**Town of Estancia**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Monday March 1, 2021 6:15 pm**

**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**

**Trustee Sedillo**

**Trustee Chavez**

**Trustee Hall**

**Mayor Dial**

1. **Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item**

Deputy Clerk Michelle Dunlap asked that item 5.0 be tabled per Clerk Michelle Jones, and be put on the March 15, 2021 agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda with the tabling of item 5.0. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chaves made a motion to approve the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the March 1, 2021 Bill List – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo moved to approve the March 1, 2021 Bill List. Trustee Hall seconded. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**No Public Comment.**

1. **Department Updates:**

**Police/Animal Control/Planning and Zoning-** Police Department Administrator Melanie Gallegos gave the Board the following written update:

**POLICE**

* Still in the process of getting information to hire uncertified officers, working and trying to get together all of the other municipalities ordinances and policies so we can get some ideas.
* Call for service are down in the town; this is good.
* From what I understand we have another application that was turned in, but he is not certified.
* Working on my LEPF application and funding for next year.
* Had a little meeting with Michelle J last week, my budget is in good shape. She was happy with it. This is about all I have, any questions?

Mayor Dial asked Deputy Clerk Dunlap if there was any information about the hot spot for Officer Torrez. Deputy Clerk said that she called Officer Torrez earlier on Monday to let him know that his hot spot has been installed and was ready to go.

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Trustee Sedillo asked Deputy Clerk Dunlap about First Net services and said that he did like the service. Deputy Clerk said she had spoken with the Rep from AT&T about it and that we would look into it in the new budget cycle. Trustee Sedillo said they could talk about the services later.

Mayor Dial said they had met with the Torrance County Sheriff’s Office in regards to the possible laws that could be coming from the Legislature. If certain laws that pertain to Liability pass, the town would have to look at other options.

Trustee Lovato said he had met a second time with The Torrance County Sheriff’s Office and was very pleased with their transparency and willingness to help the town. He said TCSO may offer 1 Deputy if the town would pay the salary. He said with the warmer months coming they would bring more trouble.

Mayor Dial said that the Torrance County Sheriff’s Office would be approaching the Estancia Schools to offer a School Resource Officer.

Trustee Hall said that if certain laws pass, The Sheriff’s Office will most likely be putting more officers on transport.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

* Josie been working on mailing out letters to residents to hopefully get their yards cleaned up.
* Talked to the judge and they are working together in getting court going so she can start siting people into court.
* We are looking into getting her some trainings, so she can start getting ready to take the flood plain test.
* Things are going good so far with P&Z. Any questions?

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

* So far not a lot of calls for dogs, but I’ve been dealing with a guy from animal humane again, there is someone who keeps reporting us for not doing our job and dogs being outside and don’t have proper shelter. The do have the proper shelter and are being taken care of, so, this has been hopefully taken care of. I think this is all that I have for animal control. Any questions?

**Fire-** No Report

**Library-** No Report

**Maintenance-** Public Works Supervisor Lorenzo Bernal gave the following update:

* The crew has been busy chipping branches with the new wood chipper.
* JC Collins told Lorenzo that he has a new pump on order for well 4
* The heaters at the Booster Pump Station burned up and were replaced.
* Mama Bears has a leak under the building, and they are working on it
* They ordered and put out 2 pallets of road patch material last week.
* Lorenzo said that he was approached by Leonard Lujan from the County Road Department about chip sealing the road from the west end of Williams out to the east entrance of the Punkin Chunkin Field. If the town will buy the oil, the county will provide the millings and the work.

Mayor Dialasked about if there was possibility ofthe County chip sealing the roadfrom West Alan Ayers to the transfer station with the same options; we buy the oil.

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**Administration-** No Report

**Old Business –** None to Report

**New Business**

1. **Introduction and Brief Presentation from Romero and Romero -Pay Analysis- Information Only**

Trustee Lovato made a motion to table. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Update from Estancia Valley Water Association Representative Ronnie Reynolds- Information Only**

Mr. Ronnie Reynolds, representative for EMWT, presented the following:

* There is a pipeline coming from Ft. Sumner to Albuquerque and they have asked EMWT to purchase water from them and the agreement may be signed, but the water is very expensive; $12.67 per 1,000 gallons. Trustee Hall said he believed the water was going to Rio Rancho as well. He also said that he believes that securing water is something that we need to do.
* EMWT is trying to purchase 10 acres of land North of the McIntosh Fire Station to build a bulk water station.
* They are also trying to get $250,000 in funding to purchase the Sun Acres subdivision West of Moriarty. It currently has 90-95 homes in it and the purchase would include the wells, towers, and pipelines.
* The Town of Estancia needs to appoint a new representative since their rep Mr. Swenka passed away. He is not easily replaced.

Mayor Dial said he was going to advertise for that position.

1. **Special Events Committee Proposal- Discussion and Possible Action**

Trustee Lovato asked that this item be tabled. Trustee Chavez moved to table. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Approval to Re-appoint Trustee Albert Lovato to serve another three-year term on the EMW Board of Directors - Action Item**

Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the appointment of Trustee Albert Lovato to the EMW Board. Everyone thanked him for his service. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor**. MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the Submittal of an application for the 2021-22 NMDOT MAP Program- Action Item- Roll Call Vote**

Trustee Hall moved to approve the Resolution. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Hall – for; Trustee Chavez – for, Trustee Lovato – for; Trustee Sedillo – for. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Resolution 2021-03 Authorizing the Submittal of an application for the 2021-22 NMDOT COOP Program- Action Item- Roll Call Vote**

Trustee Chavez made a motion to approve the Resolution. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Hall – for; Trustee Chavez – for; Trustee Lovato – for; Trustee Sedillo – for. **MOTION CARRIED**

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1. **Executive Session Executive Session- As per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H)(8) the Sale/Lease of real property**

Trustee Chavez moved to go into Executive Session at 6:58 pm. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. Roll Call: Trustee Hall – for; Trustee Chavez – for; Trustee Lovato – for; Trustee Sedillo – for. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Return from Executive Session –** Trustee Chavez stated that during Executive Session, the only item discussed is what was listed on the agenda and no action was taken.

**12.0 Mayor/Council:**

**Trustee Hall-** Asked when the Dollar General would be open?Mayor Dial said he believed by the end of March. Trustee Hall said it looks like the RV Park is doing well.

**Trustee Chavez-** Asked if we could find money in the budget to replace the mulch at the park play area. It is getting very sparse. The Rotary is hopefully looking at having the Punkin Chunkin this year and possibly moving it up by one week to the 2nd weekend in October. The carnival people will most likely not be available, so she is asking anyone if they have or know of an event to please let her know.

**Trustee Sedillo-** Said he would reach out to NM Game & Fish to see about fish for the pond. He said that the cost of getting sustainable fish will most likely be much higher this year. He also said that he inquired about lifting the fishing age regulations and he was told it would not be brought back up until April 2022. Asked if the Public Works crew were chipping trees at the park and the Mayor stated yes.

**Trustee Lovato-** Enjoyed meeting with the Torrance County Sheriff’s Office personnel. He said that he wants to start up the movie night in the park again when it gets warmer. Mayor Dial said that he had spoken with Tracey Master and she said she would probably have funds available for that.

**Mayor Dial-** If HB4 passes, it will exempt Legislators and Judges. He said no law should be made that exempts the people making the law. He will be in Mountainair Wednesday working at the vaccine clinic and that their goal is between 500-800 shots.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Lovato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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