

**Town of Estancia**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Monday, March 4, 2019 6:15 pm**  
**Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016**

**Minutes**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm and Roll Call was taken:

Trustee Lovato- Present  
Trustee Sedillo- Present  
Trustee Chavez- Present  
Trustee Hall- Present  
Mayor Dial – Excused Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Noah Sedillo conducted the meeting in Mayor Dial's absence.

**1.0 Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chavez made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**2.0 Discussion/Approval of the February 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

Trustee Hall said that he had a correction to the minutes for Agenda item #8. He requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect his statement as follows:

Trustee Hall told everyone that he had asked for this item to be on the agenda. He said he was concerned that property owners were being required to mow vacant lots when there was no such requirement in the town's nuisance ordinance. He said that if the board wanted to require that, it should amend the ordinance, but until that was done, he was concerned about the liability the town might incur for enforcing it or any other provision not required by ordinance.

Clerk Michelle Jones thanked him for the correction and said she would amend to minutes to correctly reflect what he said.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as amended above. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**3.0 Discussion/Approval of the March 4, 2019 Bill List – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the March 4, 2019 Bill List. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment – At the discretion of the Mayor. For information only (No Action can be taken). Comments may be limited to (5) minutes per person on any subject.**

**4.0 Department Updates:**

**Police/Animal Control-** Police Chief Stephanie Reynolds said that she did not have a big update to give at this meeting. Her department was dealing with a few big cases and were dealing with a lot of stuff at the school. She is looking at purchasing vehicles and is keeping an ear out for a new hire. She also said that she will be attending a training in May.

Chief Reynolds said that right now the animal shelter is empty, which is great! They held a shot clinic in February that went very well. She is still working on a plan to make necessary improvements to the shelter.

**Fire-** Volunteer Fire Chief Chris Wolonsky said that last month they answered 20 of 29 calls and did some transports. He is in the process of updating some of their equipment and doing maintenance. He said that they have no issues and a really good crew.

**Library-** Head Librarian Angela Creamer presented the following written report:

Library Report March 2019

AARP is doing taxes for free for Seniors and low income people at the Library on Thursday mornings by appointment.

After school and preschool story times are continuing with a break in ~~April~~<sup>May</sup> to prepare for the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is A Universe of Stories.

The Wonder on Wheels bus will be visiting the Library Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This traveling museum will be open to the public.

The UNM GED program added another day to their tutoring program. They now meet every Monday and Wednesday. This program has guidelines that must be met such as Spanish speaking and have worked or family that has worked in agriculture.

We have added The UNM Valencia GED class on Thursdays. This program is open to everyone.

The adult book club meets every third ~~Tuesday~~<sup>Tuesday</sup> at 1pm in the Southwest room.

Volunteer Rose Figueroa (if approved) will begin Spanish classes in April.

Seed Swap to promote the Libraries Seed Library will be Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. 1-5 pm

Author Irene Blea Book Talk and Book Signing Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Book Binding Class with Mita Saladana will be scheduled this summer.

**Irene Blea** is a New Mexico native, who earned her Ph. D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado-Boulder. She is an accomplished author of several textbooks, academic, and popular articles. Blea retired as a Tenured, Full Professor and Chairperson of Mexican American Studies at California State University-Los Angeles. Two of her seven textbooks, *Toward a Chicano Social Science*, and *La Chicana and the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender* are considered classics in her field. Blea has written and published much poetry and one play. *Suzanna* is the title of Blea's first novel in a trilogy about a thirteen year old girl married off to a thirty-two year old man in 1920's New Mexico. The second novel, *Poor People's Flowers*, continues *Suzanna's* story upon arrival in Colorado. Dr. Blea is an award winning academic, a New Mexico Humanities Scholar, who incorporates her cultural and scholastic knowledge of the people and history of the region to render solid accounts of migration patterns of the 1920's and 30's. Her most recent novel, *Daughters of the West Mesa*, is the story of a single mother whose daughter is missing while the remains of eleven women and an unborn fetus are discovered near her home.

