

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF GOVERNING BODY

Present were Mayor Gillespie, Councilor Ronita Wood, Mayor Pro Tem Eric De Smet, Councilor Zamora, and Councilor Bruhn arrived late. Quorum present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Brogdon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Interim Chief Adams summarized May 2026 police and animal control reports.

Fire Chief Schneider gave an update on hydrants. Clerk Martinez will have a meeting with him to discuss purchase orders. He is looking forward to the EMS workshop to talk about the path going forward. The fire department is working with Senator Sanchez to get funding for additional PPE.

Prodigy, Andrew Padilla updated on WWTP issues including ongoing grinder pump failures, UV systems reliability concerns, and the offline sludge disposal facility. Councilor Bruhn visited the WWTP for a facility tour, he spoke with operators to gather feedback and operational perspective regarding the wastewater treatment plant and the collection system. Prodigy recommends the Village should review and update its agreement with Peralta to reflect the increased wastewater volume being sent to the WWTP. Prodigy and VBF staff are conducting street-by-street water valve and mainline location work in addition to regular operational duties to improve the ability to isolate main lines during leaks or maintenance events.

Clerk/Administrator Martinez has been heavily involved in jumping into the treasurer's role and learning that aspect of the Villages finances and fiscal activity. Clerk Martinez apologized if she hasn't gotten back to emails, she is heavily involved in trying to get the physical knowledge that's necessary for keeping the village running. This month she scheduled the regularly scheduled meeting, Rules of Procedure Workshop, two budget workshops, and the EMS Special Meeting along with the RFP. She filed the preliminary budget on time, but it was unbalanced at that point in time. Clerk Martinez is working very closely with DFA and Jen, who is contracted to help.

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4 Mayor Pro Tem De Smet asked why the Rules of Procedure was not on the agenda after the
5 six-hour meeting.

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7 Clerk Martinez stated it's not completed yet she has Katie working on it. Clerk Martinez has
8 not had time to make sure it is finalized. She reminded everyone they just had the Rules of
9 Procedure workshop and there were a lot of changes made; she is trying to ensure that all the
10 changes are incorporated.

11 12 **6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

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14 **Councilor Bruhn** went to the wastewater treatment plant. He wants to have a meeting with
15 Molzen-Corbin to talk about their plans for the clarifier.

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17 **Mayor Pro Tem De Smet** reminded the meeting that we are still in a complete burn ban,
18 please don't burn your small pile of weeds.

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20 **Councilor Wood** informed the library is doing a good job with the kids this summer and they
21 have an adult reading program too. She thanked everyone that called to help with the fair,
22 they appreciate that.

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24 **Mayor Gillespie** stated there have been several fires in Meadow Lake, someone decided to
25 burn a pile of weeds and burned their house down.

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27 **Councilor Zamora** nothing to report.

28 29 **7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT - no official action**

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31 **Clerk/Administrator Martinez** presented a report to the council with current balances and
32 where the Village stands. No action was taken.

33 34 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited 1.5 minutes; time cannot be shared**

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36 Michael Brogdon, longtime resident, concerning the water he is surprised there hadn't been
37 more increases. Regarding the sewer, a lot of people had to get rid of their septic tanks and
38 move into the system. If that goes back on the people of the Village, the Village is going to
39 have a real fight and a real stinky problem. He also commented on the trees coming up
40 between people's fences and the easement and the damage it could cause.

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42 Peggy McLoughlin, 30-year resident, was pleased that she had a voice in the water situation.
43 She doesn't think it is something we can continue to dismiss every year. She appreciates
44 being educated today in water and wastewater and thinks someone should write up a short
45 expose to put online to explain arsenic levels, improving the drinking water and the grinder
46 pump situation.

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Mike Burnell Jr. asked how much more taxpayer funds are you planning on using to target individual citizens for arrest. They're arresting people specifically for submitting IPRA's pertaining to matters about finance issues. He asked if there is a line item on the Village's budget to deploy BFPD to enforce fake HOA bylaws. He referred to his IPRA invoice number 29045 dated February 28, 2026. Please consider self-reporting to the state auditor.

