

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM  
PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSHOP  
JULY 15, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bob Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Bob Knowlton, Councilors Wayne Ake, Dolly Wallace, Bill Kennedy and Russ Walkup and Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ICIP**

There was discussion regarding the priorities on the last ICIP. It was decided to leave the first 2 priorities the same:

#1 - Additional Waste Water Treatment Clarifier and Sludge Processing

#2 - Arsenic Removal System

The Village received funding last year for Rehabilitation of Water Storage Tanks and #4 Village Office Renovations so those two were removed from the project list.

There was discussion of adding a kitchen expansion and appliance upgrade for the community center/senior meal site. Clerk/Administrator Jones stated that at the last Older American Meeting, the Village was urged to apply for funding to expand the kitchen at the Community Center. There was discussion of possible funding sources. The Clerk/Administrator will check with Jose Campos to see what funding sources might be available.

There was also discussion of the ditch crossing on the Jackson ditch at the South Loop. The Mayor stated that the Conservancy mentioned to him that it is badly deteriorated and needs to be completely replaced. This should probably be #3 on the ICIP.

After discussion, the remaining projects were prioritized as follows:

#4 - Road Construction

#5 - Move the Location of Well #2

#6 - Relocations of VRECC

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#7 - Construction of Recreation Facility

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF PERALTA**

Mayor Knowlton stated that Molzen-Corbin was the engineer for the NMDOT project on Highway 47 in Peralta and also the engineer for the Peralta sewer system. He stated that the NMDOT 47 project would start next year and Peralta was planning on putting their sewer lines in during that project. Peralta is also planning to run a sewer line down Chughole Lane to hook into Bosque Farms WWTP.

Mayor Knowlton stated that Peralta had received a loan from NMED for the sewer but before they could move forward with the loan, they needed to know what rates Bosque Farms would be charging them to treat their wastewater. There was discussion.

Mayor Knowlton stated that he had looked at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County water utility sewer ordinance and the rates they were charging. He presented several different scenarios for charging Peralta.

Councilor Walkup stated that he used actual numbers from the last 2 fiscal years and came up with an \$18.04 per month charge that he said Bosque Farms residents were currently paying. This amount is per connection per month charge. He suggested monitoring Peralta sewage flows into the WWTP.

Councilor Ake suggested charging commercial customers a per gallon charge above the monthly fee. There was discussion.

Mayor Knowlton agreed that the rates needed to be higher for commercial accounts. He also stated that he was leaning more towards a flat rate rather than a charge per gallon based on flow.

Mayor Knowlton stated that the WWTP could only handle an additional 10% increase in flow with the existing clarifier and EPA permit. He stated that the Village would still need to put a flow meter in where Peralta's line would enter the plant, regardless of how we charge them.

Councilor Walkup suggested adding the MOU for discussion only at the council meeting on Thursday, July 17.

#### **5. DISCUSSION OF MOU WITH THE TOWN OF PERALTA**

There was some discussion on the proposed MOU with Peralta and it was decided that it would be added to the Thursday meeting agenda for discussion only.

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**

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Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator