

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING
MARCH 5, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem called the Emergency Meeting to order at 7:38 PM

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So I have copies for the Councilors, um and the Mayor and then I have copies of an agenda for the people in attendance, yeah you can hand them now sure. Um if you wanted to, if anybody wants an agenda yeah thank you so much, Pesky Hesky.

Resident Unknown: Thank you.

Resident Hesky: Where'd you hear that?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: You told you said it. You said my name is Pesky Hesky.

Resident Unknown: Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Clerk Martinez.

Clerk Martinez: Yes, ma'am?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I just want to verify that you are going to be taking minutes for this meeting?

Clerk Martinez: Yes, ma'am.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Okay, thank you.

Resident Granzberg: How does it feel to want?

Resident Unknown: I thought you had to have a waiver signed?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So, Madam Clerk, if you would call the order.

2. ROLL CALL OF GOVERNING BODY

Present were Mayor Chris Gillespie, Councilor Ronita Wood, Mayor Pro Tem Erica De Smet, Councilor James Bruhn, and Councilor Manuel Zamora. Quorum present.

Clerk Martinez: Okay, excuse me. Councilor Wood or roll call?

Councilor Bruhn: Yeah.

Councilor Wood: Here.

Clerk Martinez: Mayor Pro Tem De Smet

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Here.

Clerk Martinez: Councilor Bruhn.

Councilor Bruhn: Here.

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Clerk Martinez: Councilor Zamora.

Councilor Zamora: Here.

3. DETERMINATION OF EMERGENCY

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So the determination of this emergency is being called pursuant to the Village of Bosque Farms Open Meetings Resolution and the New Mexico Open Meetings Act due to immediate public safety concerns regarding the operational status of Rescue 5, including the lack of qualified or authorized personnel available to safely operate the unit, and immediate governance impairment preventing the

Governing Body from exercising its statutory authority under NMSA 1978-3-11-6 and the Village Ordinance 2-2-1(B)(1).

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Operational Status of Rescue 5.

So the first item up for discussion will be discussion and possible action regarding operational status of Rescue 5. And so I will open that up for discussion. So right now, Rescue 5, and I've been accused of dangerous rhetoric when it comes to this issue. Rescue 5 is still in service, and it is still being called into service. I'm going to play a clip for you, just as verification, that Rescue 5 is still being called into service on high acuity calls. And therefore, it is, I believe, needs to be the determination of this Council to pull back service. (Recording playing). So this is the second tone of Rescue 5 yesterday, March 4th at 2:15. (Recording playing). So that was the second tone to Rescue 5 that was not responded to. A minute and...(Recording playing). So a minute and so goes by and finally... Rescue 13 is toned. And then finally, response to a high acuity call. I'm going to defer to you, Councilor Zamora, to, if you wouldn't mind explaining to us what a high acuity call might entail.

Councilor Zamora: It could be anything that has to do with life safety. So I mean, if a heart attack, anything that requires an ALS response.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Uh huh.

Councilor Zamora: So I mean, it's an important call. It's. I mean, in my opinion, it shouldn't only be addressed to high acuity calls, it should be any call that I mean, you can have somebody that falls down that needs some type of help sooner rather than later.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Okay.

Councilor Zamora: High acuity call is a very important call.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Okay. So I've asked several times to the Mayor and also legal counsel that a directive they sent to VRECC to pull Rescue 5 out of service to which it has not happened, which means again, they are still being toned first, and that rescue unit needs to be pulled out of service. Furthermore, there's not even anybody to man this EMS Department. So having that rescue unit in service is completely irresponsible on behalf of this Village and sets liability up for lawsuits in this Village.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, VRECC asked us to send notice that Mr. Abeita was no longer available and that notice has been sent as requested by VRECC.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Okay, so again, it's still being toned.

Councilor Zamora: When was that, Counsel?

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Clerk Martinez: Yesterday.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: VRECC requested that.

Clerk Martinez: Yesterday, a letter, an official letter was sent.

Councilor Bruhn: Okay, yeah, 'cause that's what Tommy said we needed was an official letter to VRECC saying that the unit was out of service.

Clerk Martinez: So we didn't put the unit out of service. We advised him that Vernon Abeita was no longer the EMS Volunteer Coordinator and would no longer be called.

