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**UNOFICIAL/NOT YET APPROVED  
COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 19, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Russell Walkup, Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood, Councilor Bryan Burks, and Councilor Michael Cheromiah. Councilor Tim Baughman arrived during executive session. Clerk/Administrator Trainee Melissa Velasquez, Assistant Clerk Mary Langley, Treasurer Yvonne Maes and Attorney Mark Jarmie.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) & (7) NMSA, 1978, REGARDING HIRING A POLICE OFFICER AND PENDING LITIGATION INCLUDING LINSON VS. THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS**

Councilor Burks made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:45 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor Burks, for and Councilor Cheromiah, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:10 p.m. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**4. SILENT INVOCATION**

Mayor Walkup requested everyone keep in mind our first responders, the families that have lost loved ones recently and anyone who may be struggling.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Burks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Burks made a motion to strike items 13I and 13J and approving the remaining agenda. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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51 **7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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53 **April 13, Budget Workshop**

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55 Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Budget Workshop on April 13, 2022, would stand as  
56 presented.

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58 **April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting**

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60 Councilor Baughman requested an addition to Item 12I Consideration of Sale of Rescue Unit  
61 to state “at risk of deterioration due to lack of use”. Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the  
62 Regular Meeting on April 21, 2022 would stand as corrected.

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64 **May 3, 2022 Special Meeting**

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66 Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Special Meeting on May 3, 2022, would stand as  
67 presented.

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69 **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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71 Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for April 2022.

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73 **9. MAYOR & COUNSELOR’S REPORT**

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75 **Councilor Baughman** nothing to report.

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77 **Councilor Cheromiah** stated he attended the National Day of Prayer and reported it was a  
78 great event.

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80 **Councilor Burks** stated the new Fire Department service truck is almost completed and gave  
81 a description. Councilor Burks reminded everyone of the current fire restrictions still in place.

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83 **Mayor Pro Tem Wood** stated Councilor Cheromiah and herself attended the Municipal  
84 League Newly Elected Officials conference and had a great experience.

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86 **Mayor Walkup** gave an update on the status of attempting to ban fireworks. Mayor Walkup  
87 advised municipalities can restrict fireworks but not ban them. He requested everyone set a  
88 tentative date for June 24<sup>th</sup> to have a gathering for the Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones to  
89 celebrate her upcoming retirement. Mayor Walkup thanked the Police Department for doing a  
90 great job with the added call volume. He thanked the volunteers of the Fire Department for  
91 everything they do and announced the current ISO rating is now a 3. He advised the Village  
92 will need to be replacing the street sweeper soon due to maintenance costs.

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97 **10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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99 Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of April 2022.

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101 Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Councilor Baughman  
102 seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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106 Resident Wells requested the Village consider striping the tennis courts to accommodate the  
107 sport pickle ball. She explained they can be striped for both pickle ball and tennis. Mayor  
108 Walkup requested she get a few quotes on the cost to get the striping done for further  
109 consideration.

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111 Resident McNabb reminded everyone that early voting begins at the Village Library this  
112 weekend. She also stated there is a ballot drop box on the north corner of the Village Office  
113 building.

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115 **12. OLD BUSINESS**

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117 **A. Update on becoming Fiscal Agent for VRECC**

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119 Interim Director for Valencia County Dispatch Tommy Sanchez gave explanation of the  
120 current status on the Village becoming the Fiscal Agent for VRECC. Sanchez stated the  
121 personnel policies for VRECC has been sent to legal for review. He advised the next VRECC  
122 Board meeting is on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. Sanchez stated Valencia County has passed a resolution  
123 recognizing dispatchers as first responders.

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125 **B. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer**

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127 Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion approving the hiring of Stormy Garcia as a police  
128 officer, pending a satisfactory completion of a background check. Councilor Cheromiah  
129 seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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131 **C. Consideration Of Sale of Rescue Unit**

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133 Councilor Burks made a motion to postpone item 12C until the June Regular Meeting.  
134 Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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143 **D. Consideration of Downey & Company as Risk Services**

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145 Mayor Walkup gave explanation of the details about risk services. Clerk/Administrator  
146 Trainee Velasquez gave explanation on the cost for services. There was discussion.

