

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Wayne Ake, Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood, Councilor Erica De Smet, Councilor Tim Baughman, Clerk/Administrator Vernon Abeita, Assistant Clerk Julie Gabaldon, Treasurer Yvonne Maes, Police Chief Andrew Owen and Attorney Mark Jarmie. Councilor Michael Cheromiah arrived during executive session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, PURSUANT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS, TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER AND DISCUSSION OF UTILITIES DIRECTOR ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Councilor Baughman made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:47 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:24 p.m. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Mark Jarmie stated that discussion during the executive session was limited to 10-15-1H (2) regarding personnel matters and nothing further was discussed.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Ake asked to remember the loss of Los Cruces Police Officer Mr. Jonah Hernandez. He asked everyone to remember his family in their time of grief. He also asked everyone to remember police departments statewide for the grief of their brother.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Baughman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Wood moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 4, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ake stated the minutes would stand as presented.

January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ake stated the minutes would stand as presented.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Vernon Abeita Clerk/Administrator gave a presentation on the sewer spill that happened on January 29, 2024. He gave a breakdown of the events that happened and the cleanup efforts. There was discussion.

Chief Brogdon gave an update on ISO inspection, he announced the brush truck will be here in mid-March. He asked approval from the council to donate the old brush truck back to another fire department, within the state, that needs it. They were able to purchase five (5) new AED's.

Chief Owen presented the police department report for January 2024. He also presented the animal control report for January 2024. On February 12, 2024 they went live with TraCS for digital citations and field reports.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wood reported Tuesday, February 20, the Valencia Association of Elected People of the County will be having a meeting in the library. She added there was a library appreciation for people that helped with the library over the years.

Councilor De Smet recognized Ed, Rey, and Patty and thanked them for everything they have done to help the Village of Bosque Farms.

Councilor Cheromiah reminded everyone tomorrow is the dog food drive with Vince Otero, Animal Control.

Councilor Baughman thanked the Pueblo of Isleta for all their hard work. He was asked by the Mayor and Admin to look into equipment breakdowns. The backhoe is fixed thanks to our maintenance workers. He gave an update on the sewer truck and bigfoot.

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Mayor Ake also thanked Village staff and Isleta for their hard work. January 26, 2024, he, Councilor De Smet, and others went to Santa Fe to ask for 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) for an additional clarifier. The Governor has thirty (30) days to sign or veto.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of January 2024. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for January 2024. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Deirdra Velasquez expressed her concern about Niagara and introduced Valencia Water Watchers.

Horace Joe Maez had concerns over land use. The Clerk/Admin gave him a card to set up an appointment for further discussion.

Nick Gipson read a letter expressing his disappointment with the suspension of Utilities Director, David Chavez.

Andres Modesto read a letter on behalf of the Utilities Director, David Chavez.

Christie Cunningham read a letter about her concerns about how the Village of Bosque Farms is run. She also expressed concerns about the suspension of the Utilities Director, David Chavez.

Nick Christopher read a letter on behalf of the Utilities Director, David Chavez. It also expressed his concerns about upgrades needed to run the Utility Department.

David Chavez signed up to speak but chose to hold off for a different audience.

Tony Towers loves the community of Bosque Farms, he thanked the police department for keeping us safe.

Charlie Scoggin gave an update on Cole Road.

Annie Scoggin signed up but didn't speak.

Pat and Jim Asaay signed up but didn't speak.

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Lillie McNabb thanked the police department and fire department. People need to get involved in a positive way. She stated this village is a family and that is how we are going to keep it.

Mike Montoya introduced himself and read a letter about his concerns about the village and how it is run.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Annexation to 950 McNew Lane Owners David B. South and Diana M. South

Tony Towers voiced his concerns. Attorney Jarmie read a letter from the Town of Peralta's Attorney Steve Chavez. The town is not inclined to consent to annexation. There was discussion. It was decided that it needs to go through the Town of Peralta.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Pueblo of Isleta

Councilor Baughman made a motion to amend the effective date and term to end March 31, 2024, instead of thirty (30) days after the effective date on the memorandum before approval. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve of a memorandum of understanding with Pueblo of Isleta and the Village of Bosque Farms for Intergovernmental Support to Respond to wastewater emergency as amended. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of appointment of individual(s) to the Personnel Board

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve appointment of Councilor Cheromiah to the Personnel Board. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve appointment of Greg Jones to the Personnel Board. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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C. Consideration of appointment of individual(s) to the Planning and Zoning

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the reappointment of Chris Gillespie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the reappointment of Michael Baber to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Consideration of hiring of a Police Officer

Councilor Baughman motioned to hire Jordan Trujillo as a police officer. Mayor Pro Tem Wood second the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Consideration of approval of Emergency Medical Services MOU with Peralta

There was discussion. Chief Brogdon read a statement on concerns about the Clerk/Administrator. This matter was deferred to a Special Council Meeting. Mayor Ake used executive authority to authorize our EMS vehicle to be used by authorized drivers.

Mayor Ake read a statement announcing his resignation as of March 1, 2024.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Ake adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Ronita Wood, Mayor Pro Tem

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Julie Gabaldon, Assistant Clerk