Councilor Bruhn: Right, but we need to put the unit out of service until we have the EMS set back up because they'll still tone Rescue 5.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Councilors, Mr. Sanchez told us that it's a 30-60-90 tone and it's irrelevant. Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: It's not irrelevant in an emergency minutes matter.

Mayor Gillespie: Please do not. Please don't, Erica.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: We did confirm with VRECC. So VRECC has indicated to us directly in writing that there is no health, safety, welfare concern with respect to the unit being toned but unmanned. So that came straight from Mr. Sanchez, and it's unfortunate that he's not here this evening for this.

Councilor Zamora: I totally disagree with him. And I came from an agency that had the immediate backup.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: And he's the one who requested us to send the letter about Mr. Abeita.

Councilor Zamora: Yeah, but he also stated that if we're going to put that unit out of service, that that's what he needed, he needed to be notified in writing for that. I don't know if we can do that because I mean, obviously with what we just went over earlier, that states that Council, the Governing Body has control over that rescue anyway. So if I need to write a letter to him, I can do that.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Yeah, I think you definitely need to coordinate with VRECC here.

Councilor Zamora: Okay.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So again, I would like to, I don't know, direct staff if that's what we're doing to pull Rescue 5 out of service and not tone them first. Because as I said before I was rudely interrupted, minutes matter in an emergency and this is not dangerous rhetoric this is fact of the matter that this is happening and two tones are going out for Rescue 5. There's no 30-60-90, there's proof right there that Rescue 5 is being toned twice before another rescue unit is being toned. So it would be and are the Village's best interest to pull that thing out of service and out of VRECC.

Councilor Bruhn: I second that motion.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Statutory and Ordinance Authority

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: The next item is discussion and possible action regarding statutory and ordinance authority discretion and possible action regarding, I'll start with number one, interpretation and application of New Mexico State Statute 3-11-6. The Mayor's unilateral appointment caused EMS to be called into service with no qualified personnel, or at least the ability for Council to verify qualification. Liability concerns due to the fact of governing bodies being unable to see appointee's background check, et cetera, started this whole process of

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shoving Rescue 5 into service with an unapproved, unappointed person that has caused an immense amount of uncertainty to the residents of this Village by having rescue response. I believe we need to take action and demand that the Mayor and staff follow the instructions of 3-11-6. There is no loophole for calling somebody a volunteer and allowing them access to an apparatus, to budget, to purchasing things, to, as you may well know, having the authority to seek personnel to run the EMS Department. I mean, it is my interpretation that we need to ask the Mayor to please follow 3-11-6 in its entirety, and there is no loophole for a volunteer because of what happened with this EMS. Now, 3-11-6 does state that the Mayor can appoint and hire, but it expects to go through the approval of the Governing Body. Otherwise, things like EMS being called into service by an unapproved person who we have no idea what his qualifications were is unacceptable.

Councilor Zamora: Do I need to second?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I'm just saying, as a Council, I believe it's in our best interest to demand that the Mayor follow 3-11-6, and that is he is absolutely within his power to appoint and hire, but he must bring it by the Council's revision before that person is approved.

Councilor Zamora: And I think that was part of our discussion on the last meeting, correct?

Resident Unknown: Did you repeat what 3-11-6 is?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: 3-11-6 is the New Mexico State Statute that gives the Mayor appointment and hiring authority. But the first line of that 3-11-6 does state that it has to go by the Governing Body for approval. So we can't appoint an employee, but the Mayor can. But him unilaterally choosing to hand a piece of paper to just somebody off the street and say, here you go, now you have access to Village apparatuses, to Village budgets, to spending on behalf of the Village, to hiring people on behalf of the Village was completely caused this whole mayhem with the rescue unit.

Resident Granzberg: Ma'am, if I may, I have believe it or not, an effort on this on 5 February in a non-responsive EMS call to a student on a bus, a non-responsive child. And based off of what's being discussed here, there's responsive material to that IPRA. There was several questions asked, and you know what our Clerk provided me? A receipt for an oil change on Rescue 5. And I asked for very communications that you are discussing on this panel, and all I got was a receipt for an oil change saying Rescue 5 was out of service. How's that as a citizen who's concerned about a child who's unresponsive on a bus, and my IPRA response is a frickin' oil receipt. Good job. Appreciate it. Probably have another IPRA tomorrow.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So I would like to take possible action regarding 3-11-6 and asking that the Mayor follow, State Statute and State Law.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Councilor, clarification. Does that include um volunteers of the Fire Department?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: They have their own rules of procedure in the Fire Department.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Right um well they're volunteers as much as Mr. Abeita was a volunteer.