Bernedette Garcia Sanchez questioned the emergency service or lack of. She asked how many people have passed away due to the lack of EMS service. It is devastating to her, her family, and to this community. Shame on anybody that doesn't move on this kind of service, shame on this whole panel because that does not deserve to be kicked back. She is a casualty of war between politics and people.

Billy McNabb – giving his real name in public is going to get him arrested. He asked Attorney Winters if she had the invoice number 29045 with 11 of February entry by MGS. He secured that document. He is quite concerned about being arrested or detained for IPRA requests and the premise hazard to approach his home. He asked who appointed Mayor Gillespie. He stated you know where I live, send the Police Department if you need to, but you're going to pay for that personally, qualified immunity.

Debra Selisky spoke positively about a nighttime EMS response to a wrong-address medical alert call, commending the Peralta Rescue for their professionalism and compassionate response despite climbing her five-and-a-half-foot fence to check on the wrong residence.

Natalie Barger has been trying to get the hydrants mapped in the Village. There are 13 or 14 new hydrants that aren't identified on the water system in Bosque Farms. The BFFD were called out on that in the last State Fire Marshall Inspection. It's important to have these assets identified and tagged so they can be serviced and make sure they work.

Shoshana Avrishon is concerned about the increase in the water bill she believes is excessive. She is worried about people on fixed incomes, seniors, families that have children and are struggling. She is also disappointed to hear the Village did not put in a request for reimbursements. She also brought up concerns with EMS.

9. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2026.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve Minutes from Special Meeting Held on May 20, 2026		
	Made by:	De Smet		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

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10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Authorizing Publication Notice of Intent to Adopt the following: Ordinance No. 2026-02 An Ordinance Amending Village Code, Ordinance 4-1 Fire Department

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve authorizing Publication Notice of Intent to Adopt the following: Ordinance No. 2026-02 Amending Village Code, Ordinance 4-1 Fire Department		
	Made by:	De Smet		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Approve a Resolution Adopting a Schedule of Administrative Fees for the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance 10-1; Repealing Resolution No. 847-15 (Revenues currently budgeted @ \$2,000.00, increasing in FY27 budget to \$120,000.00)

Clerk/Administrator Martinez noted for the record that the proposed rate increase had been factored into the preliminary FY27 budget as revenue, and that postponing this item will impact the timeline for finalizing and balancing the budget submission to DFA.

The council engaged in substantial discussion regarding this item. Mayor Pro Tem De Smet indicated concern that the fee amounts presented in the resolution did not match what had been discussed during the budget meetings, and that additional time was needed to review the figures. The council acknowledged this impact and indicated the matter would need to be resolved promptly.

A C T I O N	Motion	-Postpone New Business Items A, B, and C to the next regular scheduled meeting. -Take back her motion to postpone. -Reconsider the Postpone		
	Made by:	De Smet		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

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After deliberation the following motions were made.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve Resolution Adopting a Schedule of Administrative Fees, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance 10-1; Repealing Resolution No. 847-15 (Revenues currently budgeted @ \$2,000.00 increasing in FY27 budget to \$120,000.00)		
	Made by:	Wood	No roll call taken	Councilor Wood_ Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Councilor Bruhn- Councilor Zamora -
	Second by:	Bruhn		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

Councilor Bruhn clarified that during the budget meeting, the discussion centered on two distinct fee structures: (1) building permit fees and (2) subdivision permit fees, and that he believed the revenue projections of \$2,000 and \$8,000 had been inadvertently transposed between Item A and B in the agenda documentation. Specifically, he noted that the \$120,000 revenue projection was intended for subdivision fees — anticipating incoming subdivision applications — while the \$8,000 figure was intended to reflect increased building permit fees.

Village Attorney Nan Winters clarified that the current schedule of administrative fees covers zone changes, text amendments, boundary changes, appeals, conditional use permits, and variances — and does not include building permits. She advised that the governing body has a Planning and Zoning officer who could research how other jurisdiction's structure percentage-based fees for subdivisions and bring a revised proposal forward.

