase on anniversary of date of hire effective August 26, 2020 as per FOP contract. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Atencio moved to approve to remove Timothy Thornton, Chief of Police from probationary to non-probationary status and a fifty cents pay increase per hourly rate effective August 17, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Judge Rice reported on the Municipal Court. The court has been adapting to all the changes due to COVID19 slowly but carefully, as everyone that comes into court is asked a few questions, take their temperature, and has to have hands sanitized. The Judge's training for this year will be conducted via web seminars. Lisa Neal, Library Director reported on the Library activities going on. Every Wednesday it's live story time on Hatch Public Library's Facebook page followed by a craft project with the story's theme, 87 craft kits have been handed out. STEM kits for kids to check out were purchased, and approximately 58 people are enrolled in the Summer Reading Program. Tim Thornton, Police Chief reported no issues at the police department. Department continues to patrol and work as diligently as they possibly can.

There being no further business Trustee Whitlock moved to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Date: _____