Resident Unknown: They go through the Fire Chief.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: They go through the Fire Chief.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: And the Fire Chief is appointed by the Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Uh-huh.

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Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: With consent of the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: With consent of the Council, you are correct.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: So my point is though, I think you're asking, I mean, I think you're asking the Mayor to bring all volunteers or just EMS volunteers to the Governing Body?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I'm stating, which I said to you previously, there is no loophole to hand somebody a piece of paper that says, I'm the Mayor and I'm telling you that I'm appointing you a volunteer and no one's gonna tell me different and I'm gonna hand you access to an apparatus. I'm gonna let you call EMS into service with one person on board. I'm gonna allow you budget. I'm gonna allow you all of this. We need to make it so

that he can appoint, no one is arguing that point, or at least I'm not arguing that point. But that person was not approved by this Governing Body that is absolutely illegal whether they be a volunteer or not.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay so I just I'm just trying to clear the record.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Sure bring it on.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Do you, do are you is your motion related to volunteers or anybody?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Anybody.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay, including volunteers?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Sure.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay just...

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So I would ask for opinions from the other members of the Governing Body on 3-11-6.

Councilor Zamora: My opinion is on it. I'm going towards what Council Nann was talking about is I agree that anybody that has that kind of authority, which obviously volunteer firefighters aren't going to have that kind of authority. Anybody that has that kind of authority that's going to have access to financial documents, financing or spending anything out of the budget, management and above or something like that has to get, I think, in my opinion, that that's what should go to Council, not volunteers if we have somebody in the public that wants to come and help pick up weeds or something or anything like that in that matter. Volunteers do not have, volunteer firefighters do not have the ability to go and spend, they don't have P cards, they don't have the ability to go spend money that is in this budget.

Resident Unknown: They don't have Village email...official government email either.

Councilor Zamora: Yes. So, I mean, I don't know what we can do, but what verbiage we can put in it to where it's at a specific level and above, or...

Councilor Bruhn: I believe any directors or management should be approved by the Council.

Councilor Zamora: Agreed.

Councilor Bruhn: That's Fire Chief, EMS Director, anybody that's in a directing position should be approved by the Council.

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Resident Unknown: Absolutely.

Councilor Zamora: And whether paid or not.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, that's the law. So every single employee, the word being employee, by State Law, requires Governing Body approval. Just for your comfort.

Councilor Bruhn: Well, and I want that to include volunteers too. I mean, if you don't work for the Village, but you are the director, that don't make any sense. That takes a little liability off of you and puts it on us.

Councilor Wood: I have a question Nann, about other people that you work for. Do they...has the Mayor hired people and put them to work, and then it comes through the Council? Is there other places that do that? Because every Mayor that I've worked for has done that. They get people started, and then they come back and ask us.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, generally, so at your organizational meeting you're supposed to identify your Officers, and the Governing Body should approve those, at least at the organizational meeting. Anytime the Mayor and the Mayor/Council form of government hires an employee, eventually that person should be submitted for approval to the Governing Body, eventually. Sometimes it's done before, sometimes it's done after. In some cases where it was done after, I was actually hired by one jurisdiction to defend a lawsuit against the Mayor for failing to remove an employee after the Governing Body did not approve that employee. So what happened in that case, though, was that HB 298 took out um you can sue a Mayor for malfeasance but one of the reasons for malfeasance cannot be because you didn't approve an employee he employed. So I don't know if you're tracking on all that, but yeah.

Councilor Wood: I mean, it's, I mean, just like...

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: It's not grounds for malfeasance to have somebody on staff who has not been approved by Governing Body. So that's kind of what HB 298 fixed last session.

Councilor Wood: And that doesn't include volunteers?

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: The statute does not speak to volunteers at all. It just says employees. So I'm imagining that NMSIF and the League is paying attention and there might be more amendments down the road.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So um the next thing on the agenda is the interpretation and application of Village Ordinance 2-2-1 (B)(1) which Nann went over and what that says is that the Council duties um possesses all powers granted um sorry manage and control the finances and all property real and personal belonging to the municipality. Now Nann um, you did answer that and that does include a rescue correct?

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Um, let me, Mayor or Council and Mayor, let me pull up 2-2-1(B) please.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: 2-2-1(B)(1).

