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AGENDA FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

- 1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Sweet, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan, Trustees Sanchez and Wilson, Talia Michelle of P & Z, Perian McBee from the Bath House, and Clerk/Treasurer Yvonne Dickey.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance-The Mayor led the Pledge.
- 3. Approval of Agenda-Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan moved that the agenda be approved. Trustee Sanchez seconded and the agenda was approved without opposition.
- 4. Approval of Minutes from 1-15-20 Meeting-Trustee Wilson moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5. Reports
 - a. Maintenance-Submitted
 - b. Bath House-Submitted-Ms. McBee told the Council that although the Bath House showed a loss for January, over the Fiscal Year as a whole, the Bath House has approximately \$16,000 in profits. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan congratulated the Bath House staff.
 - c. Library-Submitted
 - d. Court-Submitted
 - e. Wastewater-Submitted
 - f. Police Chief-Submitted-Chief Nunez was unable to attend because he was sick. Upon his return, Chief Nunez will be working with Ms. Dickey to identify and correctly classify some LEPF equipment purchases which have thrown his operating budget out of whack. Ms. Dickey expressed confidence that the department's budget will be set right with these improved classifications.
 - g. P & Z Commission-Submitted
 - h. Volunteer Fire Department-Not Submitted
 - i. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board-Submitted.

- i. Appoint new members-Mayor Sweet suggested adding Sarah Swarttouw and Kelly White to the Lodgers' Tax Board. Trustee Wilson moved that we accept these appointees. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded and Ms. Swarttouw and Ms. White were unanimously welcomed to the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board.
- 6. Clerk/Treasurer's Report-Ms. Dickey explained that most departments are right on track with their budgets. She cautioned that with the bridge project so badly delayed, we may not collect as much in GRT as we expected, or that we may collect all the money in the end, but that the timing may cause us to put off some special projects we wanted to do in this fiscal year. Ms. Dickey also explained that we invested in new computers that have Windows 10 which makes them more secure. The change-over has gone pretty smoothly. Finally, Ms. Dickey let the council know that all is prepared for the Municipal Election next month and that she and the Mayor continue to work on the Dark Skies Initiative and other projects with the consultants provided us by the LANL Community Outreach group.
- 7. Resolution 2020-01 Vacation of Easement at HPB Property-There was protracted discussion about this issue. While the Village wants to be "good neighbors" and have a working relationship with the Pueblo of Jemez, perhaps it would be best to discuss this action further. One perspective is to never give up an easement because it may be useful in the future. The property is slated to be held in trust for the Pueblo, making it part of a sovereign nation. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan abstained from any decisions given his position with the Pueblo. The rest of the council came to a consensus that we should wait to take any action on this issue until we can seek advice from NMML and Senator Heinrich's office. Mayor Sweet will follow up.

8. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Sweet
 - i. Dark Skies Feasibility Analysis-Mayor Sweet reported to the Council that a Feasibility Analysis on the Dark Skies Initiative has been completed and copies are available at the office. Part of this project is to update our Dark Skies Ordinance, which is now with P & Z for review. Meanwhile, the Friends of the Valles Caldera National Park have offered to help us with an inventory of our own light fixtures and has grant money available to refit all Village buildings with new fixtures and Dark Sky compliant bulbs!
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan-*Nothing to report.*
- c. Trustee Wilson-Nothing to report.
- d. Trustee Sanchez-Trustee Sanchez asked about whether there was a way to text reminders about meetings, etc. Mayor Sweet said he prefers for communication to be done using our Village email addresses. This helps by keeping personal emails & devices out of play during potential IPRA requests. Mayor Sweet offered to have Mr. Shores, our IT person, come

and help Council Members set up access to their Village email addresses during the next meeting.

- e. Trustee Sweet-*Unable to attend*
- 9. Adjourn-At approximately 7:15 p.m. Trustee Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan seconded, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.