A C T I O N	Motion	Amend previous motion and make a motion to Postpone New Business Items A, B, and C to the next regular scheduled meeting, and direct staff to come back with report and surveys on these matters.		
	Made by:	Wood		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

**B. Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance amending Ordinance Section 10-2-23
(Revenues currently budgeted @ \$350.00, increasing in FY27 budget to \$8,000.00)**

A C T I O N	Motion	Postpone New Business Items A, B, and C to the next regular scheduled meeting.		
	Made by:	Wood	Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes	
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

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C. Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance amending Ordinance Sections 9-2-10 and 9-3-20 (increasing Water and Wastewater charges from approximately \$75.00 month to \$100.00 per month)

A C T I O N	Motion	Postpone New Business Items A, B, and C to the next regular scheduled meeting.		
	Made by:	Wood	 Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes	
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED		

D. Review and Approval of Request for Proposal 2026-01-100 for Annual Legal Services for the Village of Bosque Farms

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve of Request for Proposal 2026-01-100 for Annual Legal Services for the Village of Bosque Farms		
	Made by:	De Smet		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Bruhn		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

The council reviewed RFP 2026-01-100 for annual legal services. Clerk/Administrator Martinez acknowledged the assistance of contractor Jen in preparing the document and expressed confidence in its quality, noting it is based on a standard Municipal Legal services RFP that has been utilized by other municipalities and reviewed by legal professionals.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet proposed several amendments to the RFP based on her experience with the previous legal services arrangement, in which she had been required to obtain mayoral approval before engaging the village attorney.

A C T I O N	Motion	Review and Approve of the RFP with said changes Proposal 2026-01-100		
	Made by:	De Smet		Councilor Wood- No Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Bruhn		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

E. Approving Resolution No. 1091-26 proclaiming dangerous fire conditions and drought conditions existing within the Village of Bosque Farms; Imposing restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks within the Village of Bosque Farms

Attorney Winters confirmed that the resolution language was taken directly from state statute and represents the full extent of the authority available to the village on this matter.

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A C T I O N	Motion	Approve of Resolution No. 1091-26 proclaiming dangerous fire conditions and drought conditions existing within the Village of Bosque Farms; Imposing restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks within the Village of Bosque Farms		
	Made by:	Wood	Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes	
	Second by:	Zamora		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

F. Review and Approve Resolution No. 1092-26 for the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Agreement LP30037 Esperanza Drive Improvements 2nd Agreement Extension Request

A C T I O N	Motion	Approve of Resolution No. 1092-26 for Esperanza Drive		
	Made by:	De Smet	Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes	
	Second by:	Bruhn		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

G. Resolution No 1093-26 considering and taking action to remove Yvonne Maes from the Village of Bosque Farms bank accounts, thereby removing signature authority

Clerk/Administrator Martinez explained that the resolution removes Yvonne Maes from the administrative role on the village bank accounts and authorizes her to serve as account administrator with full functionality, while maintaining appropriate dual-signer controls for checks and balances.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval considering removing Yvonne Maes from the Village of Bosque Farms bank accounts, thereby removing signature authority		
	Made by:	Bruhn		Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	De Smet		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

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H. CLOSED SESSION. Discuss limited personnel matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Police Chief

A C T I O N	Motion	Move to Closed Executive Session limited to personnel matters.	
	Made by:	De Smet	Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Zamora	
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED	

A C T I O N	Motion	Move to come out of Executive Session limited to personnel matters.	
	Made by:	De Smet	Councilor Wood-Yes Mayor Pro Tem De Smet - Yes Councilor Bruhn- Yes Councilor Zamora - Yes
	Second by:	Zamora	
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED	

Attorney Winters certified for the record that no matters were discussed other than the limited personnel matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) regarding the Police Chief, and that no action was taken in closed session.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 PM

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Chris Gillespie, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Erica A. Martinez, Clerk/Administrator