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: It's on your paper. So is there an action item requested on this?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Again, the action would be to demand that the Mayor and I, my question is that the Mayor does not, is not named in 2-2-1(B)(1). So him removing an apparatus and not bringing it by the Governing Body who per our 2-2-1(B) states possesses all power granted by law I'm sorry manage and control the finances in all property real and personal belonging to the municipality. The Mayor does not have the authority even under the Fire Department's authority only the Fire Department or the Council can say where apparatuses are stored who can drive them also 2-2-1(B)(1) one states that the Council is in control of all finances and property real and personal.

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Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: So Mayor, Council, I don't interpret it as meaning that you get to control whether or not the water and wastewater truck can leave the barn at 8 a.m. or 7:30. I don't read it that way at all. I read it to mean that you get to approve if one is procured, how it's procured. I mean, the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer and he gets to decide whether this desk is here or not.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: He's not the only one that has to decide that. That does not state that. I'm not going to go back and forth with you. I appreciate your legal opinion. Counselors, I would say that the interpretation is 2-2-1(B)(1), that the Mayor put into service an apparatus to which we control the all property, real and personal, of this. And he went and put an apparatus, gave somebody off the street, again, control of an apparatus that was not approved by this Council. We need to start governing within the law and to include an emergency like EMS.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, may I respectfully suggest that New Mexico Municipal League would probably offer you a legal opinion on this. Don't take my word for it. I would suggest that maybe the guidance should be to request the Municipal League to render a legal opinion on this. And they've done that several times.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So this is not just about taking a half a million dollar apparatus, but the fact that money was able to be spent without Council approval. Therefore, we cannot verify any money was actually spent for proper meds, licenses, anything. We have no idea what's on that rescue unit, what money was spent on behalf of the Village, anything like that. It is our duty as Counselors to keep track of those funds. So I would just defer to your opinions on what you all think is the interpretation of 2-2-1(B)(1).

Councilor Zamora: I can interpret it that way, as you stated.

Councilor Bruhn: As I did too.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So I think we can all agree that in the future, one person cannot just write a piece of paper to someone that he's directed to be EMS that was not approved by this Council that would be allowed to just take off with an apparatus more times than not take off with it and not tell anybody where it is.

Councilor Zamora: I agree and I just like to reiterate what Nann was speaking about as far as working together. I think it's, you know, we need to do that, but it's not a one leader. So I think we could do that and we would not disagree with him making a decision as long as we knew about it. Because he's going to take our input or he's not going to take our input. And so far, I haven't seen anything that we've requested or even mentioned, is even thought about.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Yeah, agreed.

Councilor Zamora: So I think, like I said, going back to what Nann said, we need to get there where we can work together and not where it's the one leader.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So what would be your guys' recommendation on how we get there then? How do we get the Mayor to work with us as a Council and stick to State Law, stick to our Village ordinances, stick to State Statute because communication is not working?

Councilor Bruhn: I don't have an answer to that, and I don't think we're going to get to an answer to that. But it's out and open. Let's communicate with each other. Let's, you know, like I said, one of my questions right now is, so Rescue 5 is sitting in the bay over there. It's got drugs. It's got the stuff on it. I don't know what all it's got on it because we're not aware of what it had on it. But I know those licenses go with the person that holds them. So are we talking to anybody to get that decommissioned for now and ready to recommission or what's going on with that?

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Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Councilor, I think that's a Mayor question, but there was an agenda item to solicit for new EMS personnel that was that failed this evening so.

Councilor Bruhn: Well I know I know we only got a certain amount of days that that can sit there without a license on it.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Yes.

Councilor Bruhn: And so that's why I want to bring that that special meeting the workshop and try to get everybody on here so we can make a decision on that.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Right. But I mean you, you killed the solicitation to staff.

Councilor Bruhn: I would rather kill it than look like a fool when it don't work.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Yeah. And I think I did recommend that you get all regional authorities together in the same room. Region 1 has volunteered to come in and give you some models.

Councilor Bruhn: Yeah.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Yeah.

Councilor Bruhn: I just want to make sure we're doing what we need to with Rescue 5 for now so that it's not an issue down the road where all of a sudden we lost our certification and all that kind of stuff and start over again.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Well, unfortunately, you didn't allow the little appointment of one person allowed that to happen. So now that person is no longer here and his licenses go with him.

