



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Franzoy, Elizabeth Soto, Angel Soto, Susan Downs, Chantal Orosco, Aurora Hernandez, Madai Hernandez, Fr. Ivan Torres, Tim Flynn, David Shields, Bernadette Acosta, Mike Castillo, 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 (via phone), Trustee Martinez-Present, Trustee Franzoy-Present. 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 Fr. Ivan Torres gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes October 4, 2024).

Minutes:

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

4. Public input

a. Chantal Orosco & Susan Downs, Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes:

Chantal Orosco and Susan Downs from the Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District gave a presentation on upcoming grant opportunities that could benefit the Village. They also discussed potential areas of collaboration and sought input on the Village's needs to determine how the District could assist.

Fr. Ivan Torres addressed the Board of Trustees regarding his application for a Conditional Use Permit at 490 Archer Drive. He explained the Church's need to expand due to limited space for weekly activities. The proposed use of the house is to convert it into classrooms for catechism classes for children and youth, which he stated would benefit both the church community and the broader Hatch community. Fr. Torres requested the Board's consideration and approval of his application when it comes before them.

Bernadette Acosta, representing both the Chamber of Commerce and the Chile Festival Committee, reported to the board that plans are underway for the December concert, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. She mentioned that efforts are ongoing to organize these activities.

5. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

Madai Hernandez provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company

6. Bohannon Huston Report

Minutes:

Dave Shields provided a status update on all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston. He also announced his retirement from BHI at the end of December. Dave assured the Board that he would continue to support projects behind the scenes for a while longer and encouraged them to reach out with any concerns. He noted that his email and phone number will remain the same for continued communication.

7. *Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and the Public Notice Required

Minutes:

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve Resolution No. 1084, concerning Governing Body Meetings and the Public Notice Required. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martinez. The board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio—aye, Trustee Crist—aye, Trustee Martinez—aye, and Trustee Franzoy—aye. The motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

8. *Resolution No. xxx - Adopting a Budget Adjustment for FY 2024-2025

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Resolution No. 1083, adopting a budget adjustment for FY 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The board was polled as

follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio—aye, Trustee Crist—aye, Trustee Martinez—aye, and Trustee Franzoy—aye. The motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. *Resolution No. xxx - Designating Village of Hatch Holiday Schedule for 2025.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1085, designating the Village of Hatch Holiday Schedule for 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Franzoy. The board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio—aye, Trustee Crist—aye, Trustee Martinez—aye, and Trustee Franzoy—aye. The motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

10. *Personnel

a. *Ratification of the approval to terminate Arthur C. Smith, effective October 7, 2024.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to ratify the approval of the termination of Arthur C. Smith, effective October 7, 2024. Trustee Franzoy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

b. *Consideration and approval to remove Paul Sanchez from probationary status, transitioning him to non-probationary status and increase his hourly rate by \$1.00, effective November 16, 2024.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve the removal of Paul Sanchez from probationary status, transitioning him to non-probationary status, with a \$1.00 hourly rate increase effective November 16, 2024. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Public Works Report: Mike Castillo, Public Works Director, provided an update on ongoing issues within the Public Works Department. He reported that the Rodey Lift Station Project has been completed successfully, with no issues, and that the department is up-to-date on utility applications for new services. The ordered brush hawk has not yet arrived. Christmas decorations are scheduled to be installed in the coming week, with the goal of completion before Thanksgiving. Additionally, the marquee sign is not functioning, but an electrician has been contacted to diagnose and repair the issue.

Police Department Report: Aurora Hernandez, Chief of Police, reported a total of twenty-five arrests, including two felonies, twenty-three misdemeanors, and one warrant. The department also issued twenty-five penalties, twenty-two court appearances, and gave one hundred-fourteen warnings. Chief Hernandez noted that the department is functioning well, has advertised an open

position to fill a vacancy, and continues to work toward improving the Village.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

Minutes:

Mayor Torres informed the Board of Trustees that he and the Clerk had met with Jorge Au, Fire Chief, to discuss challenges facing the Fire Department, including a lack of volunteers. The Fire Chief also highlighted how the County is transitioning to paid firefighters. Mayor Torres noted that, at some point, the Board will need to decide on the best course of action for the Village regarding the future of the Fire Department.

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martinez, 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 December 10, 2024.