



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Franzoy, Elizabeth Soto, Andrea Legarreta, Concha L. Benavidez, Jorge Au, JoAnn Au, Teresa Trujillo, Elena Chavarria, Gloria Molinar, Lisa Neal, Stephen Lopez, Eric Hamilton, Trey Gimler, 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 / Abstains: 0

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Travel & Training, Regular Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025).

Minutes:

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

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. Public input

Minutes:

Mayor Torres presented a plaque to Fire Chief Jorge Au in recognition of his many years of service to the Village of Hatch Fire Department. The Mayor also thanked Trustee Franzoy and Trustee Crist for their many years of service as Trustees for the Village of Hatch.

Stephen Lopez, Assistant County Manager for Doña Ana County, attended the meeting to discuss GoBond funding. He invited the public to attend a Community Drop-In Meeting to be held on December 18, 2025, at the Hatch Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will provide an opportunity for open discussion with county staff regarding future recreation center planning. Attendees are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions.

5. *Consideration and approval of a fireworks display permit for Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church for its religious celebration on December 12, 2025.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve the fireworks display permit for Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church for its religious celebration on December 12, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. Bohannan Huston Report

Minutes:

Eric Hamilton, Project Manager provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Bohannan Huston.

7. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

There was no representative from Wilson & Company in attendance at this month's meeting.

8. *Consideration and approval to appoint Kathie M. Franzoy and Alice Soto to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to appoint Kathie M. Franzoy and Alice Soto to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

9. *Resolution No. xxx - A Resolution establishing water leak bill adjustment policies and procedures.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1109 establishing water leak bill adjustment policies and procedures. 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 / Abstains: 0

10. *Ordinance No. xxx - An ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.04 Water System Regulations, Section 13.04.060 Water Rates

Minutes:

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve Ordinance No. 430 Amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.04 Water System Regulations, Section 13.04.060 Water Rates. 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 / Abstains: 0

11. *Ordinance No. xxx - An ordinance amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges Sections 13.08.010 and 13.08.030

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to approve Ordinance No. 431 Amending Title 13 Public Services, Chapter 13.08 Sewer Connections and Service Charges Sections 13.08.010 and 13.08.030. Seconded by Trustee Franzoy. 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 / Abstains: 0

12. *Ordinance No. xxx - An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Hatch Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Section 8.04.160 Collection and Disposal Service Fees , for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

Minutes:

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Ordinance No. 432 Amending Title 8 of the Hatch Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, Section 8.04.160 Collection and Disposal Service Fees, for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal. 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 / Abstains: 0

13. *Personnel

a. *Ratification of resignation of Officer Mannie Sanchez III following employment investigation and Mayoral Determination

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio moved to ratify the resignation of Officer Mannie Sanchez III following employment investigation and Mayoral Determination. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

14. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Lisa Neal, Library Director, provided a brief report on the library’s activities for the month of November, noting that it was a quiet month. She also announced that Santa will be at the library next Tuesday for a story time event, and all children are invited to attend.

Trey Gimler, Chief of Police, reported on ongoing business at the police department. He stated that officers have been busy responding to county calls due to staffing shortages at the county level, with many calls occurring outside city limits. City officers have been assisting as needed. Aside from this, operations at the department are running smoothly.

15. Mayor & Trustees Input

Minutes:

Trustee Franzoy thanked the Mayor and fellow Trustees as she will no longer serve on the Board due to losing the election. She also thanked the public and wished the Board well as they work with the newly elected officials.

Mayor Pro Tem Atencio questioned why Wilson & Company have not been attending the monthly meetings.

Trustee Martinez expressed concerns regarding the concrete being removed during sidewalk construction and temporarily piled in the park area, and asked whether it would be removed. Eric Hamilton explained that J29 is stockpiling the concrete until a full load is accumulated, at which point it will be hauled off village property to the dump.

16. * Adjourn

Minutes:

In the absence of further business, Trustee Martinez moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atencio, and it carried.

Signed: _____

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

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Next Regular Meeting: January 13, 2026.

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