



VILLAGE OF HATCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mayor Whitlock, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Trustee Atencio, Trustee Crist, Trustee Martinez, Tim Thornton, Jessica Garcia, Selina Cabrera, David Shields, Lloyd Burns, Alfredo Holguin, Brigitte Fuller, Tim Jackson, Vonda Jackson, Linda Alvarez, Lisa Neal, Mike Castillo, Elizabeth Soto, Richard Garcia, Manuela Sigala

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 Deputy Clerk for roll call as follows: Mayor Whitlock – Present, Mayor Pro-Tem Torres – Present, Trustee Atencio – Present, Trustee Crist – Present, and Trustee Martinez – Present (by phone). 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:

Trustee Crist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried.

3. * Consent Agenda (Police, Fire, Museum, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Rec, Library, Cemetery, Court Reports, Approved Bills List, Delinquent List, Utility Applications, Regular Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023).

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried.

4. Public input

Minutes:

Vonda Jackson on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce announce the 1st Annual Toy Run in the

Village of Hatch, scheduled for December 2, 2023. Here are the key details:

- Registration: Starts at 11:00 A.M. at the Icebox.
- Departure: The parade through town begins at 12:00 P.M.
- Participants: All types of vehicles are welcome to join the parade.

In the evening, there will be another toy run, this time in collaboration with Rio Gande Elementary, featuring motorcycles. Additionally, there is a possibility of a light parade that night. Chambers hope to see everyone there for a day filled with fun and community spirit.

5. *P & Z Committee - Consideration and approval of a Zone Variance – Case # 2023-02-01 Icebox John Wright.

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Zone Variance for Case #2023-02-01 for John Wright for the Icebox. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried.

6. Wilson & Company Report

Minutes:

Alfredo Holguin provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Wilson & Company.

7. Bohannon Huston Report

Minutes:

Dave Shields provided a status update for all ongoing services provided by Bohannon Huston.

8. *Acceptance for the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, Law Enforcement Recruitment Fund for the Village of Hatch Police Department Grant No. 23-ZH5048-34 in the amount of \$262,500 .

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to approve acceptance of the NMDFA, Law Enforcement Recruitment Fund for the Village of Hatch Police Department Grant No. 23-ZH5048-34 in the amount of \$262,500. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres. Motion carried.

9. *Resolution No. xxx - Adopting a Budget Adjustment for FY 2023-2024

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve Resolution No. 1066 Adopting a Budget Adjustment for FY-2023-2024. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Mayor Pro-Tem Torres-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, Trustee Atencio - aye, Trustee Martinez-aye. Motion carried.

10. Personnel

a. *Consideration and approval to remove Manuell L. Shreves from probationary status to non-probationary and authorize fifty-cent pay increase effective October 4, 2023.

Minutes:

Trustee Atencio moved to approve to remove Manuell L. Shreves from probationary status to non-probationary and authorize fifty-cent pay increase effective October 4, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried.

b. *Accept the resignation of Officer Travis Jones effective October 4, 2023.

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Torres moved to accept the resignation of Travis Jones effective October 4, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. Motion carried.

c. *Accept the resignation of Officer Adam Powell Lem effective October 10, 2023.

Minutes:

Trustee Crist moved to accept the resignation of Adam Powell Lem effective October 10, 2023. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres. Motion carried.

11. Department Head Input

Minutes:

Mike Castillo, Public Works Director provided an update on Public Work Department. Water outages expected until the 20th due to J29 line filling. A 2012 Dodge vehicle is out of service, taken to Las Cruces for engine repair costing \$11,000, and is exploring options for purchasing a replacement vehicle. Considering seeking a grant from USDA, recommended for vehicle purchases. The backhoe requires maintenance.

Lisa Neal, Librarian provided a monthly report indicating a slow month due to illness. Continues to host children's programs and partners with Aprendamos. Hosting Trunk or Treat event on 10/31/2023.

Tim Thornton, Chief of Police provided a brief update. The department has applied for a new grant. Acknowledges the departure of two officers but expresses satisfaction with the current team. Discusses the handling of cases left by the departing officers. The Chief, Lt, and Officer Hernandez are taking on additional patrolling duties.

12. Mayor & Trustees Input

Minutes:

Mayor Whitlock, informed the Board that he met with Geronimo, a representative from a Texas mining company. The company plans to build a dolomite plant for magnesium extraction 7 miles north. Questions regarding the water usage and recycling were raised. Discussion about disposing of leftover materials, which can be used in concrete production.

13. * Adjourn

Minutes:

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Torres. Motion carried.

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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