

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, March 21, 2022 6:15pm
Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

Minutes

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Trustee Lovato – Present
Trustee Sedillo – Present
Trustee Chavez – Present
Trustee Hall – Present
Mayor Dial – Present

- 1.0 **Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item** Trustee Hall requested the deletion of agenda item #5.
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022 agenda as amended above. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2.0 **Discussion/Approval of the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as written. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3.0 **Discussion/Approval of the March 21, 2022 Bill List – Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022 Bill List. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

No Public Comment

Old Business

- 4.0 **Discussion/Approval of a proposed contract for consulting services for the PD- Action Item**
Mayor Dial said that a contract of this kind is legal. Sergeant Downing will review the contract and tell the Board if he finds it useful and requests approval. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to TABLE this item. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**
- 5.0 **Approval to suspend the Town’s Volunteer Fire Department PRC certification- Discussion and Possible Action NO ACTION**
- 6.0 **Appointment of a Representative to the MR COG- Discussion and Possible Action** Local business owner Ms. Amy May submitted a letter of interest for this appointment. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to appoint Ms. Amy May to represent the Town on the MR COG Board of Directors. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 7.0 **Schedule the next Ordinance Workshop- Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to schedule the next workshop for Wednesday, March 30 @ 6:15pm. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

- 8.0 Approve Contract with Mr. Steven Ferguson from Wildlife, Fisheries and Habitat Services LLC for Pond Services- Action Item** Mr. Ferguson presented the contract to the Board. Nothing has changed from last year's contract. Mr. Ferguson is thanked for the work he does for the Town. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the FY23 contract with Mr. Ferguson from Wildlife, Fisheries and Habitat Services LLC for Pond Services. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9.0 Update from Stephanie Reynolds- Information Only**
Ms. Stephanie Reynolds, Ms. Debbie Ortiz, and Mr. Adrian Ortiz from the Partnership for a Healthy Torrance Community gave an update on what their program has to offer to the residents of Estancia and all of Torrance County. Their Health Council provides information and education on a myriad of topics. They have participants from several municipalities. They provide anti-drug outreach, education on safe drug storage, safe drug disposal, covid testing, etc. They help to provide after Prom parties and help to facilitate a very important community health survey. The survey is anonymous and can really help to highlight the needs of our community.
They also informed the Board about the upcoming CNMEC Annual Family Health & Safety Fair, which will be held on Saturday, April 9 at the Moriarty High School Auxiliary Guy from 8:00am to 10:45am. The Board sincerely thanked Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Ortiz, and Mr. Ortiz for their time and presentation. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**
- 10.0 Approval to convene a hiring committee to interview applicant for the position of Maintenance Worker 1-Action Item**
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Chavez made a motion to convene a hiring committee on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00pm to interview candidates for the positions of Public Works Supervisor and Maintenance Worker 1. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 11.0 Review of the MOU with Torrance County for PD Services- Discussion and Possible Action**
Upon review of the current MOU, Sergeant Downing said that there are aspects of the MOU that he finds value in, but there are also parts that he does not think are in the best interest of the Town. He will review the MOU further and come back to the Board with recommendations. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to TABLE this item. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**
- 12.0 Approval of Resolution 2022-06 Amending the current PD requirements in the Town of Estancia Ordinance- Action Item Roll Call Vote** Mayor Dial explained the amendment to all present. This resolution would give the Mayor the opportunity to allow an interview for a potential officer who lives outside the 60 mile limit, only with Board approval. Everyone present was allowed to speak. After some discussion, Trustee Hall made a motion. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 Amending the current PD requirements in the Town of Estancia Ordinance. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez – For, Trustee Hall – Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**
- 13.0 Ratify Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the COOP- Action Item**
Due to the deadline to submit this application, the Mayor has signed it and is now asking for ratification from the Board. **Roll Call Vote ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to ratify Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the COOP. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. . Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez – For, Trustee Hall – Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

14.0 Ratify Resolution 2022-14 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for MAP monies- Action Item Roll Call Vote Due to the deadline to submit this application, the Mayor has signed it and is now asking for ratification from the Board. **Roll Call Vote ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to ratify Resolution 2022-14 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for MAP monies. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez –For, Trustee Hall – Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

15.0 Approval of the Mayor’s hiring of Ms. Lori Ben to the position of Part-time Library Aid- Action Item ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Lori Ben to the position of Part-time Library Aid. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

16.0 Upcoming Events- Information Only

Trustee Lovato talked about the upcoming events:

- Easter Egg hunt at Arthur Park on April 16th at 11:00am
- The Tractor and Safety Parade on June 18th
- The Mile Long Sidewalk Sale
- The Sheriff and Judge debate on April 30 at 1:00pm
- Prom
- 4th of July Fireworks
- The American Legion 3 day camp

There are a lot of exciting events scheduled for the Town and more to come! **INFORMATION ONLY**

17.0 Executive Session- As per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978- 10-15-1 (H) (2) Personnel and (H)(8) the sale of real property- Action Item Roll Call Vote
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Sedillo made a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978- 10-15-1 (H) (2) and (H)(8) to discuss Personnel and the sale of real property. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez –For, Trustee Hall – Yes, **MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session began at 7:46pm.

Return to Regular Session.

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to return to Regular Session, stating that the only items discussed were those listed on the agenda and no action was taken. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Regular Session resumed at 8:25pm

18.0 Mayor/Council:

Trustee Hall said he was delighted to see that the pond is full and is very glad to see that we’re getting potential officers and maintenance workers.

Trustee Chavez said she was very excited about that people of all ages will be able to fish at the pond beginning in April! Everyone thanked Trustee Sedillo for his work to make this happen.

Trustee Sedillo had no update for this meeting.

Trustee Lovato said that he was happy about the possible growth of our police department. He said he wants to bring Little League back to Estancia and is very disappointed that the sale of the Fairgrounds has not been finalized yet.

Mayor Dial said that the pump at well 3 has been pulled. We are waiting for quotes for its repair. We will probably replace the wellhouse there. We are working with Rural Water to get information need to replace an aerator at the sewer lagoons.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 4/4/2022

Attest: 

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