



# VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Minutes

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, David Shields, Aurora Hernandez, Alejandro Martinez, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-Present, Trustee Crist-Present, Trustee Martinez-Present, Trustee Franzoy-Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Martinez led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Atencio 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, Southwest Disposal Contract Renewal, Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024).

#### **Minutes:**

Trustee Crist moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

### 4. Public input

#### **Minutes:**

Alex Martinez raised concerns about the following: Weeds in public areas, the need for more

crosswalks, the visibility and effectiveness of speed limit signs. Mayor Torres responded by stating that the Village is making efforts to address these issues within the limits of available resources.

**5. Wilson & Company Report**

**6. \*Approval of Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement HW2L100593 between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Village of Hatch.**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio motion to approve the Local Government Road Fund Cooperative Agreement HW2L100593 between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**7. \*Approval of Agreement 24-l2928 between the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and the Village of Hatch.**

**Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez motion to approve Agreement 24-l2928 between the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration and the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**8. Bohannon Huston Report**

**Minutes:**

Dave Shields provided a brief update on all ongoing projects with Bohannon Huston. Ongoing Projects Report: A programming meeting was scheduled for today with Village staff and AKS Architects to discuss the following plans: New Fire Station: Overview of plans that the Fire Department would like to see for the new station. On the Splashpad, the location has been moved closer to the swimming pool to enable the use of a recirculating system instead of a flow-through system. This change also allows the entrance to be through the swimming pool facility, providing better control over access and utilizing existing bathroom facilities. AKS Architects will be testing the library for asbestos and will provide a recommendation and program for the library. Sewer System Evaluation, a meeting with Aqua Aerobics is scheduled for July 26, 2024, to evaluate the sewer system and make an assessment. They will provide a report to the Village.

**9. \*Approval of Ordinance No. xxx - Amending Village of Hatch Code Ordinance relating to the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Ordinance adopted by the Village of Hatch; establishing a penalty assessment program; Defining penalty assessment misdemeanors; establishing listed schedule of penalty assessments; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict thereof.**

**Minutes:**

Trustee Crist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 425 Amending Village of Hatch Code Ordinance relating to the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Ordinance adopted by the Village of Hatch; establishing a penalty assessment program; Defining penalty assessment misdemeanors; establishing listed schedule of penalty assessments; and repealing all ordinances or parts of

ordinances in conflict thereof. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, and Trustee Franzoy-absent. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**10. \*Resolution No. xxx - Approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of Governments, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1079 Approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of Governments, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, and Trustee Franzoy-absent. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**11. \*Personnel**

**a. Ratification of the Mayor's approval to hire Gabriel Vasquez as a Public Works Technician at an hourly rate of \$15.50, with a six-month probationary period, effective June 24, 2024.**

**Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez moved to ratify the Mayor's approval of hiring Gabriel Vasquez as a Public Works Technician at an hourly rate of \$15.50, with a six-month probationary period, effective June 24, 2024. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**b. Ratification of the Mayor's approval to hire Brandon Villarreal as a Police Officer, with an effective date contingent upon successful completion of required pre-employment testing. The appointment includes a six-month probationary period and a starting salary as per the FOP contract.**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to ratify the Mayor's approval of hiring Brandon Villarreal as a Police Officer, contingent upon successful completion of the required pre-employment testing. The appointment includes a six-month probationary period and a starting salary as per the FOP contract. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**c. \*Approval to remove Officer Adrian Garcia from probationary status to non-probationary and raise his salary as per FOP contract effective July 12, 2024.**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to remove Officer Adrian Garcia from probationary status to non-probationary status and raise his salary as per the FOP contract, effective July 12, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**d. \*Consideration and approval of the appointment of Arthur C. Smith as the School Resource Officer (SRO).**

**Minutes:**

After a brief discussion led by Mayor Torres, it was recommended that Officer Paul Sanchez be appointed to the SRO position due to a conflict with Officer Smith taking the role.

Trustee Crist moved to appoint Officer Paul Sanchez as the School Resource Officer (SRO) as recommended, instead of Officer Arthur C. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

**12. Department Head Input**

**Minutes:**

Chief of Police Hernandez provided a brief update on ongoing issues at the Police Department. There were a total of eleven arrests: one felony, ten misdemeanors, and five warrants, out of a total of two hundred and forty-eight calls. Citation disposition included nine penalties, twenty-five court appearances, and thirty-nine warnings, totaling seventy-three citations. Chief Hernandez also gave a follow-up on some issues brought up at the last meeting. The speed limit signs removed by the construction company working on the waterlines have been reinstalled, and vehicles are now slowing down as they enter town. The illegal trailer at 250 Jefferson has been completely demolished, and a thirty-day eviction notice has been issued.

**13. Mayor & Trustees Input**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio emphasized his request to the Chief of Police for the implementation of a police vehicle with a dummy to be parked near the village entrance, aimed at slowing down traffic as a precautionary measure. Mayor Torres informed the Board that the Clerk Treasurer had met with NMDOT on June 20th for a coordinating meeting. This issue was raised during the meeting, seeking the department's assistance in addressing it.

**14. \* Adjourn**

**Minutes:**

In the absence of further business, Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martinez, and it carried.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

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Next Regular Meeting August 13, 2024.

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