



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:00

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Gilliespie led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

RW	✓	MC	✓	ED	✓	TB	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Approval of Agenda**

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of the Agenda	
	Made by:	Wood	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah-Yes Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman-Yes
	Second by:	Baughman	
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED	

5. **Council to Review and Take action on Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Priority Listing FY 2027-2031.**

Deputy Clerk stated that within the packet the council would identify last year's infrastructure capital improvement listing, and she as staff would have recommendations for the Council on priority. The Deputy Clerk advised the Council of the following recommendations for ICIP listing FY 27-31:

1. Waste Water Treatment Facility support

2. New Booster Pumps for Well 1 & Well 2.
3. Arsenic Removal
4. Village Road Construction
5. Heavy Equipment insert- The Deputy Clerk shared details of the given difficulties that staff faces with failing outdated equipment and would like to see ICIP funding assist and provide possible purchase.
6. Construction of new Village Hall.
7. Fire and Police renovations.

Councilor DeSmet did question if the Village's current funding would not be enough to support the purchase and installation of booster pumps in which the Deputy Clerk clarified that current funding would only be a start but not enough for the full scope of the project as discussed with Prodigy.

Councilor Baughman stated Arsenic funding would be separated from these items and could assist with other items.

Chief Owen stated that he is ongoing design with Animal Control, Molzen Corbin and the Clerk's office for a new police station on the white house lot(property previously purchased by a former administration) He would like for this development to continue as he feels it advances the professionalism of the department and gives the officers adequate work space for interview rooms, evidence, ammo and weapon storage.

Councilor DeSmet questioned if the property Chief Owen is currently having designed for the Police Station would still be utilized by other departments

Chief Owen stated that yes, whatever the Council would wish to do with the property is that of their will and direction.

Assistant Chief Goar stated that the Fire Department would need space to place their gear for response, at the time he did not have quotes regarding pricing but the current space the department has is not enough for the operations in which they would like to advance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wood requested an update on the hardship sale for the DOT program the Clerk Administrator had the Village apply for previously.

Deputy Clerk stated that the application did take place, however no movement or answers from NMDOT had been provided at this time. The Deputy Clerk went on to add, If the Village was approved it still would not be enough to address the staff's needs as the equipment will still be old and other equipment not available through DOT would still be needed.

Priority Listing as decided by Council:

1. Waste Water Treatment Facility Support
2. New Booster Pumps for well 1 & 2
3. Arsenic Removal
4. Village Road Construction
5. Heavy equipment

6. Village office renovation
7. Fire Department / Police Renovation
8. Little league concession stands
9. Street lights
10. Construction of New Village Hall
11. Renovation of Senior Center
12. Relocation of Village Well
13. VRECC
14. Splash Park

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of the Priority Listing		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood-Yes
	Second by:	Cheromiah		Councilor Cheromiah-Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman-Yes

6. **Council to Review and Take Action on Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Resolution FY 1071- 25.**

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution with Priority listing		
	Made by:	DeSmet		Councilor Wood-Yes
	Second by:	Baughman		Councilor Cheromiah- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes

7. **Council to Review and Take Action on Contract Agreement with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP for Annual Audit.**

Deputy Clerk stated that the agreement showcases the proposed pricing for the next 4 fiscal years, However the Deputy Clerk stated that today's action item is for approval of this fiscal year only.

Deputy Clerk Shaline Lopez stated there are errors in the gross receipts tax in the proposal in which she corrected.

The deputy clerk went on to say the contract proposed by the state auditor is non-negotiable and cannot be edited. The Deputy Clerk advised the Council that a rough estimate for this year's audit would be near 25,000.

The Deputy Clerk stated that staff had an excellent working relationship with the auditors and would like to continue to work with them.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of contract for current fiscal		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

8. **Council to Review and Take Action on Approval of Hiring of a Police Officer.**

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Hiring Apollo Aragon III		
	Made by:	Cheromiah	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-No Councilor Baughman-Yes	
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

9. **Council to Review and Take Action on Resolution 1072 – 25 Election Notice for Valencia County of All Elective Positions to be Filled at the Regular Local Election to be Held on November 4th.**

Deputy Clerk Shaline Lopez stated that this resolution is to provide notice to Valencia County about what positions are to be on the upcoming ballot on November 4th. Through Clerk Limon's research he identified 2 positions of Councilor's at Large.

Councilor DeSmet called upon Jenifer Weston regarding a meeting that she had on a previous Thursday. She stated that the Council has been operating as if the Village in its possession of only of the Council however their constitutions are not being factored. Councilor DeSmet stated she would like the people to select the next Mayor in the upcoming election, and that resident Rick Babcock has performed research on the matter as well.

Village Attorney Mark Jarmie was called upon to state his research regarding the changes to state statue. Mr. Jarmie went on to state he believes the mayor is grandfathered into his position as Mayor due to the change in state statue occurring after he was appointed.

An interjection from the crowd occurred to which Mayor Gillespie called for a point of order that no public comment would be occurring this meeting or has been listed on this agenda.

Councilor DeSmet stated Village ordinance that applies to an appointed official and how the stricter law must be in effect. Councilor DeSmet requested that the Council amend the resolution and have the mayor on the ballot.

The crowd begin to applause and a member cheered "For the People" to which Mayor Gillespie instructed for the room with the exception of media, staff and the governing body be cleared.

Councilor Baughman sought clarification that when the Council appointed Chris Gillespie that the appointment would be for the full term of 2027.

Councilor DeSmet stated that when she reviewed audio and minutes it stated only for one year to which Councilor Baughman disputed, he did not believe or recall that as correct.

Deputy Clerk Shaline Lopez provided an example to the Council of a resident receiving a speeding ticket and the law and punishment be adjusted for the individual after the matter was resolved in parallel with Mayor's appointment and state statue change.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution 1072 - 25		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood- Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet-No Councilor Baughman-Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

10. **Council to Review and Take Action on resolution 1073 – 25** **Budget Adjustment Resolution.**

The Treasurer stated that the item is related to bringing the budget to balance for the next fiscal year.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Yes Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Cheromiah		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

ADJOURNMENT **5:56PM**

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The proceeding minutes were transmitted to the Village Council for the Hearing on July 24, 2025. The Village Council voted to approve them as transmitted.