Ms. Creamer also presented the Board with a new flyer that she created showcasing our library:

## **ESTANCIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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FAX: 505.384.3023

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CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND

SUNDAY

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Email: [estanciapblib@townofestancia.com](mailto:estanciapblib@townofestancia.com)

Website :[www.townofestancia.com](http://www.townofestancia.com)

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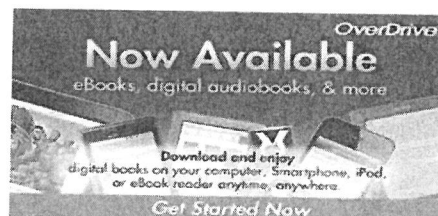
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CHECK OUTS, ADULT BOOK CLUB, FREE CHILDREN AND  
TEEN PROGRAMS**

**FREE GED CLASSES**

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information.**



**Maintenance**-had no update for this meeting.

**Administration**- Clerk Michelle Jones presented the following written update:

Clerk's Update 3/4/19

1. Our FY18 Audit will be presented to the Board at the March 18, 2019 meeting.
2. I will schedule a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr budget recap with the Board for the April 15 meeting. We can also start thinking about FY20 at that meeting.
3. I have included a TRD lawsuit update in your packets
4. The impact of the bank closure will affect our GRTs by only a few hundred dollars
5. We have sent out an email asking to be put on agendas to request assistance for the pool- East Torrance Soil and Water said no. Mountainair will put us on their agenda for the middle of March
6. We were asked about the Community Center for the Respect Program. In order to not charge for the rental, we could consider being a co-sponsor of the program.
7. I have researched the question of having a beer garden at Punkin Chunkin. So far, my research suggests that it is up to the Board.
8. We have received a quote from Do Right Drilling to look at well 4. The quote is around \$2800.00. We are confirming with Donzil that we will be able to get reimbursed for this with the \$20,000 Capital Outlay money.
9. We will most likely not partner with the County to transport funds to the bank in Moriarty as we have to transport every day because of MVD.
10. We will have a P&Z appeal at the March 18 meeting. We can also discuss the YCC project at that meeting.
11. I have sent notice to the Municipal League and the Secretary of State's Office about our new Trustee.
12. FYI, We will have two Trustee seats up for election in November. One 4 year and One 2 year. Candidate filing day will be in August at the County Clerks Office.

### Old Business

#### **5.0 Discussion of the Pool- Discussion Only**

Clerk Michelle Jones told the Board that she had sent out an email to get on agendas to request financial assistance for the pool. She reminded the Board again to bring their suggestions about the pool as we will be needing to solidify hours of operation and admission process soon.

### New Business

- 6.0 Approval of Rose Figuerora as our Spanish Class volunteer teacher at the Library- Action Item ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve Ms. Rose Figuerora as our Spanish Class volunteer teacher at the Library. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**7.0 Mayor/Council:**

**Trustee Hall** told the Board that he will not be in attendance at the April 1 meeting as he will be flying to Guadalajara. All in attendance were properly jealous and wished him safe travels.

**Trustee Chavez** said that the bricks at the Plaza really need to be looked at by the Maintenance Department. They need to be resealed as soon as possible. She also requested that the MVD Office be vacuumed and that the dead tree in the plaza be replaced. She suggested that the surplus brick that we have be stored out of the elements.

**Mayor Pro Tem Sedillo** asked if the Town was required to post their Board meeting minutes on the website. Clerk Michelle Jones said that she did not think that we were, but that this was a good idea and would begin the process of getting the approved minutes posted. Mayor Pro Tem Sedillo also suggested posting our audit on the website. All agreed that these were very good suggestions. Clerk Jones said that after the audit is presented to the Board, she will get with Ms. Creamer, who maintains the Town website, and request that the link to the audit be posted.

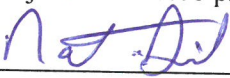
**Trustee Lovato** said that he will be meeting with P&Z Officer Rose Romo to work with her to try and get a P&Z Board up and running again. The Board agreed that a P&Z Board is vital and much needed.

**Mayor Dial** was not in attendance at this evening's meeting.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 3/18/19

Attest: 

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