



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Aurora Hernandez, Madai Hernandez, Modesta Rodriguez, Maria Salinas, Sarai Rodriguez, Bernadette Acosta, Mike Castillo, Elizabeth Soto, Angel Soto, Teresa Trujillo, Annette Morales, Matt Thompson, Lisa Neal, Bertha C. Torres, 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 presented. 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, Group Health Insurance Renewal, Travel & Training, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025).

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

4. Public input

Minutes:

Bernadette Acosta, President of the Chamber of Commerce, provided a brief update on upcoming events: April: Easter Rock Hunt May 3: Cash Party and Sponsorship Drive for the Hatch Valley Chile Festival August 30–31: 53rd Annual Hatch Valley Chile Festival She also reported that the Hatch Valley Chamber is collaborating with Rebecca Dow to introduce a resolution at the New Mexico Legislature to designate August as Chile Month and establish Hatch Valley Day at the State Capitol.

Sarai Rodriguez approached the Board to seek support for starting a youth group. She mentioned that the concept is still in the early stages, but the group aims to organize various activities for local youth. Mayor Torres referred her to the library, noting that the library and local schools already offer youth programs. He encouraged her to explore those resources first and advised her to reach out to him if additional support from the Village is needed.

5. *Consideration and approval for the Chamber of Commerce to use Village of Hatch property behind Village Market for a Spring Carnival from April 3-6, 2025.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request to use Village of Hatch property behind Village Market for the Spring Carnival from April 3 to April 6, 2025.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

6. Planning and Zoning

a. *Consideration and approval of Case No. 2024-02-03: Housing and Economic Rural Opportunity Inc. – Zone Variance request for a land use designation change to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential).

Minutes:

After a lengthy discussion regarding Case No. 2024-02-03: Housing and Economic Rural Opportunity Inc. – Zone Variance request to exceed the allowed density from 25 ½ units to 32 units, adding 7 extra buildings on the 2.57-acre property (10 units per acre), Trustee Crist moved to table Item No. 6 (a) of the agenda until the next regular meeting to gather additional information. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

b. *Consideration and approval of Case No. 2025-05-01: Naomi R. Maldonado - Land subdivision request.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve Case No. 2025-05-01, the land subdivision request submitted by Naomi R. Maldonado. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

7. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

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

8. Bohannon Huston Report

Minutes:

Matt Thompson, Senior Vice President provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston.

9. *Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution by the Board of Trustees, the Governing Body of Village of Hatch, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, Whereby the Board of Trustees Authorizes and approves submission of a completed applications for financial assistance and projects approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Colonias Infrastructure Fund.

Minutes:

Trustee Martienz moved to approve Resolution No. 1086 - A Resolution by the Board of Trustees, the Governing Body of Village of Hatch, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, whereby the Board of Trustees authorizes and approves submission of a completed applications for financial assistance and projects approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the Colonias Infrastructure Fund. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-absent. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

10. Personnel

- a. *Consideration and approval to hire Steven Cardona as a Police Officer, contingent upon successful completion of required pre-employment testing, with a six-month probationary period and a starting hourly salary of \$21.00.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the hiring of Steven Cardona as a Police Officer, contingent upon the successful completion of all required pre-employment testing, with a six-month probationary period and a starting hourly salary of \$21.00. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

- b. *Consideration and approval to transition Ana Duran from probationary to non-probationary status, with an hourly rate increase of fifty-cents, effective February 8, 2025.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the transition of Ana Duran from probationary to non-probationary status, with an hourly rate increase of fifty cents, effective February 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

- c. *Consideration and approval to hire Manny Bustamante, Enrique Avalos, Denise Angel, and Sergio Grajeda for the Summer League Programs to manage baseball, flag

football, and soccer, with a salary of \$1,000 each per year.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the hiring of Manny Bustamante, Enrique Avalos, Denise Angel, and Sergio Grajeda Jr., for the Summer League Program to manage baseball, flag football, and soccer, with each receiving an annual salary of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Lisa Neal, Library Director, provided a brief update on ongoing activities at the library.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director, reported that he is obtaining price quotes for fencing at the ball fields and the removal of the announcer stand. He also noted that the department has started cutting the grass. Souder Miller requested a letter confirming utility availability for the site where the new Maverik store will be located.

Chief Hernandez provided a brief update on ongoing issues at the police department. Also informed the board that Casa Piñon has reached out, requesting support to use an office a couple of days per week to offer services aimed at empowering survivors of sexual assault and child abuse.

Bertha Torres, Municipal Judge, gave a brief update on ongoing matters at the Municipal Court. She mentioned that the courts have experienced a slight slowdown and that she is working with Chief Hernandez to update citation codes to align with court records. She also reported that the courts have been busy submitting warrants, and the process is yielding results.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:24 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: March 11, 2025.

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