Resident Unknown: I suggest that you set a date for your workshop ASAP to get that taken care of. Now, set a date and time.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: I just need to know how many motions we had (asking the Clerk).

Counselor Bruhn: We have to leave that up to the Clerk to set a date. Because she has to advertise it, she has to get it out there, all that stuff.

Resident Unknown: You can suggest what you want.

Counselor Bruhn: Within the next two to three weeks. She needs 10 days for advertisement.

Resident Unknown: It's kind of the same way with IPRAs.

Resident Granzberg: No, those are 150 days.

Resident Unknown: I have a question. Isn't the EMS Coordinator position already on the website and has been on the website? Why did you have it on the agenda tonight?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I don't know. I didn't agree with it. Like I said, the EMS Coordinator position has been posted for as long as I've been a Counselor.

Resident Unknown: And I understand that there's been people who have actually applied. I don't know they haven't come before the Council or anything.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I haven't, I don't know that.

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Resident Unknown: Or is it only going to be given to one person if that one person applies then that'll be brought to you?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: I, that's not a question for me I don't know how applications are turned in or how they're handled.

Resident Unknown: When Ms. Winters said you guys just killed advertising the thing, we didn't, you've been advertising for six months it's on the website right now look it up I'm shocked that the table over here doesn't know that it's on the website and has been on the website, and people have applied.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, the resolution called for extensive Governing Body involvement in the drafting of a new solicitation. It called for Fire personnel involvement in the drafting of the solicitation. It called for interviews by the Governing Body of EMS personnel. That is something that is not currently embodied in your law. So the resolution would have given you substantially more control over the position. Simply, it was way more than just soliciting. It included, you know, things that ordinarily the Mayor would do. But it included, again, your involvement in drafting the solicitation Fire personnel drafting, your involvement in interviews, selection. It was pretty rigorous Governing Body, Council involvement. So completely different than your current status quo.

Mayor Gillespie: Okay, so what I'm hearing is we can't do any action on this this evening. I don't, I leave it. So we would be looking for a date for the workshop so that we can all get together and discuss this, which is what the Governing Body would like, including myself.

Councilor Zamora: Yes.

Mayor Gillespie: Being a member of that same body.

Councilor Zamora: Yep.

Resident Unknown: When do the licenses expire? Just so you know, so you can request the workshop prior to that so that you can get things done before the licenses disappear.

Mayor Gillespie: We do not know that this evening really.

Resident Unknown: Okay.

Mayor Gillespie: Okay. Continue, if you've got more that you're wanting to bring forward.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Anybody else? So in an emergency meeting, you can talk about whatever you want to. It does not have to be on the agenda. So if there's anything else that you guys want to bring up, now's the time, in regards to the EMS.

Mayor Gillespie: Okay, it does have to, however, be an emergency.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Again, you can talk about anything. And it has to constitute an emergency yes but it doesn't have to be on this so if there's something else that you guys want to talk about now would be the time.

Councilor Bruhn: Like I said I just I want to get every all the entities involved so we get the best deals the best the best for Bosque Farms, so like I said if we can get that date and get that set up and get everybody there.

Councilor Wood: And I would like the Treasurer to be there too. The Treasurer needs to be there so she can tell us what we have.

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Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: So Ms. Winters, who's going to send the directive to pull Rescue 5 out of service?

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: I think that would have to come from the Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: When can we expect that?

Mayor Gillespie: Let me speak with Tommy first.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: There's no speaking with Tommy. We've selectively agreed that you need to pull Rescue 5 out of service. A majority of Council has said that you need to pull Rescue 5 out of service. There's no talking to anybody else, you just need to do it.

Resident Unknown: There was a motion and a second and then you voted, so please do that.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, I think just visit with Mr. Sanchez about what language he needs, and then go from there.

Mayor Gillespie: Okay, very good.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Again, I'd like confirmation that your discussion with him is going to be pulling Rescue 5 out of service.

Mayor Gillespie: That will be part of the discussion, yes.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Okay, so by majority, can we all agree that we would like Rescue 5 pulled out of service?

Councilor Bruhn: Yes.

Councilor Zamora: Yes.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: I think you already made that motion and it was seconded.

Councilor Bruhn: Yeah, it was just never got voted.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: There's no roll call.

Resident Unknown: There's no, yeah, there was no roll call.

Mayor Gillespie: Please call the roll.

Clerk Martinez: Councilor Wood.

Councilor Wood: Yes.

