



**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE AND SPA CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012 2:00 P.M.

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J. Christopher Stagg
Barbara L. Wiard
Thomas P. Wittman

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:
Mark G. Fratrick

CLERK/TREASURER:
Vanessa N. Chisholm

I. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor King, Councilors Bennett, Stagg, Wiard and Wittman were present. Staff members present included Mark Fratrick, Vanessa Chisholm, Don Schieber, Dave Wallace and Ray Keen.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved to amend the agenda by moving Item XII. E. to follow approval of the minutes and all other New Business to follow item E. due to one of the Councilors needs to leave the meeting early.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Stagg
Passed: 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2012 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Councilor Wiard noted that there was a typo for the approval of the beer and wine license for the Pizza Shack. "Bear and Wine License" should read "Beer and Wine License".

MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended for the January 3, 2012 Village Council meeting.

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wiard **Passed:** 4-0.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Resolution #2012-226, A Resolution Supporting the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Designation.

Janelle Frederick, representing Senator Bingaman's Office, discussed the resolution and stated that representatives from the Senator's office would be in New Mexico on a fact finding mission later in February. Frederick asked if the Council could meet on February 22, 2012, 2:30 p.m. for further discussion on this issue. The Council agreed to another meeting.

MOTION: To Table Resolution #2012-226, A Resolution Supporting the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Designation.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 4-0

A. Bonds 101” presentation by George K. Baum Company

The Village recently contracted with George K. Baum & Company for Financial Advice and Planning due to the proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP’s) and future funding requirements. Brad Angst, Assistant Vice President and Mark Valenzuela, Vice President, from George K. Baum & Company, Investment Bankers, gave a presentation to the Village Council including a general insight on municipal bonding, funding possibilities, and the viability of obtaining funding through these processes for various projects.

B. Mayor’s Proclamation for “Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico”

The Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico will be honoring New Mexico’s teachers on March 2, 2012. The day will be proclaimed “Tribute to Teacher Excellence Day” in honor of this year’s Golden Apple Awards Celebration. Among the recipients for this year’s award is Nathaniel Evans who teaches 7th and 8th grade math and science at Taos Charter School. Congratulations to our local teacher, Mr. Evans. The Mayor read the proclamation to the Council and audience.

C. Discussion on Committee Appointments

Mayor King reported that John Halley would remain as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the next year. Dianne McKenzie would serve as Chairperson for the Arts and Entertainment Committee.

MOTION: To approve the Mayor’s reappointment of John Halley as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation committee and his appointment of Diane as Chairperson of the Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Motion: Councilor Wiard **Second:** Councilor Stagg **Passed:** 4-0

Mayor King discussed the various Committees. King proposed a new recommendation for future committee selections. He suggested that once a year, citizens should let Village Staff or a Village Councilor know of their interest in joining a particular committee. These appointments would be made in April of each year by the Mayor and approved by the Council. The Mayor spoke against term limits, as there are only a few people in the Village that seem to be interested in various positions. He also spoke against a citizen becoming a chairperson unless that person has served on the committee as a member.

Councilor Bennett stated that she would like to see each committee, such as Lodgers’ Tax Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation and Arts and Entertainment be represented at Council meetings do give a brief summary of what is happening in those committees. The Mayor stated that two new citizens have requested to be appointed to the Lodger’s Tax Committee. Committee appointments will be on the April agenda.

F. Consideration to approve Resolution #2012-227, A Resolution requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment.

At the June 7, 2011 Council Meeting a motion was made “to authorize the Mayor to approve a payment up to \$2,000.00 for insurance to be used for the Enchanted Music Festival weekends held during the summer of 2011”. A budget adjustment resolution for FY2012 has not been passed yet for this line item. Also, several items were purchased in June for the Parks and Recreation Committee; however the invoices or

credit card postings did not arrive until July/August 2011. These items were approved in FY2011. The revenue was carried over in the Lodgers' Tax cash balance at July 1, 2011. Since these items had been approved already, staff feels that the line item should be increased in FY2012 to meet accrual accounting practices. Thus, Lodgers' Tax Fund 6313 Materials & Supplies was increased by \$3,446.13, and 6270 Liability Insurance was increased by \$2,000.00.

The Department of Public Safety is requesting a Budget Adjustment Resolution for \$9,000.00 each in Fire and EMS Donations funds for a capital expenditure purchase of a Polaris Ranger ATV for back country search/rescue. A Homeland Security grant for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger ATV was approved for this purchase through Taos County Office of Emergency Management. However, the County is asking that we be the fiscal agent for the purchase, which requires us to make the upfront purchase and then get reimbursed from the grant finding. The ATV would be housed in Taos Ski Valley, but available for any County back country search/rescue. This vehicle would be licensed and street legal.

