

Regular Meeting (Remote Meeting in compliance with NM Open Meetings Act)
November 10, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Crist

Others Present: Mike Castillo, Tim Thornton, Jorge Au, Linda Alvarez, Bertha Torres, Ashley Martinez, Alfredo Holguin, Shirley Rice, 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 Nuñez, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Whitlock, and Trustee Atencio. Mayor Nuñez 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 – Present, Mayor Pro Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Nuñez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Linda Alvarez asked the Board of Trustees if they could provide a COVID-19 Report for the Village of Hatch. Trustee Whitlock explained about the National Guard doing the COVID-19 testing in Hatch, which has been taking place since last Thursday and it's still going on at the Hatch Community Center.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 1002 Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Colonias Infrastructure Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement by and among the NM Colonias Infrastructure Board and the NM Finance Authority and the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 1003 Adoption of Required Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Certifications and Commitments. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved to approve Resolution No. 1004 Resolution Concerning Governing Body meetings and the public notice requirements. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 1005 Designating the Village of Hatch Holiday Schedule for 2021. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1006 relating to adopting a policy for the Village of Hatch concerning Officer pregnancy. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

*6:16 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-absent. Motion carried.

*6:33 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-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to extend the probationary status period for Officer Adam Powell Lem until March 1, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-absent. Motion carried.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director gave a brief report on the Utilities Department construction with the sidewalks almost final, and Hasse Construction will began to work on the punch list provided by the NMDOT. Also they have been busy with burials. Jorge Au, Fire Chief reported on the Fire Department training ongoing with weekend shifts. Recruitment and retention efforts ongoing but COVID-19 has interrupted and delayed some progress. Purchase of new HME Silver Fox Pumper Unit 19-01 obtaining quotes from LN Curtis & Sons and CASCO for equipment needed. Hydrant testing continuing in November 2020. Judge Rice reported on Court and how they continue to maintain everything needed to keep operations going. Tim Thornton, Police Chief reported no issues at the police department, it's been a busy month.

Trustee Whitlock thanked the Public Works Director Mike Castillo, and his crew for all the help at the Museum Park, and also in helping with the lights for the National Guard conducting the COVID-19 testing.

There being no further business Trustee Torres moved to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor
Date: _____

ATTEST: _____,