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148 Councilor Burks made a motion to postpone the item 12D until the June Regular meeting.  
149 Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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151 **E. Appointment of Planning Committee**

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153 Mayor Walkup gave a recommendation of appointing resident Lee Whorton to the Planning  
154 Committee. Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to appoint Lee Whorton to the Planning  
155 Committee. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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157 **13. NEW BUSINESS**

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159 **A. Consideration of Approval of Regulated Business at 1495 Bosque Farms Blvd. in**  
160 **Accordance with 10-1-11, G, H, and I**

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162 Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya gave explanation of regulated business. Planning and  
163 Zoning Officer advised the Planning Commission has recommended the approval of the  
164 regulated business with the restrictions that the operating business hours do not run later than  
165 10 p.m. Planning Commission also recommended if there are complaints about odor that the  
166 business is to install a filtration system. Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya advised that  
167 public notice was posted prior to the Regular Meeting. There was discussion on security  
168 features on the premises. Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya reported the State of New  
169 Mexico regulates the security measures for regulated businesses.

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171 Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the regulated business, Modern Meds Farm  
172 located at 1495 Bosque Farms Blvd. in accordance with 10-1-11 G, H, and I. Councilor  
173 Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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175 **B. Consideration of Resolution 1000-22 Amending the FY 2021-2022 Judicial Budget**  
176 **(Line-Item Adjustments)**

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178 Councilor Burks made a motion to approve Resolution 1000-22, Amending the FY 2021-  
179 2022 Judicial Budget (Line-Item Adjustments). Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.  
180 Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor Burks, for; Councilor Cheromiah,  
181 against and Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried with a three to one vote.**

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189 **C. Consideration of Resolution 1001-22 Amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget (Line-Item**  
190 **Adjustments)**

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192 Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve Resolution 1001-22 Amending the FY  
193 2021-2022 Budget (Line-Items Adjustments). Councilor Burks seconded the motion. Roll call  
194 as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor Burks, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and  
195 Councilor Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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197 **D. Consideration of Resolution 1001-22 Amending the FY 2021-2022 Budget (Increases)**

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199 Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve Resolution 1001-22 Amending the FY 2021-  
200 2022 Budget (Increases). Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:  
201 Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for; Councilor Burks, for; Councilor Cheromiah, for and Councilor  
202 Baughman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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204 **E. Consideration of Contracting an Auditor for FY 2022**

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206 Mayor Walkup gave explanation of the Village's current Auditor was opting out of fulfilling  
207 his contract due to increasing costs. The current auditor recommended the Village get an RFP  
208 for a new auditor. Mayor Walkup gave explanation on the three RFP's that were received.  
209 There was discussion.

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211 Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the contract with Pattillo, Brown and Hill for  
212 auditing services for FYs 2022-2024 in the amount of twenty-thousand dollars per year  
213 (\$20,000.00) plus current GRT. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried**  
214 **unanimously.**

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216 **F. Consideration of Preliminary FY 2022-2023 Budget**

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218 Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the Preliminary FY 2022-2023 Budget. Councilor  
219 Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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221 **G. Consideration of Raises for FY 2023**

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223 Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve raises for FY 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Wood  
224 seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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235 **H. Consideration of Publication of Amendments to Ordinance No. 12-12-1.2, Penalty**  
236 **Assessment Program**

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238 Police Chief Owen gave explanation of the amendments. Chief Owen advised the penalty  
239 assessments had not changed in over five years. A recommendation was made to place the  
240 penalty for cell phone use to two-hundred dollars (\$200.00). There was discussion.

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242 Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the publication of amendments to Ordinance No.  
243 12-12-1.2, to include violation 12-3-3 use of a hand-held cellular devise, be set at a penalty of  
244 two-hundred dollars (\$200.00). Councilor Cheremiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried**  
245 **unanimously.**

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247 **I. Consideration of Publication of Amendments to Ordinance No. 2-2-1, Legislative**  
248 **Branch: Council**

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250 Item was stricken

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252 **J. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer**

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254 Item was stricken

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256 **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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258 Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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261 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

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Russell Walkup, Mayor

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Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator