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**UNOFFICIAL DRAFT NOT YET APPROVED
COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2020**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ABLE TO ATTEND AND LISTEN TO THE
MEETING VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://www.facebook.com/bosque.farms>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Russell Walkup called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Russell Walkup, Councilor Bill Kennedy, Councilor Bryan Burks, Councilor Ronita Wood, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Assistant Clerk Fable Cheney-Hoesch, Treasurer Yvonne Maes, Attorney Mark Jarmie, Chief Andrew Owen, Lieutenant Sterba, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Mayor Sharon Eastman, Loretta Hatch, Dan Garrison, and Mark Podeyn, and Planning and Zoning Officer Mike Montoya. Councilor Goshorn was absent.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1 H (2) NMSA, 1978 REGARDING
PERSONNEL MATTERS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF UTILITY DIRECTOR,
HIRING A POLICE OFFICER AND EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN**

Councilor Burks moved to adjourn to executive session at 5:46p.m. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Wood moved to reconvene at 6:07 p.m. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Jarmie stated the discussion held during executive session was limited to personnel matters.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Walkup asked everyone to remember all first responders, all the hospital staff and all those affected by COVID 19.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4 **6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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6 Councilor Burks moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Wood seconded. **Motion carried**
7 **unanimously.**

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9 **7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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11 **November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting postponed until December 3, 2020**

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13 Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

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15 **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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17 Chief Andrew Owen gave the Police Department report for November 2020.

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19 **9. MAYOR & COUNSELOR'S REPORTS**

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21 **Councilor Burks** reported the Fire Department continued to have a low volume of calls. He
22 also announced the Fire Department apparatus committee has been working on the design for
23 the new service truck. It will take nine months to one year to get the truck.

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25 **Councilor Wood** had no report.

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27 **Councilor Kennedy** had no report.

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29 **Mayor Walkup** announced the Village will be losing the EMS Director, Vernon Abeita on
30 December 30, 2020. He also stated the Village has received the grant agreement for the new
31 rescue unit.

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33 **10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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35 Treasurer Yvonne Maes gave the Treasurer's Report for November 2020. Councilor Kennedy
36 moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried**
37 **unanimously.**

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39 **11. NON-AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION LIMITED TO 1 ½ MINUTES**

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41 Mayor Sharon Eastman suggested adding money to next year's budget for new Christmas
42 decorations.

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4 **12. NEW BUSINESS**

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6 **A. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer**

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8 Councilor Wood moved to approve hiring Efrain Nunez as a police officer. Councilor Burks
9 seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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11 **B. Consideration of Hiring an Evidence Technician**

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13 Councilor Kennedy moved to approve hiring Sue VanCleve as an evidence technician.
14 Councilor Burks seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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16 **C. Discussion of Capital Outlay Requests for 2021 Legislative Session**

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18 Mayor Walkup went through the ICIP. Clerk Jones added 4 new police vehicles and build out
19 in the amount of \$206,14576 in rank 2 and removed Police Department Body Cam System
20 that had previously held the rank 2 position.

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22 **D. Consideration of Publication of The Repeal of Section 2-7 the Campaign Finance**
23 **Code**

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25 There was discussion. Councilor Burks moved to approve the publication of the repeal of
26 section 2-7 the Campaign Finance Code. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried**
27 **unanimously.**

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29 **E. Consideration of Resolution 960-20 Establishing the Holidays for 2021**

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31 Councilor Woods moved to approve Resolution 960-20 establishing the holidays for 2021.
32 Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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34 **F. Consideration of Publication of Amendments to 10-1 Comprehensive Zoning**
35 **Ordinance Section 11 (I) Concerning Regulated Businesses**

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37 There was discussion. Mayor Eastman stated there is a procedure that has to take place for a
38 text change in the ordinance. It has to go before Planning and Zoning before council can take
39 action on it. Attorney Jarmie concurred with Mayor Eastman. Councilor Burks moved to
40 remand the proposed change to Planning and Zoning. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion**
41 **carried unanimously.**

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4 **G. Consideration of Purchase of Body Cam System from BodyWorn by Utility**

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6 Chief Owen gave a quote for body cameras at \$142,568.00 over a five-year period.
7 \$71,284.00 due on contract signing. Remainder to be paid over next 4 years. There was
8 discussion.

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10 Councilor Burks moved to postpone Item G until January with a budget meeting prior to the
11 regular meeting. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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13 **H. Discussion of Property Maintenance Ordinance 7-3**

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15 The Mayor gave the floor to Councilor Burks. Councilor Burks stated he had received several
16 complaints regarding the number of citations being issued during this time of COVID. He also
17 stated the ordinance covers the entire Village but is written for residential not agricultural.
18 Mayor Walkup stated the Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement have not ramped up
19 enforcement recently. Mayor Walkup stated they are following the ordinance and he supports
20 them 100%. Councilor Burks voiced concerns over tensions growing between the Planning
21 and Zoning team and the residents. Council Wood stated she had also received complaints
22 about the tone of the letter. There was discussion.

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24 **I. Discussion of Open Burning Ordinance 11-3**

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26 Mayor Walkup stated the Village currently requires a burn permit be issued. The burn permits
27 are good for two weeks. We are currently asking our residents to call the county burn line
28 prior to them burning. Mayor Walkup is asking that we look at section 11-3 and look at burn
29 permits and give the Fire Department some teeth to issue citations for illegal burning.
30 Councilor Burks stated the section is also ambiguous regarding recreational fires. The Village
31 needs to add something regarding recreational fires. The fire Chief, Acting Fire Marshall
32 Fiedler and Councilor Burks are planning on looking at the ordinance and bringing their
33 recommendations back to the Council. Councilor Wood stated the Fire Chief is in favor of
34 allowing people to have recreational fires and Matanzas. He is not in favor of being so
35 restrictive. Mayor Walkup stated he will make a formal request to the Fire Department to take
36 a look at the ordinance.

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40 **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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42 Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator