

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP
APRIL 27, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert G. Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Robert Knowlton, Councilors Russ Walkup, Bill Kennedy and Wayne Ake, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Treasurer Debra Kelly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Lt. Andrew Owen and Judge Lar Thomas. Councilor Wallace was absent.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET

Judge Thomas addressed the Council. He stated that the Court will start doing video arraignments once the fiber optic line is installed. The Court has been paying the Police Department out of the Corrections Fund to transport the prisoners to court.

Judge Thomas also requested an increase in Judge's salary to \$1,000.00 per month, which was in line with surrounding municipalities with similar caseloads.

There was discussion about putting some of the small cities assistance funds into a money market account. First American is paying the most interest.

General Fund expenditures were discussed. There was discussion of purchasing an administration car, a new animal control box, transferring \$20,000 to the Fire CERF and salary increases.

There was discussion of Police Department salaries.

There was discussion of the IGA with Peralta and the amount they pay for law enforcement. Bosque Farms has asked for an additional \$50,000.00 from Peralta in FY 2016.

There was discussion on the Fire Fund.

There was discussion on refinancing the sewer loan. The water and sewer budget was also discussed and Councilor Ake mentioned that there had been talk in the past that when the radio read water meters were installed, the department could be reduced by one full-time employee. Councilor Walkup also remembered that discussion.

There was discussion on moving one sewer salary to the water department.

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It was decided that there was not enough money in the court budget to increase the judge's salary.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2015.

Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator