



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Whitlock, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Brigitte Fuller, Tim Thornton, Shirley Rice, Mike Castillo, Josie Nunn, Teako Nunn, Jorge Au, Adam Lem, Elizabeth Porras

Trustees Chambers - 133 North Franklin St, Hatch New Mexico

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of Silence

Minutes:

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 Whitlock, asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Whitlock – Present, Mayor Pro-Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Absent, Trustee Crist – Present, and Trustee Martinez – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Torres led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Martinez gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes December 13, 2022).

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

4. Recess Regular Meeting for Public Hearing

Minutes:

*6:01 P.M. – Mayor Whitlock recessed the regular meeting to conduct a public hearing on the approval or disapproval of the Liquor License Application for Sparky's Restaurant, 115 N. Franklin St., Hatch, NM 87937 (includes 100, 103, 105, and 109).

- a. **The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the approval or disapproval of the Liquor License Application for Sparky's Restaurant, 115 N. Franklin St., Hatch New Mexico 87937 (includes 100, 103, 105, and 109)**

Minutes:

Teako Nunn owner of Sparky's Restaurant explained to the Board the purpose of selling liquor at the restaurant, and asked for their approval to continue contributing to the Village of Hatch as a business owner.

5. Re-open Regular Meeting

Minutes:

*6:06 P.M. – Mayor Whitlock adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

6. ***Consideration and approval of Liquor License Application for Sparky's Restaurant at 115 N. Franklin St., Hatch New Mexico 87937 (includes 100, 103, 105, and 109)**

Minutes:

After discussion and review from public input from today's public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve Liquor License Application for Sparky's Restaurant at 115 N. Franklin St., Hatch New Mexico 87937 (includes 100, 103, 105, and 109). Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

7. Public input

8. Bohannon Huston Report

9. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

Brigitte Fuller provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company.

10. Personnel

- a. ***Ratification of advertisement to hire a full time Police Officer.**

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Torres ratify the advertisement to hire a full time Police Officer. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

- b. ***Accept the resignation of Officer Valerie Montoya.**

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to accept the resignation of Officer Valeri Montoya effective January 15, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

- c. ***Ratify the approval to hire John L. Rubio as full time Police Officer at \$18.00 hourly rate with a six month probationary period effective December 30, 2022.**

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to hire John L. Rubio as a full time Police Officer at \$18.00 hourly rate with a six month probationary period effective December 30, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Jorge Au, Fire Chief gave an update on Fire Department activities for the month. The department has been updating SOG's from DACFES and working on modifying to fit Village of Hatch Fire Department needs. Hatch Fire Department responded to to call in the month of December. The SFMO Grant Application was approved and the Department has requested 12 SCBA Units for a total of \$142,635. Santa was at the Hatch Library most of the toys donated by the Ortiz family were given out at the Hatch Library on Friday December 23rd, great turnout of people and children. Judge Rice informed the Board about the issues that will be presented in front of the Legislative Session this year, and some of those issues affecting Municipal Courts. Some of the issues abolishing the correction fees, court automation, and judicial fees, and also eliminating courts within forty miles. Chief Thornton reported that the open position has been filled with Officer Rubio, and have advertised for another position. Several changes within the Police Department were needed and are now in effect. Things moving in the right direction. Mike Castillo, Public Works Director reported couple of water leaks, Pure Ops is helping identify the main source of the leak with ultrasonic testing. The crew has also been moving some water lines, and are also trying to identify what's causing the problems with the SCADA,

12. Trustees Input**13. Mayor's Report****Minutes:**

Mayor Whitlock let the community know about the Senator's and Legislator's meeting at the Community Center for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. for discussion about the needs of the community.

14. * Adjourn**Minutes:**

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees present voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

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