

Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Mike Castillo, Tim Thornton, Richard Garcia, Jorge Au, Dave Shields, Alfredo Holguin, Shirley Rice, Adam Lem, Joann Au, Michael Chavez, Joseph Mata, Ryan Montez, Alex Villegas, Jovany Cortez, Bobby Martinez, Manny Martinez, Miguel Silva and Bertha Torres.

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. Mayor Nuñez asked the Deputy Clerk for roll call as follows: Mayor Nuñez – Present, Mayor Pro Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Nuñez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Crist led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and Trustee Whitlock gave the opening prayer.

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

Public Input: Manny Martinez, Dona Ana County Commissioner, reported that the county was working on Fire and EMS services throughout the county. Fireworks prohibition was passed, for fireworks only to be used on barren land or concrete land. There is \$2,000,000 money available for employment, for the summer employees. The Hatch Schools has expressed that they have 38 students interested in this employment opportunity. There is still money, \$1,500,000, available for Renters affected by COVID. This program ends in September 2021.

Mike Chavez, Superintendent for Hatch Valley Public Schools, reported that the school is wanting to start up the AG program. Kim O’Byrne will be coming on board as an AG coach. The Bilingual program will be in a re-vamping status. Hopefully a “Career Pathways” program can get going, as not all students attend college after graduating. Mayor reminded Mr. Chavez about the MOU for the police resource officer assigned to the school district. Chief and Superintendent will be meeting to discuss the contract for renewal.

Dave Shields gave the project status for all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston. The Canal Road Low Water Crossing & Chile Capital Lane, the project is complete. Working on record drawings and closing out project with NMDOT. The Hatch airport project has been completed. Pay request resubmitted to FAA Delphi system for funds disbursement. The Hatch Water Preliminary Engineering Report is completed and approved by NMED. Hatch Gateway Monument on I-25 – NMDOT District One Engineer, Trent Doolittle, said they should have

committee review complete this week. Right of Way Bureau has finished their review and has approved it. The Village Properties Construction Technology Services CTS is currently doing property research on both the Village yard and well lots.

Alfredo Holguin, with Wilson and Company, report on the statuses for all ongoing services. For the Rodey Lift Station Rehabilitation and New Chile Capital Lane Lift Station Project, funded by Colonias Infrastructure Fund (Total of \$800,000), grant \$648,000, Loan - \$72,000, Match - \$80,000. Includes rehabilitation of Rodey station with new station at Chile Capital Lane. The agreement for Engineering services has been submitted to NMED for concurrence. Approval anticipated by June 2021 – Followed up with CPB with no response. Agreements will need to be executed and concurrence received from NMED to begin. Data collection and coordination with Village Public Works to begin as agreement is executed. Started coordination with BHI and JCH for existing info collection. Placitas Water System Improvements includes transmission line along Hwy 26 to Trujillo St. and distribution line along Trujillo St. to the north end of Placitas. Agreement for engineering services has been submitted to NMED for concurrence. Approval anticipated by June 2021. Followed up with CPB with no response. Agreements will need to be executed and concurrence received from NMED to begin. Data collection and coordination with Village Public Works to begin as soon as Agreement is executed. Comprehensive Plan Update – Contract signed and submitted to South Central Council of Governments. Anticipated start date of July 1, 2021. Current Funding Applications – 2021 NMED CWSRLF – Project: Hatch Storm Pump Improvement included pump, motor and control replacements with back-up power generator. Funding request: \$1,392,200. Project interest form submitted February 9, 2021. Village Accepted Award offer and is working on closing documents. Grant \$782,000; loan \$610,000. Items pending for closing documents: Budget – Wilson & Company to complete. Project Description – Wilson & Company to complete. Attorney letter – Village to provide. 2021 Capital Outlay: Project – Hero’s Park Multi-Purpose flood control. Funding request: \$200,000 (planning & design). Awarded \$200,000 in Grant on April 10. Grant Agreement to be issued by NMED. Funding anticipated to be available in October 2021. 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Funds – Project: Hero’s Park Multi-purpose flood control. Funding request: \$400,000 (Design). Project recommended for full award – award letters to be sent out in June. Funding anticipated to be available in October 2021. 2021 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) - Project: Village wide sidewalk improvements. Includes W. Reed St., W. Hill St., School St., Jefferson St., Wilson St. Total project cost: \$750,000 (planning, design & construction). Match: \$37,500, NMDOT request amount: \$712,500. Application due: June 7<sup>th</sup> (RTPO deadline). 2021 Congressionally directed spending – Project: Hero’s Park Regional Multi-purpose recreational complex phase I. Funding request: \$1,800,000 (construction). Application submitted: May 28, 2021.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Ordinance No. 414 Authorizing the Village of Hatch to enter into a loan agreement with the NMED for the purpose of obtaining project loan funds in the principal amount of \$610,000 plus (0.0%) accrued interest; and loan subsidy grant funds in the amount of \$782,000 for a total funded project of \$1,392,000. Designating the use of the funds for the purpose defined in the most current project description form as approved by NMED; Declaring the necessity for the loan. Trustee Atencio seconded this motion. A roll call vote of the Trustees: Trustee Torres – aye, Trustee Whitlock – aye, Trustee Crist – aye, Trustee Atencio – aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve a liquor permit for Village Market on June 26, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Crist moved to approve fireworks stand at the Pic Quik Stores property by Gary Tindall. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

