

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 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, AND APPOINTMENT OF A CLERK ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER, AND CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:45 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:35 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 everyone to join in a silent invocation.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor De Smet 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

December 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ake stated the minutes would stand as presented.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Judge Eldridge swore in Dara Ferguson as Alternate Judge.

Chief Owen presented the police department report for December 2023. He presented the animal control report for December 2023. He also included the annual report for 2023.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Wood attended Municipal League Official Leadership Institute in Santa Fe with Councilor Cheromiah. GRT includes Amazon drop offs to your house.

Councilor De Smet nothing to report.

Councilor Cheromiah attended Municipal League Official Leadership Institute in Santa Fe with Mayor Pro Tem Wood. They were informed this legislative session is one of the riskier legislations in terms of the municipalities. They are dealing with finances and whatever the Governor forwards to them through her agenda. He believes our governing body needs to pressure our representative to help up with our municipality funds.

Councilor Baughman nothing to report.

Mayor Ake gave an update on his health, to stop the rumors.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of December 2023. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for December 2023. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Mayor Eastman expressed her concern about the lights on Highway 47.

Lee Wharton informed of grants for parks.

Lillie McNabb congratulated Councilor De Smet and Mayor Ake. She thanked our Clerk/Administrator Abeita for getting Carl Allen's plaque fixed on the North Loop.

12. OLD BUSINESS

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

Attorney Jarmie gave an update on annexation to 950 McNew Lane. We do not have consent from Peralta. There was discussion. Attorney Jarmie will give a status report to Mayor Ake in two (2) weeks. Councilor Baughman made a motion to defer item 12. A. Consideration of Annexation to 950 McNew Lane Owners David B. South and Diana M. South pending results of the meeting with the Village and Attorney Jarmie and reconsider this on the next agenda or sooner if we have a positive result. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Approval of a Variance of an 837 sq. ft. dwelling for medical necessity as per 10-1-4 (commission approved)

Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya gave explanation of the request for a variance for a medical necessity. There was discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve of a variance of an 837 sq. ft. dwelling for medical necessity as per 10-1-4. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of approval for Open Meetings Act Resolution 1038-24

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve Open Meetings Act Resolution 1038-24. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor De Smet, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for; Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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C. Consideration of the sale of 2 Police Units (2013 Tahoe and 2019 Tahoe)

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the sale of 2 police units. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Consideration of adding Mayor Wayne Ake to the Bank Account with Signature Authority

Councilor Baughman made a motion to add Mayor Wayne Ake to the bank account with signature authority. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Consideration of Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Ake recommended current Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilor Wood as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. Consideration of Appointment of Clerk Administrator

Mayor Ake appointed Vernon Abeita as Clerk/Administrator. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the appointment of Vernon Abeita as Clerk/Administrator. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. Consideration of Appointment of Treasurer

Mayor Ake appointed Yvonne Maes as Treasurer. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve the appointment of Yvonne Maes as Treasurer. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Consideration of Appointment of Chief of Police

Mayor Ake recommended the appointment of Andrew Owen as Chief of Police. Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Owen as Chief of Police. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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14. Adjournment

Mayor Ake adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

Wayne Ake, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator