

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:15pm
Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

MINUTES

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Call to order regular BOT meeting and Roll Call

Trustee Lovato - PRESENT
Trustee Sedillo - PRESENT
Trustee Chavez - ABSENT
Trustee Hall - PRESENT
Mayor Dial - PRESENT

1.0 Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 Agenda as written. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

2.0 Approval of the August 7, 2023 Public Hearing minutes – Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 Public Hearing minutes as written. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes – Action Item

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

4.0 Discussion/Approval of the August 21, 2023 Bill List – Action Item:

Trustee Hall had a question regarding a bill for “Gustin Hardware”, was advised the Town of Estancia still uses Gustin Hardware due to more supplies on hand. Trustee Hall had a question regarding the ticket citation that was paid due to a Public Works vehicle obtaining a speeding violation via Albuquerque’s Speed Camera’s. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 Bill list. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment –

Joe Barela: Resident of Estancia, brought up a concern regarding his sewer issues. Believes that the line is 200ft and has to be cleaned out regularly. Due to age Mr. Barela asked the Town to look into adding a new sewage line.

Jason Downing: Chief of Police, Town of Estancia. Wants to bring to the boards attention that he has a good yet bad issue. Due to the recent hiring of new officers, the Towns Police Department has no sufficient vehicles that can be safely operable. Request the Board look into funding to purchase new vehicles while we wait for the USDA Vehicle Grant that was recently applied for.

Aaron Moore: MR-COG, RTPPO, Information about a NMDOT Meeting regarding Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 6:00pm; City of Moriarty Counsel Chambers.

5.0 Update about the posting of the Public Hearing for the ICIP- Information Only

Mayor Dial: A resident of Torrance County brought up an issue about the Public Hearing Posting, may have been a violation of the Open Meetings Act. After further review we were found to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, due to the meeting being posted on the website, just was not posted on the calendar portion of the website. **Mayor Dial**, continues, explaining that we may have to look into having a dedicated individual to update the website and make sure items are posted correctly and accurately. **Trustee Hall**, agrees with updating the website due to old information that still currently sits on the website. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

6.0 Presentation of the plan for the Baseball field- Trustee Lovato - Information Only

Joe Brawley, Architect, went over the big issues and budget regarding the baseball field. Irrigation system, fence, surrounding buildings, lights and field. Supplied the Trustee's and Mayor with a priority/budget list; estimating the cost for entire project or specific updates/remodeling. The Town of Estancia Board agreed to stick with the entirety of the whole project. Funding has already been placed aside, will require more. Request that Central New Mexico Electric Co-op to assist with the removal of the lights because they have the equipment. Water pressure seems to be well within the correct PSI range, but if not we will need to look into a new pressure tank. Testing will be required to obtain the PSI range. Trustee Hall ask a question about the grass, would have to bring in better soil. Joe Brawley responds with letting the Board know that he has taken a sample of the soil and sent them to a lab in Phoenix, results pending. Will not be having any running water nor sewage line to the concession stand due to incline, would require a lift station. Contacted Estancia Valley Solid Waste, they have supplies for portable sinks/toilets and they would maintain the equipment. Trustee Hall asked about the food, wouldn't they need to have running water for code. Joe Brawley lets him know that with these portable sinks they may be efficient. Will look into it. Mayor Dial mentions pre-packaged food may be an option. Mayor Dial mentions the amount of \$330,000 already placed aside for this project, will look into how to obtain more funding. Trustee Sedillo agrees with continuing with the entire project, suggest we bid it out to see what number we can actually get for the project and work from there. Trustee Lovato agrees with the full scope of the project. Having one field, and having a decent light system, we can have night games, youth ball, softball, etc. Trustee Lovato thanks him for his time and the design. **NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY**

7.0 Review/Approval of the General Office Clerk Job Description – Action Item

Trustee Sedillo asked if this is a new position. Deputy Clerk Roy Hubbard, lets him know this is the position change we created for Laura's position. **ACTION ITEM:** Trustee Sedillo makes a motion, Trustee Hall seconds the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

8.0 Mayor/Council:

Trustee Hall- I would like to see a proclamation January 31 making it Dr. Linda Stonger Day. She has been in this community for 35 years and she has been a huge part of this community. I would like for you to do that. We need to write a letter to our Congress regarding out Post Office. They took out the trash, and they are closing their doors and locking them at night. They took out the outside post box extension and now you have to open your door just to put your mail in. Mayor Dial ask Chief Downing about the security threat, and no information was given, just that they were following all the other Post Offices in Torrance County. Mayor Dial ask Trustee Hall to draft a letter to Congress, addressing these concerns. I would like to have an action item regarding the salary increase for Trustees. I believe its important to try to get more people involved. Trustee Sedillo states that we will have to do it by resolution because they believe they have already done this, Mayor Dial advises it was possibly just discussed, will have the Clerk research the minutes.

Trustee Chavez- ABSENT

Trustee Sedillo- I would like to give Kudos to the Fire Department, they are doing a phenomenal job. Mayor Dial brings up an issue with the fire department being 50 plus miles away on a grass fire. Trustee Sedillo brings up the last tabled item about the form regarding injuries to employees and citizens.

Trustee Lovato- Concurs with Trustee Hall. Thanks the police department for patrolling and being their, the citizen are noticing.

Mayor Dial- Need an interview board for Thursday, to interview a Police Officer, who has applied. Board will obtain a representative. Next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and parts of Friday, myself, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Chief Downing will be attending the NMML in Farmington. Congresswoman Stansbury's office is working with us and the Army Corp of Engineers regarding flood mitigation, believes we have the full funding for them to conduct the research. A letter of intent needs to be completed this week and we are working with Stanbury's Office. We have other flooding issues that need to be fixed for places within town will look into the specifics of funding.

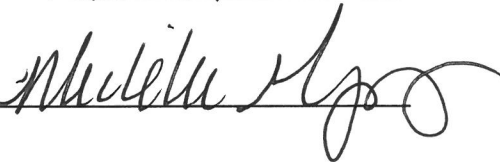
Adjournment -

ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Lovato made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 9/5/2023

Attest: 

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