

Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Whitlock, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Crist

Members Absent: Trustee Atencio and Trustee Martinez

Others Present: Becca Galves, Lisa Neal, Jorge Au, Mike Castillo, Tim Thornton, Gloria Molinar, Elena Chavarria, Tim Jackson, Vonda Jackson, Alex Villegas, Ryan Montez, Joseph Mata, Manuel Sanchez, Alfredo Holguin, 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, NM, on the above date. Mayor Whitlock, asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Whitlock – Present, Mayor Pro-Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Absent, Trustee Crist – Present, and Trustee Martinez – Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Crist led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Torres gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

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

With great sorrow Mayor Whitlock informed the public of the passing of Mrs. Johnnye Hammett, long time resident and past Trustee of the Village of Hatch.

Tim and Vonda Jackson with Hatch Ice Box gave brief presentation of the plans to open up an Ice Box brewery in Hatch. Ice Box will try and hire locally, will also be operating until late in the evening, the plan is to be open and ready for operations June 1st.

Commissioner Sanchez gave a brief update on the ongoing plans for Dona Ana County, and informed the Board that the county obtain approximately twenty million for the Santa Teresa Airport for upgrades. Commissioner Sanchez is also working on a program to bring free bus rides to the northern part of the county. This will help people that don't have transportation come to Hatch and do business or simply participate in any functions that might be going on in town for the summer or any other time.

Alfredo Holguin gave a brief project status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company. The Rodey Lift Station Rehabilitation and New Chile Capital lane Lift Station Project, the Design Analysis Report comments from NMED-CPB have been addressed and are being submitted to NMED for second review. The Placitas Water System Improvements, Design Analysis Report has been completed and submitted to NMED on January 13, 2022 for approval.

Comments were due February 14. Wilson followed up with CPB on status and received response that “all reviews to take up to 60 days due to the volume.” The Comprehensive Plan Update business owner interviews/meeting scheduled for March 10th at 6pm. Wilson received crash data and working on crash analysis. Wilson submitted NMDOT permit request for tube counts on Franklin Street. Planning to perform tube counts week of March 14th. The 2021 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Village Wide Sidewalk Improvements. Internal kick off meeting held 2/28/22, Topographic Survey and Geotechnical Investigation scheduled for March, design to begin late March. On the Current Funding Applications the 2021 NMED CWSRLF Hatch Storm Pump Improvements Re-advertised for proposals as required by NMED. The 2021 Capital Outlay Hero’s Park Multi-Purpose Flood Control. The Task Order executed on February 9, 2022. Notice of Obligation submitted to Ariana Vigil, DFA LGD on March 7, 2022. The 2021 Colinas Infrastructure Funds Hero’s Park Multi-Purpose Flood Control, Task Order Status signed by Mayor Whitlock and Mario Juarez-Infante. Submitted to NMED CPB, Steven Deal for final endorsement on Sunday, January 28, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve Resolution No. 1035 A Resolution confirming the Village of Hatch to Participate in the NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program Local Government Road Fund Program. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-absent, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Crist moved to approve Ordinance No. 417 An Ordinance Amending Village Code Title 12, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, by adding Chapter 12.14 Parking on Sidewalks Prohibited. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Atencio-absent, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Martinez-absent. Motion carried.

Item number nine of the agenda to amend Village Code Title 6 Animals, Chapter 6.04 Animal Care and Control, Section 6.04.230 Animal projects kept within Village limits and adding Subsection E. Domestic chickens/rabbits, dies due to no motions or votes made.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to hire Candace Hyatt as Program Director with a salary of \$2,000, and Erin Hackey as Assistant Director with a salary of \$1,500 effective March 8, 2022 for the 2022 Summer Youth Baseball season. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to ratify the approval to advertise for the following positions a Part-Time Court Clerk position, a Temporary Full-Time Swimming Pool Manager and Lifeguards for the 2022 summer season, and the 2022 Summer Youth Program. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Fire Chief Au gave a brief update on the Fire Department, training ongoing with weekend shifts. In house scenarios, live evolutions, and smoke out bays. Recruitment and retention is ongoing with current staff. Hydrant testing will resume as soon as weather warms up. Updating SOG’s from DACFES and working on modifying to fit Village of Hatch Fire Department needs. No calls for February 2022. Chief Au visiting with EMS Bureau to entertain EMS services within

Hatch Fire Department. Lisa Neal, Library Director reported that the library is doing very well, plans underway. Library continues to serve the public on various needs. Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the big celebration this year for the 50th Anniversary of the Chile Festival. Mike Castillo, Public Work Director reported that they will begin with water testing which is already due. Street sweeping has been on the schedule as well every Thursday. Crew has also been installing meters. During spring break they will be replacing the 4" meter at the high school. Public works director will also be attending training to get Pool Operator Certification the week of March 22, 2022. Utility workers have completed the 2022 pipeline safety training. Chief of Police Thornton reported a busy month, things are running smooth, and officers are more proactive patrolling and have been busy making DWI arrests. CIT class scheduled with the county. Officer Sanchez, is on investigations training with the county for the next six weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres was invited by the Hatch Valley Public Schools team to Kayanta Arizona. This trip was to tour a Veterinary Clinic at an Indian Reservation. The Veterinary Clinic is operated by students, and they have one veterinarian on site. It was very impressive to see how the students are learning hands on. Hatch Valley Public Schools is looking for avenues to see about bringing the same program into our schools.

Mayor Whitlock informed the public that there will be a safety class for side-by-side operators on March 19, 2022, at the Village of Hatch fair grounds. If interested please reach out to Mr. Stephen Dail, Project Lifesaver Specialist and Nationally Certified Instructor, with DAC Sheriff's Department as there is limited space.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____,

Date: _____