

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 15, 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 and Councilor Tim Baughman. Assistant Clerk Mary Langley and Attorney Mark Jarmie.

Councilor Michael Cheromiah arrived at 6:10 p.m., during executive session.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1H (2) NMSA, 1978, REGARDING  
HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER(S), EVIDENCE TECH & UTILITY WORKER**

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

Councilor Burks made a motion to reconvene at 6:22 p.m. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. All in favor, with the exception of Councilor Cheromiah, against. **Motion carried.**

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

**4. SILENT INVOCATION**

Mayor Walkup announced there have been several more deaths in the Village and asked everyone to keep the families of those lost in our thoughts. Asked for everyone to keep in our thoughts all first responders, ambulance service workers as well as emergency room workers.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Burks made a motion to strike item 13E and approve the remaining agenda. Councilor Cheromiah requested the punctuation on item 9 be corrected. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

### **May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting**

Councilor Cheromiah requested on Line 64, "Councilor's" be changed to "Councilors".  
Councilor Cheromiah requested on Line 112, "clerks" be changed to "clerks".

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Regular Meeting May 18, 2023, would stand as corrected.

### **May 31, 2023, Special Meeting**

Mayor Walkup stated the minutes for the Special Meeting May 31, 2023, would stand as presented.

## **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Chief Owen presented the Police Department report for May 2023.

EMS Director Thomas gave the EMS report for May 2023. Reported BF EMS Dept. has been approved for the EMS Fund Act money and there has been an increase since last year due to a couple of members obtaining a higher medical licensure.

## **9. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORT**

**Councilor Baughman** nothing to report.

**Councilor Cheromiah** reported he attended a conference that he believes would be a good resource for the Village.

**Councilor Burks** reported the FD service truck has been ordered. The FD has several new volunteers.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wood** reported that the fair is coming up.

**Mayor Walkup** nothing to report.

## **10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mayor Walkup presented the treasurer's report for the month of May 2023.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for May 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Non-Resident Patrice Sanchez expressed her support for BFPD receiving a raise in salary.

Resident Erika Desmet expressed her support for BFPD receiving a raise in salary.

Resident Jennifer Saiz expressed her support for BFPD getting a raise in salary.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2023-01 Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-3.1 (2018) To Opt-in for the Election of the Municipal Officers of The Village of Bosque Farms in the Next Regular Local Election**

There was discussion on the verbiage used in the ordinance. Mayor Walkup recommended postponing the item till the end of the agenda.

Councilor Baughman made a motion to approve the Adoption of Ordinance 2023-01 pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-3.1 (2018) to opt-in for the election of the municipal officers of the Village of Bosque Farms in the next regular local election with the additional language discussed added. Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consideration of Contract with Gayle Jones for Professional Services and Consultation**

Councilor Baughman made a motion to accept the contract with Gayle Jones with a change of salary to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Councilor Burks seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **B. Consideration of Certificate of Non-Compliance for Octavio & Elside Gallegos at 1270 Willow Trail**

Planning and Zoning Officer Montoya gave explanation. There was discussion. Mayor Eastman spoke of the purpose of the ordinance in violation and advised she was against the certificate of noncompliance. Resident Olivia Gutierrez spoke in favor of the certificate.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the certificate of noncompliance. There was no second to the motion, motion failed. There was further discussion. Councilor Baughman made a motion to reject the variance. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. All in favor were Councilor Baughman and Councilor Cheromiah. All opposed were Mayor Pro Tem Wood and Councilor Burks. Mayor Walkup voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**C. Consideration of Sale of Surplus Weapons**

Chief Owen gave explanation of the surplus weapons, twenty (20) Glock handguns and sixteen (16) AR15 rifles. Requesting the weapons be sold to the BFPD officers at three hundred dollars (\$300.00) a piece.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the sale of surplus weapons. Councilor Baughman seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the hiring of Fred Duran as a police officer contingent on his LEA certificate status. Councilor Cheromiah seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. Consideration of Hiring a Utility Worker**

Item was stricken.

**F. Consideration of Appointment of Clerk/Administrator**

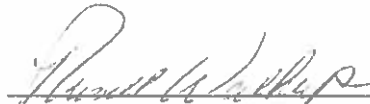
Mayor Walkup recommended the appointment of Vernon Abeita as Clerk Administrator.

Councilor Burks made a motion to approve the appointment of Vernon Abeita as Clerk Administrator. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion. All in favor, with the exception of Councilor Cheromiah, against. **Motion carried.**

**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2023.**

  
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Russell Walkup, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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Vernon Abeita, Clerk/Administrator