

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gillespie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Chris Gillespie, Mayor Pro Tem Ronita Wood, Councilor Erica De Smet, Councilor Tim Baughman, Councilor Cheromiah arrived late. Quorum present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Gillespie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

***(Comments are limited to 1 ½ Minutes, time cannot be distributed to peers in attendance)***

Dolly Wallace, resident, commented on better communication with the community. She proposed changing public comment from one and a half (1 ½) minutes to two and a half (2 ½) minutes.

Stef Scanland, resident, asked how items on the agenda are prioritized.

Suzanne Heske, resident, asked for an update regarding the proposal for the EMS Service. Mayor gave a brief update. Obtaining the license for the EMS Rescue Unit is in progress. We are looking at purchasing the supplies needed in the unit. Once this is complete and it is inspected by the state it will be up and running. Heske appreciates the update and wants more communication. This is a major priority, and she hopes this will continue to move forward as quickly as possible.

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Fire Chief Brogden stated the fire department doesn't have any comments but will stand for questions.

Police Chief Owen presented September 2025 police and animal control reports.

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Clerk/Administrator Martinez introduced herself. She is immersed in a Certified Procurement Officer course, next week she will be in Ruidoso for clerk training.

## **6. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS**

**Mayor Gillespie** is working on the proposal for the EMS Service. It is taking some time to get the licensing put together. We should be able to get service from that ambulance soon depending on the report we get from the inspection.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wood** helped the Police Department sell T-shirts at the car show. They had fifty-nine (59) cars.

**Councilor De Smet** thanked everyone who showed up to meet the candidates on September 25, 2025. She questioned why the EMS contract was not on the agenda. Why the ARPPA Funds were not on the agenda. She also wanted to know why there no updates given on WWTP.

**Councilor Baughman** thanked everyone for being here. He thanked Chief Owen and Chief Brogdon for their services. He also thanked Treasurer Maes for an amazing job.

## **7. COUNCIL TO REVIEW & TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasure Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of September 2025.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the treasurers reports for the month of September 2025. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion.

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

## **8. COUNCIL TO REVIEW & TAKE ACTION PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion.

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

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### **October 6, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes**

Councilor De Smet made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2025, Special Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.

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

### **9. COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 1078-25 APPROVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Councilor De Smet made a motion to approve Resolution 1078-25 Holiday Schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded to motion.

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

### **10. COUNCIL TO OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP**

John Padilla, the resident requesting the variance, was present at the meeting.

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to open a public hearing regarding fence variance for 1775 Pearl Loop. Councilor Baughman second the motion.

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

Mr. Padilla explained that the Village approved and issued a permit for an eight-foot fence. He had an elevation survey completed and an engineering contractor built the fence. He was not informed of the meetings that took place as Mr. Limon informed him this was closed and taken care of. Mr. Padilla said he was approved for an eight-foot fence, but his contractor messed up twelve inches of fence. CID stamp was not on the paperwork.

Councilor De Smet asked Charwoman Eastman about procedure regarding a variance. It goes before the Planning and Zoning Commission. If it is approved, they send it to the next Village Council with a recommendation. There is a yellow sign posted with the date of the council meeting. Residents are not allowed to build until approved by council.

Clerk has the burden of calling and informing the resident. There was confusion when the first meeting was supposed to be. Residents arrived on the date posted on the sign, they were not informed the meeting date had been changed.

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Mr. Padilla was told by Mr. Limon once they find the property lines they could build the fence up to eight feet. The contractor got everything for the fence to be nine feet. Mr. Padilla told the contractor to build it. He contacted Mr. Limon once again and Mr. Limon informed him it was ok; they would pass it because it was only eighty feet length of fence at nine feet tall.

There were residences both for and against the fence. Dolly Wallace, resident, spoke in favor of the variance saying he came in good faith to P&Z, he went through the process, he has tried everything he knows how to do. She asked, what is he expected to do? She recommended approving the nine-foot variance with CID approval.

Cathrine Vancuren, resident, spoke against approving the variance. She stated he missed both opportunities he requested. The variance was denied at the last meeting. She read from the village ordinance Section 10-2-26 Amendments. He needs to file with District Court. She reminded that P&Z allowed him to build an eight-foot fence. He proceeded to build a nine-foot three-inch fence. She referred to village ordinance, fencing over six feet in height shall be engineered in conformity with the regulations of New Mexico Construction Industries and approved by New Mexico Construction Industries Division. She reached out to the village and to CID and neither able to provide the approved paperwork. She asks council to have him take his nine-foot three-inch fence down to a six-foot fence or direct him to file an appeal with District Court as per rules and regulations.

Renee Ullrich, resident, spoke on behalf of the fence variance. She takes care of Mr. Padilla's animals when he is not there. She also checks his mail for him. There was no letter informing him of a meeting. The three cameras that were facing his property are no longer doing so. He deserves his privacy.

#### **11. COUNCIL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to close the public hearing regarding fence variance for 1775 Pearl Loop. Councilor Charomiah second the motion.

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

#### **12. COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION OF FENCE VARIANCE FOR 1775 PEARL LOOP**

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to approve of fence variance for 1775 Pearl Loop. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Wood, abstain; Councilor De Smet, abstain; Councilor Cheromiah, against and Councilor Baughman, against. **Motion denied.**

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**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS GOVERNING BODY  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025**

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Chris Gillespie, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Erica A. Martinez, Clerk/Administrator