

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2023**

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, Councilor Michael Cheromiah, Councilor Tim Baughman, Clerk Administrator Vernon Abeita, Assistant Clerk Julie Gabaldon, Treasurer Yvonne Maes and Police Chief Andrew Owen. Attorney Mark Jarmie was absent.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, PURSUANT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER

Councilor Burks made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:46 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to reconvene at 6:15 p.m. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk Administrator Abeita stated that discussion during executive session was limited to 10-15-1H (2) regarding personnel matters and nothing further was discussed.

4. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Walkup asked everyone to remember all the first responders and families of those that have passed away. Mayor Walkup also stated if anyone is aware of any residents in need in the community to let the Village office know.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Baughman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Cheromiah requested Item 7 be changed to Regular Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve Item 7 reading Regular Meeting instead of Special Meeting. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes would stand as presented.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for October 2023. Animal Control now falls under the Police Department.

9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Councilor Baughman nothing to report. He stated he will leave his driveway open when they trench Cole Road so fire, police and medical can get through. If residents on Green Drive need to get through, he will let them know personally.

Councilor Cheromiah nothing to report.

Councilor Burks reported the new brush truck is supposed to be in as of January. ISO rating inspection will be in late November, early December. Results will be sometime in January. ISO rating is a 3 which is high. We are shooting for a 2 which will further bring down insurance rates within the village. All five Boy Scouts of America units in the county are still actively recruiting. They meet on Monday nights at the Peralta Methodist Church and they meet on Thursday nights at the Church of the Nazarene. He stated he talked with Mike Padilla, who brought attention to the ditch across Cottonwood Drive, and they are working on doing an engineering solution at Governor Abeita's request. They are working on ensuring a solution to avoid conflict.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood reported Isaiah Abeita is working for the library through Workforce Solutions. The library has various classes including Tai Chi, dance, adult reading, and reading to dogs. They are going to have a talent show and they are also doing a reading challenge. They put on a carnival, as well as a genealogy workshop. The library sale will be November 25, 2023. They have passes for 15 historical sites that you can borrow for three weeks at a time. It has historical sites around the State of New Mexico that you can get admitted into for free.

Mayor Walkup reported voting is November 7, 2023. Early voting is currently at Valencia County Clerk's office. Early voting will be held at the library starting Saturday, October 21, 2023 until November 4, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Maes presented the treasurer's report for the month of September 2023.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for September 2023. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

None.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration for Publication of Burn Ordinance Section 11-3

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve Publication of Burn Ordinance Section 11-3. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of Publication of Text Change for Ordinance 10-1-4 (Unenclosed Carport) Requested by Councilor Burks (Denied by Planning and Zoning Commission)

There was a discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to not approve the Consideration of Publication of Text Change for Ordinance 10-1-4 (Unenclosed Carport) Requested by Councilor Burks (Denied by Planning and Zoning Commission). Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer

Councilor Cheromiah made a motion to hire Joseph Barreto as a police officer. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of Sale of two (2) Police Units

Councilor Burks made a motion for the sale of two police units. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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C. Consideration of Approval of Regulated Business at 1495 Bosque Farms Blvd. (owner Ector Mendoza)

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the Regulated Business at 1495 Bosque Farms Blvd. (owner Ector Mendoza). Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Councilor Baughman, against; Councilor Cheromiah, against; Councilor Burks, for and Mayor Pro Tem Wood, for. Mayor Walkup broke the tie by voting for the approval. **Motion carried.**

D. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 1033-23 for a Budget Adjustment Resolution (BAR) for the Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Fund 21200 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Councilor Baughman made a motion approving Resolution 1033-23 for a Budget Adjustment Resolution (BAR) for the Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Fund 21200 for Fiscal Year 2023/24. Councilor Burks seconded the motion.

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

E. Consideration of Approval for Resolution 1034-23 Fee Schedule of Animal Control Fees and Fines Amending Resolution 939-19

There was a discussion. Councilor Burks moved to postpone until November Regular Meeting. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

14. Adjournment

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator