

Regular Meeting
September 14, 2021
6:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Phyllis Sims, Celeste Zimmerman, Marisol Diaz, Delilah Diaz, Mike Castillo, Alfredo Holguin, Lisa Neal, Richard Garcia, Adam Lem, David Shields, Tim Thornton, 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, NM, on the above date. Mayor Nuñez 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 – 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.

Marisol Diaz, NM Senior Coordinator, Family Engagement gave a brief presentation on Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) which is a powerful voice for kids. SCAN builds bipartisan support to make sure every child in the U.S. has access to high-quality early learning and that the most deprived children overseas thrive. As the advocacy arm of Save the Children, they mobilize support for policies that help children succeed. Working with local and state partners to recruit parents and families to participate. Educating parent and family advocates through community-based trainings that focus on skill-building and leadership development. Providing opportunities to participate in state and national Advocacy Summits to hear from notable journalists, policymakers and gain valuable professional development and leadership training. Preparing parent and family advocates to educate elected officials and the public by sharing their lived experience and expertise about early care and education. Ensuring that parents can effectively serve as advocates by providing resources such as meals, transportation stipends, and/or child care.

Phyllis Sims asked the Board of Trustees if there would be any way that they can do an incentive for the kids that are in Art Class to paint the unused fire hydrants that are at the community center. Trustee Whitlock will talk to the Schools Superintendent to see if there's a way to get this project underway.

Lisa Neal and Celeste Zimmerman gave a brief report on the success of the Chile Festival this year. One of the highlights of this year's celebration was that it was in town, so that allowed all local businesses to have more business for this weekend. All businesses in town were busy and thankful with the Chamber of Commerce for stepping in. The plan is to start as early as January next year to plan for the big 50th anniversary of the Chile Festival. A big thank you to the Village of Hatch staff, public works, and police department for helping the Chamber of Commerce prepare for this successful event.

Dave Shields gave an update on the different projects for the Village of Hatch. The Hatch Airport AIP and PER in process and pay applications are being submitted to FAA for funding disbursement. The Hatch Gateway Monument on I-25 have received Approval to finish design from NMDOT and have restarted the design process. CAD files have been requested from Mark Salazar with NMDOT and they are going to send 30% design that they have for the interchange reconfiguration. They did find that the south bound sign layout will have to change since the area permitted has been reduced. The Village Properties Construction Technology Services (CTS) will have the replats ready this week. The Placitas Sewer Service Permit was approved. The Water model from PER has been sent to Wilson & Co. for use in the Placitas Water System Improvements. BHI has confirmed that there is an existing sewer stub out for the Oscar Ramos property on Escondido.

Alfredo Holguin provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company. The Rodey Lift Station Rehabilitation and New Chile Capital Lane Lift Station draft design analysis report has been completed, and recommendations review meeting to be scheduled with the Village.

The Placitas Water System planning phase included completion of design analysis report. BHI provided water model for use per NMED. The Comprehensive Plan data collection and draft has begun. Kick-off meeting with Village held on August 12, 2021, and working group meeting number one was held on August 30, 2021. On the 2021 Capital Outlay grant agreement has been issued and funding anticipated to be available in October 2021. The 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Funds Wilson & Company is working on remaining items. The 2021 NMED CWSRLF closing documents submitted and will follow up on status. The NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) full amount allocated on September 3, 2021. Grant Agreement to be issued by NMDOT, and funding anticipated to be available in November 2021.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve MOA between DAC, DAC Sheriff’s Office, and the Village of Hatch Police Department for increased border security and protection under operation Stonegarden. 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 Atencio moved to approve to apply for FY 21 Fire Protection Grant. 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 Whitlock moved to approve to Award RFP No. 2021-02 for On-Call Engineering and Architectural Services to Wilson & Company. 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 Crist moved to approve the Mediation Settlement Agreement. 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 Atencio moved to approve to authorized the Mayor to execute the approval of Mediation Settlement Agreement and the Release of Claims on behalf of the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. 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 to adjust the cash noted as held by the DFA to match the audited numbers at July 1, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye. Motion carried.

Lisa Neal, Librarian reported that the Federal reports have been submitted. Activities at the Library on going. Mike Castillo, Public Works Director reported that one of the sediment traps has been completed and are working on the second one, to hopefully finish the project in the next week or so. Problems with the Rodey Lift Station were reported. Tim Thornton, Chief of Police reported no major issue reported for the month. The new officers are doing a good job. Chile Festival weekend went good no major incident reported.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to hire Mannie Sanchez III as Certified Police Officer at \$18.00 hourly rate with a six month probationary period effective August 16, 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.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____,
Date: _____