

Regular Meeting
July 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Nunez, Trustee Torres, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Whitlock, and Trustee Crist

Others Present: Phyllis Sims, Miguel Silva, Dave Shields, Mike Castillo, Linda Alvarez, Lisa Neal, James Gimler, Scott Krahling, Lindsey Backman, Dolores Connor, and Elizabeth Porras

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, New Mexico, on the above date. The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows: Mayor Nunez – Present, Trustee Torres – Present, Trustee Martinez – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Martinez led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Nunez then called for a moment of silence.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2018 as written. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 22, 2018 as written. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Scott Krahling County Clerk gave a brief presentation on the Election Law Changes. Dolores Connor, Chair informed the Board of a series of voter engagement meetings of free community conversations about voter participation throughout the county in July. The meetings will feature small group conversations in which people can give feedback on the process of voting in their communities, as well as motivations behind participation. When only nine percent of people are showing up to vote in local elections, democracy is in crisis. These events are one part of a larger plan to build a voting culture in Dona Ana County. Miguel Silva gave an update on the maintenance of the parks.

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update on all the projects for the Village of Hatch. The Municipal Airport awarded to Highland Enterprises and Dumas is working through the FAA and NMAD grant requirements. The Hatch Transmission Line & Well Control Building is waiting on Big River to pull new well pump and check if it is the drop wire again or a problem with the motor. We can't finalize the project until that happens. The contractor has not been paid until the project is finalized. Hopeful Big River can get to it this week. Also need him to provide a written estimate for the work so we can get it approved by Steve Deal and NMED. Project is on hold until the pump is checked at this point.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Case No. 2018-02-02 Peter Atencio for site use variance request. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Ordinance No. 389 Authorizing dangerous building removal in the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, and Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve a two percent pay increase on anniversary of date of hire effective July 14, 2018 for Valerie Montoya as per FOP Contract. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to remove Richard Martinez and Richard P. Garcia from Police Officer Certified (Probationary) to Police Officer Certified (Non-Probationary) status at \$18.50 hourly rate effective July 2, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

*6:54 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to convene in closed executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, employment matters as authorized by the open meetings act § (H)(7). Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

*7:33 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to reconvene in open session from closed executive session where no decisions were made. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Martinez moved to terminate the employment of Isabella Harrison effective June 25, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

No action was taken on the FOP Contract at this time.

Mike Castillo gave a brief report on all the activities going on with the Utilities Department and informed the board that Samuel Castillo is on light duty due to a broken toe non-work related. Lisa Neal reported on the Artisan & Farmers Mercado which open this last weekend and said that it started out slow, but has confidence that it will pick up once the word get out. Also reported on the different activities going on at the Library. Police Chief reported on all the Police Department activity for the month, and informed the Board about negotiating with DEA's office to get a contract with Village of Hatch for a DEA officer to work in Hatch. Mayor Nunez informed the Board about having a special meeting sometime to finalize the Budget and Quarterly Report.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Date: _____