Clerk Martinez: Mayor Pro Tem De Smet.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Yes.

Clerk Martinez: Councilor Bruhn.

Councilor Bruhn: Yes.

Clerk Martinez: Councilor Zamora.

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Councilor Zamora: Yes.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: And before we adjourn, I would just like to make a statement that says, I don't like this. I don't want to do special meetings. I don't want to do workshops. I don't want to do emergency meetings. I am pleading with you Mayor, to please start communicating with us and please start putting things on the agenda that we're asking. These are not things that... have any vindictive manner or anything with them. We just want to

push this Village forward and we are begging you to start communicating with us and to start putting things on the agenda.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Mayor, Council, a couple of matters relevant to the emergency meeting. First thing, I think we had two motions and one, two motions and two roll calls, and I think one was to take the unit out of service. What was the second motion?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: To get the Mayor to follow 3-11-6.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay, to have the Mayor comply with the law.

Resident Unknown: Well, he said anybody in with purchasing power, anybody Director or above is what—

Councilor Zamora: Yes.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay, and here's why I'm asking. So generally you have to have a, the Open Meetings Act requires generally 24 hours notice of an emergency meeting, so we did not give notice. We are taking notes. I do have to alert the Attorney General that we are, that we have the alert from the emergency meeting and I have to report what action items were taken. So I think there were two action items. One appears to be taking it out of service and one appears to be directing the Mayor to follow the law. Does that sound right?

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Yes.

Councilor Bruhn: Yes.

Councilor Zamora: Yes.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Okay. And then at the Counselor's invitation, I am aware that there is that Peralta has drafted an intergovernmental agreement. It's about a one or two page document for use of the unit. I've looked at it. I just wanted to make sure you knew that I looked at it. My recommendation to you is if you go the Peralta direction, that document needs to be modified to make sure that Peralta covers its own costs.

Councilor Bruhn: Is indemnifying you.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Is indemnifying you for any harm that comes to the vehicle or humans that are attached to the vehicle, that it's insured, they have to prove up insurance. You probably want to craft into that agreement time about when the unit can be used by them, when it can be used by you. But if that's the direction you want to go, I'm just saying that the draft document that I've seen was does not protect the Village. So-

Councilor Bruhn: That's where I'd ask for your assistance.

Nann Winter-Legal Counsel: Absolutely. I'd be glad to offer.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: If there's no more communication, then we can adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Bruhn: Hang on one second, the Mayor had an announcement that he said.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Oh, I apologize.

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Mayor Gillespie: Mayor Pro Tem you cannot adjourn the meeting. Okay, so I still have a document that I need to read into the record here. So on March 2nd, 2026, this was penned to Vernon Abeita, PO Box 9517, Tribal Road 37, Isleta, New Mexico, 87022. Dear Mr. Abeita, first as Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of this Village, I want to thank you for obtaining on the Village's behalf of New Mexico, the Emergency Medical Systems Bureau issued certificate for a certified medical rescue, transport capable, issued on February 2nd, 2026. As you know, the reissue of that certificate is of vital importance to health and well-being of this community. Given the issuance of this certificate and the Village's desire to solicit for a permanent EMS Director position, please consider this correspondence notice that your scope of work as the EMS Coordinator with the Village is completed, and any authority granted by my correspondence on August 1st, 2025 is terminated. On or before March 3rd, 2026, please give Clerk/Administrator Erica A. Martinez the following: any keys to the rescue unit or other vehicles, Village buildings, any and all access codes or passwords to EMS rooms within the Fire Department, medication cabinets or safes, any locked cabinet on the rescue unit. Of course, nothing in this letter precludes you from submitting a response to the Village's solicitation for an EMS Director. Please acknowledge your understanding of this correspondence by signing below and returning this letter to Ms. Martinez. My signature followed by Vernon's signature in that document. So the statements of off the street, any old whatever, this is a highly credentialed individual.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: We would have known that if you would have brought it to the Council.

Mayor Gillespie: You all knew exactly who that was.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: No, we didn't.

Mayor Gillespie: And he was there for a specific purpose, because I did not get it done otherwise.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Again, this is why I called this meeting. This is exactly why I-

Mayor Gillespie: Regardless, this is now in the record, and this meeting is now adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet: Thank you.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at **8:15** PM.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS GOVERNING BODY
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2026

Chris Gillespie, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Erica A. Martinez, Clerk/Administrator