\*6:45pm 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: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

\*7:25pm 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: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Atencio moved to approve to hire Adrianna Berumen, Janaya De La O, Jaqueline Moriel, Flor Y. Moreno, and Abigail Venzor as Certified Lifeguards at \$10.50 hourly rate effective June 3, 2021.

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

Trustee Torres moved to approve Adam Powell Lem 2% pay increase on anniversary of date of hire effective June 1, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to reconsider the recommended non-union employee raises. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to grant a five percent (5%) pay increase to the following non-union employees as follows: Timothy Thornton, Frank Angel, Monica Olvera, Dave Sment, Alice Soto, Lisa Neal, Michael Castillo, Samuel Castillo, Christopher Romero, Victoriano Reyes-Chairez, Francisco Lucero, Juan Duran, Elizabeth Porras, Bertha Torres, Delia Silva, Mayra Castillo, Alicia Silva, Luis Hernandez, and Diana Gonzales effective July 1, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-abstain, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Au reported that the Public Protection Classification Summary Report was created on May 31, 2021 and will be in effect September 1, 2021. The Village of Hatch classification will change from an "8" to a "5". This will help all citizens of the Village of Hatch with Fire insurance on their homes and businesses. This will be in effect for 5 years, where it will come

for re-evaluation. The department is working with Chief Cherry of the Dona Ana County Fire Department, on a mutual aid agreement. The Hatch Fire Department has 3 certified CPR instructors, and are able to hold CPR classes for anyone who are in need. Please contact Chief Au for more information.

Mike Castillo, PWD, reported that the swimming pool opened up on June 7, 2021. All went well. The pool hours are Monday through Saturday from 12:00noon until 8:00pm. Sunday from 11:00am until 6:00pm. There are two swimming sessions per day. The rebate for the new electrical lights / equipment, approximately \$4,000.00 will be coming in very soon.

Judge Shirley Rice reported that the Court is lightening up on COVID restrictions, temperature checks are no longer required, but masks are still required. Hopefully court fines will start increasing, because the less COVID restrictions throughout the state. The Court Automation funds are set to re-imburse our court for certain computer / automation fee for this last quarter. The amount has not been posted. Judge Rice would like to suggest that the executive session / Personnel part of the agenda be left to the end of the agenda. Mayor said he didn't see why not this could be in place.

Police Chief Thornton thanked the Fire Department for all their hardwork on getting the department to get the status code upped from an 8 to a 5. Officer Bleimeyer will be retiring an the end of this month, his last working day will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. The department is looking at hiring two officers. Interviews are planned to be conducted on Thursday. There are 4 qualified applicants.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor                      ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_