



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Whitlock, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Crist,
Trustee Atencio, Stephen Dail, Mike Castillo, Brigitte Fuller, Ivan
Rodriguez, Frank Angel, Richard Garcia, Adam Lem, 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 Whitlock, asked the Clerk Treasurer for roll call as follows: Mayor Whitlock – Present, Mayor Pro-Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Crist – Present, and Trustee Martinez – Absent. There being a quorum, Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres led all in attendance in the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Atencio gave the opening prayer.

2. * Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

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

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Southwest Disposal Services Renewal Contract, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022).

Minutes:

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

4. Recess Regular Meeting for Public Hearing

Minutes:

*6:01 P.M. – Mayor Whitlock recessed the regular meeting to conduct a public hearing to receive public input on the Sidewalks Project for the Village of Hatch.

a. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the Sidewalks Project for the Village of Hatch.**Minutes:**

Ivan Rodriguez, EIT Project Designer, with Wilson & Company explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was for the public to comment on the Sidewalks Project. This project is at 60% complete. The Village has identified streets within the Village limits, where ADA wheelchair ramps, accessible drive-pads, and sidewalk in non-compliant or non-existent. This funding will provide full planning, drainage evaluation, and residential sidewalks, drive-pads, and wheelchair ramp design drawings, and specifications.

*6:14 P.M. – Mayor Whitlock adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting

5. Public input**a. Stephen Dail, Nationally Certified Instructor****Minutes:**

Stephen Dail, Nationally Certified Instructor with DAC Sheriff's Department made an invitation to the community in attendance and also to spread the word that there will be a safety course on ATV or recreational off-highway vehicles on November 5th and 17th, 2022 free of charge at the Hatch Airport. This course helps kids under age know the requirements and safety on operating these type of vehicles as established by rule of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

6. Bohannon Huston Report**7. Wilson & Company Report****Minutes:**

Brigitte Fuller provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company.

8. *Consideration and approval to renew SRO Agreement with Hatch Valley Public Schools.**Minutes:**

Trustee Crist moved to table the renewal of the SRO Agreement with the Hatch Valley Public Schools, until the wording on Section 3.2 Weapons and Ammunition has been amended. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

9. *Personnel**a. *Ratify termination of employment for Carina Molina as Court Clerk effective September 21, 2022.****Minutes:**

Trustee Atencio moved to approve ratification of termination of employment for Carina Molina as Court Clerk effective September 21, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

b. *Ratify approval to hire Romelia Lujan as Court Clerk effective October 3, 2022 at \$14.00 per hourly rate with a six month probationary period.

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve ratification to hire Romelia Lujan as Court Clerk effective October 3, 2022 at \$14.00 per hourly rate with a six month probationary period. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

10. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director gave a brief report on Utilities Department activities for the month. The lead and copper testing was submitted and it all came back good. The crew has been busy cleaning the Airport and installing some meters. The meters that are pending are six to eight weeks out for delivery. Lieutenant Angel, reported on the Police Department, busy month for all officers as service calls have increased, it appears that all departments throughout the state have been experiencing the same issues. Rate of crime is going up, there was also some code violations.

11. Trustees Input

12. Mayor's Report

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Date: _____

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION to discuss limited personnel matters; threatened or pending litigation, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act 10-15-1(H) (2), 10-15-1 (H) (7) and 10-15-1 (H) (5) respectively.

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