



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Franzoy, Annette Morales, Aurora Hernandez, Norberto Viscaino, Tim Jackson, Vonda Jackson, Stephen Lujan, Mike Castillo, JoAnn Au, Jorge Au, Angel Soto, Elizabeth Soto, Lisa Neal, Fr. Ivan Torres, Jose Triste, Steven Cardona, 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-Absent, Trustee Crist-Present, Trustee Martinez-Present, Trustee Franzoy-Present (via phone). 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 Trustee Franzoy 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, Travel & Training, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025).

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

4. Public input

Minutes:

No public input.

5. *Consideration and approval of Our Lord of Mercy's request for firework display for Divine Mercy Sunday (Weekend After Easter).**Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez moved to table item number five, Our Lord of Mercy's request for a fireworks display for Divine Mercy Sunday on the weekend after Easter, as Fr. Ivan Torres was not present to explain his request at the time it was considered. Trustee Crist seconded. Motion carried.

6:51 p.m. – Mayor Torres asked the Board of Trustees for a vote to return to item number five, noting that Fr. Ivan Torres had arrived late and was now available to explain his request. Trustee Martinez moved to take item number five from the table. Trustee Franzoy seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Crist moved to approve Our Lord of Mercy's request for a fireworks display for Divine Mercy Sunday on the weekend after Easter. Trustee Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

6. *Consideration and approval of Icebox Brewing Company's request to close Price St. for a special event on May 3, 2025.**Minutes:**

Trustee Crist moved to approve Icebox Brewing Company's request to close Price Street for a special event on May 3, 2025. Trustee Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

7. *Consideration and approval of celebration liquor permits for Icebox Brewing Company for special events scheduled throughout the year 2025.**Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez moved to approve celebration liquor permits for Icebox Brewing Company for various special events throughout 2025. Trustee Crist seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

8. Planning & Zoning

- a. ***Consideration and possible approval or denial of Case No. 2024-02-03: Housing and Economic Rural Opportunity Inc. – Zone Variance Request to allow an increase in housing density from the permitted 25 ½ units to 32 units, adding 7 extra buildings on a 2.57-acre property at a density of 10 units per acre.**

Minutes:

Norberto Viscaino gave a PowerPoint presentation on the El Camino Real Apartments II project. Following the presentation, the Village of Hatch Board of Trustees expressed concerns, primarily regarding sewer issues. After discussion, Trustee Franzoy moved to table the request for Case No. 2024-02-03: Housing and Economic Rural Opportunity Inc. – Zone Variance Request, which seeks to increase housing density from the permitted 25 ½

units to 32 units by adding 7 extra apartments on a 2.57-acre property (10 units per acre). The request was tabled until an assessment addressing sewer and water concerns is completed. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

9. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

Stephen Lujan, provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company.

10. Bohannon Huston Report

Minutes:

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

11. *Approval for the Hatch Fire Department to Sell or Donate SCBA Units.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the Hatch Fire Department's request to sell or donate outdated SCBA units. Trustee Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

12. *Consideration and approval of Library Board Members as follows: Marcia Nordyke, Margaret Benny, Lupe Castillo, Alice Soto, and Susan Nasweyewa.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the appointment of the following new Library Board members: Marcia Nordyke, Margaret Benny, Lupe Castillo, Alice Soto, and Susan Nasweyewa. Trustee Crist seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

13. *Approval of the 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant Award #22-SCIP-HATCHPD-SFY25 in the amount of \$89,652.11.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant Award #22-SCIP-HATCHPD-SFY25 in the amount of \$89,652.11. Trustee Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

14. *Resolution No. xxx - Adopting a Budget Adjustment For FY 2025.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Resolution No. 1087 Adopting a Budget Adjustment For FY 2025. Trustee Crist seconded. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-absent, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

15. *Personnel

- a. ***Consideration and approval to transition Martha Ruiz from probationary to non-probationary status, with an hourly rate increase of fifty-cents, effective as of March 5, 2025.**

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the transition of Martha Ruiz from probationary to non-probationary status, with a \$0.50 per hour wage increase, effective March 5, 2025. Trustee Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

16. Department Head Input**Minutes:**

Fire Chief Jorge Au provided a brief update on ongoing issues within the department. He mentioned plans for a future meeting with Doña Ana County to explore options for the Fire Department. Recruitment efforts are still ongoing.

Lisa Neal, Library Director expressed excitement about the appointment of new library board members and looks forward to working with them. She also reported that plans are underway for the summer reading program, adult programming, and other new and engaging activities. Additionally, she mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce is still planning the Easter Rock Hunt event.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director reported on the Utilities Department. The brush hog has finally been received, and cleanup efforts at the airport have begun, with noticeable improvements. Pool preparations are underway, and the pool has already started to be filled with water. The fencing at the ball fields is scheduled for installation in the coming weeks, and work has begun on demolishing the old announcer stand.

Aurora Hernandez, Chief of Police reported a total of 88 citations, including seven penalties, 19 court appearances, and 51 warnings. Additionally, there were seven misdemeanors and one warrant. Officer Cardona has successfully completed his Field Training Officer (FTO) program and is now working independently, performing well. All officers have been certified to use the new Intoxilyzer 9000 machine, which is now in use and funded by the state.

17. Mayor & Trustees Input**Minutes:**

Mayor Torres reported that he traveled to Santa Fe to attend the legislative session. He shared that the visit was an exciting experience. Espy Holguin, with Wilson & Company, accompanied him and introduced him to State Representatives. Mayor Torres also received a call from Rebecca Dow regarding potential funding, and it appears that the Village may receive \$9 million for the Canal Bridge project. He expressed optimism about securing the funding and looks forward to the project's progress.

18. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:53 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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