

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP WITH THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE
TOWN OF PERALTA GOVERNING BODY
AUGUST 18, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Russell Walkup called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Russell Walkup, Peralta Mayor Bryan Olguin, Councilors Ronita Wood, Bill Kennedy, Bryan Burks, Richard Goshorn, Peralta Councilors Joseph Romero, Leon Otero, Randy Smith and Claudio Moya, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Steve Robbins. Town Clerk Kori Taylor arrived a short time later.

Mayor Walkup stated they were going to reverse 3 and 4 on the agenda, due to the EMS Director Vernon Abeita having a training scheduled for the same night.

4. DISCUSSION OF EMS IGA WITH THE TOWN OF PERALTA

EMS Director Vernon Abeita gave an update on EMS. He stated they have 3 paramedics and have one that will graduate at the end of August. Bosque Farms/Peralta EMS is the only volunteer service that will have 4 paramedics in the entire county. They are currently carrying narcotics and benzodiazepines for pain. They have also started a Jr. EMS Program which targets recruitment of high school students. They have three active volunteers in the Jr. Program, one from Valencia High School and two from Los Lunas High School. They are very active with the service. The Director stated they have 16 volunteers in the EMS Program which are providers at different levels or drivers. The department is looking at a new heart monitor, and currently have 2 different monitors on trial. They also are looking at getting a new rescue unit. He introduced several of the volunteers. He talked about the increase in the volume of calls.

Mayor Olguin suggested having volunteer recruitment flyers at Peralta Town Hall and wanted to recognize the volunteers on their web site. Mayor Olguin requested a monthly summary of the EMS calls and report.

Mayor Walkup stated the current IGA three-year contract will be expiring at the end of the month. Mayor Walkup stated Vernon's salary has previously been split between Bosque Farms and Peralta. That amount comes to \$33,604.00 each. Mayor Walkup felt like it was a bargain for both communities.

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Councilor Smith stated it was a tremendous bargain for the Town of Peralta. Mayor Walkup stated there may be a 2% or 3% raise sometime in the future.

There was discussion of the Nominal Fee.

Mayor Olguin stated there was a consensus of going forward with the IGA.

There was also discussion about adding monthly reports to the IGA.

3. DISCUSSION OF POLICE IGA WITH THE TOWN OF PERALTA

Mayor Walkup explained the budget. Mayor Walkup would like to have an increase in contributions from Peralta over the next four years at a rate of \$50,000.00 per year.

There was discussion.

Councilor Romero stated putting some type of annual adjustment into the IGA would be appropriate, however he was unsure if it would be fair to put a flat rate out there and let it go indefinitely.

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Robbins stated a \$50,000.00 increase per year is not a reality.

Mayor Olguin stated he would like to take this back to his Council and discuss the issue and see what they can come up with.

Councilor Burks stated the communities have to work together to protect each other. The calls for service the police department receives are about 50/50 for each community.

Councilor Smith stated he was thrilled to have the Bosque Farms Police Department and talked about maybe a lump sum to help out with the financial burden and then come up with a small percentage.

Mayor Olguin talked about his support for the police and wants to continue to fund the police department.

Councilor Smith stated having Bosque Farms Police Department keep crime down in Peralta also helps Bosque Farms.

Clerk Jones brought up the governors unfunded mandate on the lapel cameras. She stated there is not an enactment date in the bill. The cost for the lapel cameras is a minimum of \$150,000.00.

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Chief Owen addressed the lapel camera mandate, the liabilities and the options the department is looking at in reference to obtaining the lapel cameras.

Councilor Smith suggested writing a joint letter to our legislators, voicing the concerns over the financial burden to the communities. Peralta will draft a letter and both municipalities will add the lapel cameras to their ICIP.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17TH OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator