

Town of Estancia
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, February 3rd, 2025, at 6:15 PM
Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016

MINUTES

Call to order was taken at 6:15 pm meeting and roll call was taken:

Trustee Lovato- Here
Trustee May- Here
Trustee Sanchez- Here
Trustee Hall- Here
Mayor Dial- Here

- 1.0 Approval of February 3rd, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda- Action Item-** Trustee Hall makes a motion to approve the 2/3/2025 Regular Meeting Agenda, Trustee May seconded the motion; All in favor- **MOTION CARRIED**

MAYOR Dial requested that Item 6 be moved to 5

- 2.0 Approval of the January 27th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item-** Trustee Hall makes a motion to approve the 1/27/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, Trustee May seconded the motion; All in favor- **MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Hall Requested that his update on the last page be changed to clarify that he was not requesting the agenda/packet be just sent to him but to all the BOT

- 3.0 Discussion/Approval of the February 3rd, 2025, Bill List – Action Item-** Trustee May Makes a motion to approve the 2/3/2025 Bill list, Trustee Hall Seconded the motion; All in favor- **MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Hall asked if the clerk could contact Caselle to see if a more specific report could be included stating what account these funds are coming from.

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.- NONE

4.0 Department Updates:

Police- Chief Carter gave an update regarding Lexipol (A web-based program to help with policies and helping make everything current and updated, BMC trade deal update, and was able to get \$ 12,800.00 for PD Gear, cars are gone as of last week, Also traded old guns and ammo that the department does not need. Trucks are being upfitted, Search and seizure training was being done (2/3/2025), Taser training update complete (partnered with Moriarty Police), community safety forum tomorrow with state police from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Torrance county admin office. Chief Carter wanted to commend Officer Vazquez- stating that he received a letter from Jose Sisneros on 1/15/2025 regarding a missing phone and how willing Officer Vazquez was to help locate it and the High Level of Pride in his work. SGT Duran also wanted to commend Officer Aragon on his Outstanding work with the Teachers in our schools and always going above and beyond for anyone and everyone.

Code Enforcement- No Updates for Code Enforcement

AC- Mayor stated that there have been less calls since Bill picked up the dog which has been a big issue in the town. He received a complaint from a resident (Ashley) and is currently taking care of it.

Bill also wanted to inform the BOT that he has completed 2 courses pertaining to P&Z and his certificate of completion was given to HR.

Fire- No Updates (The Fire Department was not at the meeting they were responding to a call)

EMS- Med 2 is in service, they are looking into PRN positions for EMT, a Proposed Boot allowance of \$250 annually, and a proposed Clothing Allowance of \$1000 annually, broken up into 2 payments.

Library- No Updates

Maintenance- Water Levels have dropped again on Well 9 and it is sucking Air, they received some Road Patch from the County, and they began to cover the bigger potholes that have been an issue, they are trying to schedule a meeting with JHC to come and check all the lift stations, they replaced one of the pumps on lift station 2 and they are going to pull it back out and check if there is something stuck in there because they had a pump failure on Saturday (2/1/2025) which caused the RV Park to get backed up, They are still trying to get with John Deere to come out and check their tractors (waiting on a call back)

Administration- Quarterly Budget report is complete and submitted, CPO Training for Clerk Bernadette from 2/11/2025 to 2/14/2025 so her time will be limited, Clerk Bernadette informed the BOT of an update from Laura Acosta regarding the Pool and some issues that needed to be corrected (electrical issues, gas inspection etc) before even considering opening the pool. Trustee Lovato had questions and concerns about revenue and to see what we can do to change this to make it beneficial to have it open, not want to put out more than what we make, Trustee Hall said we need to look into this issue because he would like to have the pool open. Laura had called our POC for the pool "Brandon" and a rough quote was given of roughly \$250k for all the **necessary updates that need to be**

done and for it to pass inspection and to be safe for the public. (More to come on this as Admin gains for information)

New Business

5.0 Discussion and possible approval Presentation from Joseph Newsom on Potentially Vacating an alleyway on possible Property Purchase – Action Item- No Vote was taken or needed.

Joseph informed the BOT that he was looking into purchasing some property in Town on Lasiter a total of 7 lots (blocks 20 1 through 3 and 7 through 10) that had an Alleyway running through the lots he was wanting and wanted to inform the BOT that he did all his research on if there were Utilities in the Alleyway and confirmed that no there is NOT utilities there and wanted to make it 1 whole lot instead of it being 1-3 & 7-10. Joseph contacted Gary Gilbert, who was the prior owner, and he stated that he had no information on the alleyway, and neither did P&Z. Mayor Dial informed Joseph that the town has no say, Trustee Hall said if it's blocked, we can't go after him (meaning the town). The BOT informed Joseph to talk to the residents who would be around him to clear up any questions they may have. If any.

Old Business

6.0 Discussion/ Action Item for Clothing Allowance for EMS/Police Dept and Public Works- Action Item- Trustee Lovato makes a motion to pass the clothing allowance for EMS/ Fire Department, Police Department and the Public Works Department, Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion; All in favor- MOTION CARRIED

Terms are:

EMS/ Fire & Police Department approval is as follows: \$250.00 Annually for Boots 1 payment,

And \$1000.00 for clothing and this is to be deposited into 2 Payments

(1 on the first check in January and a second payment in June)

Trustee Sanchez had some concerns about PW and their Boot Allowance stating that he knows they go through more than 1 boot per year (chemicals and all work conditions rain, snow, oil etc) and requested their boot allowance be \$500.00. Their Allowance is as follows: per request from Supervisor Edwin Bencomo he would like for his department to have only 1 payment at the beginning of the year, \$500.00 for Boots and \$1000.00 for Clothing.

7.0 Discussion for the Trip to Washington DC- Discussion Only- Mayor Dial wanted to inform the BOT that if we were planning a trip to DC that we should discuss what we would be going for and what we are requesting, some topics would be the Pond, Pool and the Park and of course the Water/ Well project. He also stated that we need to get with the Legislature and see what they are supporting to help narrow down our request. The BOT agreed that everything the mayor mentioned would be some good things to request funds

for. Clerk Bernadette will send an email to DC and see about dates/ and what they are currently supporting and will get back to the Board.

8.0 Discussion for NM Legislative Updates- Discussion Only- Mayor Dial informed the BOT that Santa Fe is trying to pass a bill for IPRA Requests and trying to help the records custodian to make it easier for them, Cannabis, Gun Bills are all back, Street light protection bill, Electric charging stations every 50 miles, Trustee May informed the Board that she will be going to the Round House to speak (Cannabis), House Bill 10 Passed.

9.0 Mayor/Council Updates:

Trustee Hall- NONE

Trustee May- Municipal Day, House Bill 10

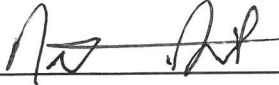
Trustee Sanchez- NONE

Trustee Lovato- wanted to have some time on the next agenda for him and Angela Creamer to discuss the name of the Baseball Field.

Mayor Dial- all the legislative updates, Washington DC trip

10.0 Executive Session – As per Motion and Roll Call Vote – Pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1 Sections (H)(2)(7) threatened or pending litigation and Personnel.- Trustee Lovato makes a motion to Remove the Executive Session until the next meeting on 2/18/2025, Trustee May seconded the motion; all in favor- MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Approved:  Date: 2/3/2025
Mayor Nathan Dial

Attest:  Date: 2/3/2025
Clerk Bernadette Anaya