MOTION: To approve Resolution #2011-227 a Resolution Requesting a Permanent Budget Adjustment.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0

V. CITIZEN'S FORUM – No one spoke at the Citizen's Forum.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chisholm reported that lodgers' tax collections have been down but the February collections should be us even with last year. Fratricks and Chisholm stated that the Village's Quarterly Report to NM DFA showed a good cash balance.

The financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman spoke about the P&Z meeting held Monday, February 6, 2012. The Commission discussed conceptual plans. Section 13 of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance addresses developers submitting conceptual plans. Don Schieber is revising the Master Plan. In 2006, the Village had an old Master Plan. The next meeting of the P&Z Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss.

B. Public Safety Committee - No report.

C. Public Works Committee - No report.

D. Parks and Recreation Committee – John Halley reported the committee is looking for new members.

E. Arts and Entertainment Committee – Dianne McKenzie reported they are starting to plan Spring and Summer activities.

F. Lodgers’ Tax Advisory Board - No report. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Snakedance Condos.

VIII. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS – No report

Councilor Wiard reported on the IGC and Taos Regional Landfill Board Meetings held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. She reported on other meetings, contacts and future meetings, which included the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference to be held on March 10-14, 2012 in Washington, D.C. Wiard is Immediate Past President of the NMML and will be representing the NMML and the Village of Taos Ski Valley at this Conference. The NMML will pay for Councilor Wiard’s trip. Wiard spoke about the 2012 Legislative Session and the activities of the NMML. The League is concerned about repealing of the gross receipts and compensation tax act, as well as watching SB 271, which would phasing out the Hold Harmless Act. This affects medical and food taxes over 15 years. There is concern regarding the GRT deduction for construction services and small businesses. The fireworks bill might go through State Forrester. The Legislature is considering changing the Public Meetings Act for posting the agenda from 24 hours to 72 hours.

IX. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor King reported on the status of the AT&T “no cell phone service” problem in the Village. The Village and TSV, Inc. are still in touch with AT&T but with no success on this issue.

The Mayor stated that on a yearly basis, the Council needs to appoint a Councilor to the Nominating Committee for Holy Cross Hospital. Councilor Bennett said she has been the Village’s representative for Holy Cross for several years, but this year she may not be able to make their April and May meetings, as she is scheduled for possible Jury Duty in Santa Fe.

MOTION: To approve Councilor Bennett’s appointment to the Holy Cross Hospital Nominating Committee and the Mayor’s choice for an alternate.

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 3-0
(Councilor Bennett abstaining)

X. STAFF REPORTS

Village Administrator, Mark Fratrack, said a meeting with the Forest Service and TSV is scheduled for the last week of February to discuss the Town Site Act. They are continuing to work through issues with Core Village Zone development. He reported that there is no new movement regarding optic line trenching by Kit Carson Electric Cooperative. Work continues on the upgraded Village website. The personnel policy review committee is completing their changes and review of the Ordinance. Fratrack hasn’t heard if we’ve cleared Tier II review of our Water Trust Board Application. The old large format copier was sold on the Public Surplus Auction. Fratrack will be traveling to Denver on February 15, 2012 for a one day Urban Leadership Symposium conference sponsored by George K. Baum.

Dave Wallace, Public Safety Director, talked about the budget adjustment for the purchase of the Polaris Ranger, with reimbursement coming from a Homeland Security grant through the Taos County Office Emergency Management.

Don Schieber, Community Development Director, talked about his review and update of the Master Plan. He is very concerned about snow storage. Schieber discussed the NMDOT

MAP (Municipal Arterial Program) and possible road funding. He updated the Council on the status of the Sierra del Sol Fire Hazard Issue.

Ray Keen, Director of Public Works, talked about the sludge permit process which is underway; meanwhile we are hauling sludge to Rio Rancho. Ray said the plant is running fine, with only one blip last month. His staff is working hard; snow removal is going well.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS:

It was announced that there will be a Candidate Forum in the Looking Glass at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 13, 2012. This is a chance for voters/citizens to listen to the three candidates running for Village Council. The election is March 6, 2012.

XIII. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

MOTION: To go to Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.

Motion: Councilor Stagg **Second:** Councilor Wittman **Passed:** 4-0.

MOTION: To Return to Open Session.

It was announced that nothing was discussed except pending litigation and no votes were taken.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Stagg **Passed:** 4-0.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

As noted earlier in the meeting the Village Council will meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2012, at 2:30 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room with representatives from Senator Bingaman’s office. Elections are March 6, 2012 therefore the next regularly scheduled Village Council meeting will be on March 13, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Club Room.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Wittman **Second:** Councilor Bennett **Passed:** 4-0.

Neal King, Mayor

Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk