



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Whitlock, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Crist, Trustee Atencio, Trustee Martinez, Tim Thornton, Christine Gallegos, Mary Gallegos, Tony Gallegos, Robert Gallegos, Lloyd Burns, Elizabeth Soto, Angel Soto, Gloria Molinar, Elena Chavarria, Joel Olvera, Brigitte Fuller, Joan Gallegos, Jorge Au, 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 – Present, Trustee Crist – Present, and Trustee Martinez – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Atencio led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Crist gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees 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 February 14, 2023).

Minutes:

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

4. Public input

Minutes:

Mr. Gallegos presented his concerns to the Board of Trustees, as there was a structure fire at 512

Adams Street approximately two weeks ago, and four of his sheds burned down to the ground. There was response from Organ Fire Department and Hatch Fire Department never showed up. He stated that he talked to State Officials and was told that there's grant funds out there. The Village just needs to apply for those grants. Fire Chief Au apologized on behalf of the Hatch Fire Department for not responding, but also explained to Mr. Gallegos that the Hatch Fire Department is all Volunteer, and all its members have full time jobs, and at times cannot respond to emergencies as in this case. Chief Au also made the invitation for new people to join the Fire Department more volunteers are very much needed. Mayor Whitlock said that the Village of Hatch is well aware of this problem and are doing everything that the Village possibly can to help resolve this issue.

5. Robert Peixotto, CPA Southwest Accounting Solutions, LLC - FY 22 Audit Presentation.

Minutes:

Robert Peixotto, CPA with Southwest Accounting Services, LLC., presented the FY 2022 Audit Report, and stated that the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-typed activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparisons of the general fund of the Village, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

6. *Resolution No. xxx - Acceptance and approval of the FY 2022 Audit

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1053 Acceptance and approval of the FY 2022 Audit. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist -aye, Trustee Martinez-aye.

7. *Resolution No. xxx - Regarding implementation of H-2A temporary workers program.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Resolution No. 1054 Regarding implementation of H2-A temporary workers program. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist -aye, Trustee Martinez-aye.

8. *Consideration and approval of application for Zone change Case# 2023-01-01 Joel Olvera, at 141 Hwy 187, changing from commercial zoning to R2 zoning in order to build 4 apartments.

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve application for Zone Change Case No. 2023-01-01 Joel Olvera, at 141 Hwy 187, changing from commercial zoning to R2 residential zoning in order to build four apartments. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

9. Bohannon Huston Report

10. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

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

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Chief Au gave a status update on the Fire Department activities for the month, continue to update the SOG's from DACFES and working on modifying to fit the Village of Hatch Fire Department needs. Hatch Fire Department responded to one structure fire in Placitas, and one EMS call manpower assistance to station six. The new equipment has been received.

Tim Thornton, Chief of Police reported that the PD is working with the grant writer on grant funds for equipment and hopefully for new vehicles. It's been a busy month for officers with drug and human trafficking passing through town.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to discuss limited personnel matters; threatened or pending litigation, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act 10-15-1(H) (2), 10-15-1 (H) (7) and 10-15-1 (H) (5) respectively.

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