



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Franzoy, Trustee Atencio, Aurora Hernandez, Danny Miller, Brandy Holguin, Gracie Whitlock, Alfredo Holguin, Mike Castillo, Bernadette Acosta, Pamela Munoz, Mayra Guerrero, Lisa Neal, 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 Torres asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Torres-Present, Trustee Crist-Present, Trustee Martinez-Present, Trustee Franzoy-Present, and Trustee Atencio-present (late arrival). There being a quorum, Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Crist led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Franzoy gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Travel & Training, Regular Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024).

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

4. *Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem

Minutes:

Mayor Torres opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Torres recommended Trustee Atencio to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until December 31, 2025.

Trustee Martinez moved to close nominations and elect Trustee Atencio as Mayor Pro Tem by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Franzoy and upon vote, the motion passed.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

5. Public input**Minutes:**

Mayor Torres honored the memory of our past mayor, James "Slim" Whitlock, by presenting a plaque to his family in recognition of his invaluable service to the Village of Hatch. This gesture reflects our deep appreciation for James "Slim" Whitlock's dedication and contributions to our community.

Mayor Torres presented two proclamations, commemorating the National Day of Prayer and Dia De Los Niños. The Mayor's recognition of these important occasions underscores our community's commitment to diversity and inclusivity.

a. National Day of Prayer Proclamation**Minutes:**

Danny Miller expressed gratitude to Mayor Torres and the Board of Trustees for the proclamation and emphasized the importance of maintaining prayer in our governmental processes. His remarks underscore the significance of spiritual reflection in civic affairs, reflecting a commitment to the values that unite our community.

b. Dia De Los Niños Proclamation**Minutes:**

Pamela Munoz expressed gratitude to Mayor Torres and the Board of Trustees for the proclamation and provided insight into the services offered by their organization for children's programs. Additionally, she extended an invitation to the community for an event celebrating el Día de los Niños at Little Footprints in Hatch, NM on Friday, April 26th, from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. The event will feature activities, free resources, and hot dogs for families to enjoy while commemorating the occasion. Furthermore, the proclamation will be shared with the community during the event.

6. Wilson & Company Report**Minutes:**

Alfredo Holguin provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company.

7. Bohannon Huston Report**8. *Resolution No. xxx - Adopting a Budget Adjustment for FY 2023-2024****Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez motioned to approve Resolution No. 1074, adopting a Budget Adjustment for FY 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Crist. The board was polled as follows: Trustee

Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, and Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Lisa Neal, Library Director, reported that the GO Bond monies received from the state have been utilized to purchase much-needed shelving and implement a new system. This system will enhance patron experience by providing visibility into available books, enabling reminders for due dates, and facilitating event advertising. Additionally, it was noted that Alice Soto will return to work on the second week of May.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director, updated the Board on various ongoing projects. Efforts have been focused on preparing the pool for the upcoming season, with some delays due to awaited parts. The confirmation group contributed to the community by cleaning up the cemetery, and Public Works facilitated the disposal of collected trash bags, the group did a great job. Progress has been made on the installation of the septic system at the ball fields, with Johnny's Septic currently working on the leach line. The crew has also been engaged in relocating water lines. Hernandez, Chief of Police provided a brief overview of the Police Department's operations, noting smooth functioning. Officers are actively patrolling areas in response to reports of theft, with several returns made. However, challenges arise when victims decline to press charges.

10. Mayor & Trustees Input

11. *Personnel - 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.

Minutes:

*6:54 pm Trustee Atencio 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 Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-Aye. Motion carried.

*7:40 pm Trustee Martinez moved to reconvene in open session from closed executive session where no decisions were made. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-Aye. Motion carried.

a. *Approval to terminate the employment of Ramiro A. Garcia as Police Officer effective immediately.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist made a motion to terminate the employment of Ramiro A. Garcia as Police Officer effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

b. *Consideration and approval to hire Arthur Smith as Police Officer effective immediately at \$18.00 hourly rate with a six month probationary period.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez made a motion to approve to hire Arthur Smith as Police Officer effective immediately at \$18.00 hourly rate with a six month probationary period. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

12. * Adjourn**Minutes:**

In the absence of further business, Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atencio, and it carried.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

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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Next Regular Meeting May 14, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.