



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Martinez,
Trustee Franzoy, Aurora Hernandez, Gene Pettit, Elia Pettit, Angel Soto,
Elizabeth Soto, Lisa Neal, Michael Castillo, Richard Garcia, Terry Ogle
(via phone), Matt Thompson, 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-Absent, 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 Trustee Franzoy gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

3. *Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Report, Approved Bill List, Delinquent Bill List, Utility Applications, Travel & Training, Regular Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025).

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

4. Public input

a. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Minutes:

Gene Pettit 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.

5. Terry Ogle, CPA Accounting & Financial Solutions, LLC - FY24 Audit Presentation.**Minutes:**

Terry Ogle, CPA with Accounting & Financial Solutions, LLC, presented the FY24 Audit and congratulated the Village for an outstanding audit this year, which resulted in zero findings.

6. *Resolution No. xxx - Acceptance and Approval of the FY24 Audit.**Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1088 Acceptance and Approval of FY24 Audit. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

7. Bohannan Huston Report**Minutes:**

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

8. Wilson & Company Report**9. *Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution confirming the Village of Hatch's submission and participation and request for match waiver in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Fund call for projects.****Minutes:**

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Resolution No. 1089 A Resolution confirming the Village of Hatch's submission and participation and request for match waiver in the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Fund call for projects. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Atencio-aye, Trustee Crist-absent, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Franzoy-aye. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

10. Personnel**a. *Acceptance of the resignation of Police Officer Brandon Villarreal, effective March 27, 2025.****Minutes:**

Trustee Franzoy moved to accept the resignation of Police Officer Brandon Villarreal, effective March 27, 2025. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Lisa Neal, Library Director, provided a brief update on current activities at the library. The Summer Reading Program is scheduled to begin in June. A 5K Run/Walk for the libraries is also planned. The Carnaval event went well—though not as expected, it was still considered a good weekend. Additional upcoming events include the Rock Hunt and the Cash Party.

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director, reported that the Utility Crew has started filling the swimming pool. An inspection is scheduled for April 24th, with the goal of opening for the season during the first week of May. A new truck has arrived and will be picked up on Friday.

Aurora Hernandez, Chief of Police, gave a brief update on department activity. During the reporting period, the department issued a total of 255 citations: 30 penalties, 58 court appearances, and 167 warnings. There were 14 arrests, including 2 felonies, 2 warrants, and 12 misdemeanors. Carnaval weekend went smoothly with no major incidents, and there was a strong police presence throughout the event. The department is still accepting applications for the vacant position and may conduct interviews before the end of the month.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

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Mayor Torres commended the Police Department for their strong presence during the Carnaval this past weekend. He also invited everyone to attend the Open House for the new Veterinary Clinic at the High School, scheduled for April 24th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Trustee Martinez moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Franzoy, and it carried.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

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