

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSHOP WITH
THE TOWN OF PERALTA, NM
APRIL 10, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Bosque Farms Mayor Bob Knowlton and Councilors Wayne Ake, Bill Kennedy, Dolly Wallace and Russ Walkup; Bosque Farms Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones and Police Chief Greg Jones; Peralta Mayor Bryan Olguin and Councilors Joe Romero, Tracy Aragon and Leon Otero and Peralta Acting Clerk/Administrator Dick Wayne. Also present were Krista Schulz of NMED and Kelly Collins of CDM. Peralta Councilor Lorenzo Moya was absent.

Mayor Knowlton requested moving agenda item #4 before item #3 at Chief Jones' request.

**4. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS AND THE TOWN OF
PERALTA FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Chief Jones stated that his department was prepared to continue to provide police services to Peralta.

Mayor Olguin stated that Peralta had no issues with Bosque Farms police services.

Clerk/Administrator Jones informed the governing bodies that the joint powers agreement is now an intergovernmental agreement, which does not require DFA approval.

Mayor Knowlton stated that he would like to see additional funds added to the budget for an additional officer to cover vacation, sick leave, etc.; this would reduce overtime and allow for court time and MVD hearings. Chief Jones agreed. Chief Jones stated that there should be two officers on all shifts. Mayor Olguin stated that Peralta had included an overtime line item in their current budget.

Chief Jones stated that he had been tracking overtime and it was over half the cost of adding an additional officer. He discussed current shift schedules, which were 12-hour shifts to cover 24/7. Another officer would allow the police department to go to four 10-hour shifts. He stated that the 12-hour shifts had become a safety and liability issue.

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Peralta Councilor Romero asked what the cost of an additional officer would be; Chief Jones replied that the salary with gas and oil, vehicle expense, body armor and tools, salary and benefits would be about \$90,000.00 per year.

It was noted that this year's LEPP for Peralta went toward equipment, not a vehicle, and Bosque Farms didn't buy a vehicle either. The equipment purchased this year will go into a vehicle that will be purchased with next year's LEPP.

Councilor Wallace stated that 3 years ago the national average cost for an officer was \$100,000.00.

Chief Jones stated that manpower and resources were Bosque Farms biggest issues and challenges. He stated that the turnover rate a few years ago was about 50% but the department had been able to cut that down to about 2 officers per year.

It was noted that that Village has received a grant in the amount of \$1600.00 for equipment for cases involving violence against women and it will be used for the purchase two digital cameras. Bosque Farms usually doesn't get federal funding for salaries because our crime statistics are so low.

3. DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER ISSUES

Mayor Knowlton opened it up for discussion.

Councilor Joe Romero referred to the MOU and to Kelly Collins of CDM. Councilor Romero and Ms. Collins have worked with Mayor Knowlton on the MOU and Mayor Knowlton asked for an overview.

CDM was awarded a contract with Valencia County for the Valencia County water/wastewater master plan. Peralta installing wastewater system that went into Bosque Farms treatment plant, plus an additional clarifier, was the #1 priority in the plan. A portion of the remainder of that funding was pulled by the state but Peralta was able to obtain some additional funding on their own.

CDM advised that the first thing that needed to be done was the MOU with Bosque Farms. Peralta would be a "bulk" user of Bosque Farms wastewater system. Rates would have to be determined at a later date as well as other specifics.

There was discussion of feasibility.

Councilor Knowlton stated that Bosque Farms has only one clarifier and if that ever went out, the Village would be in trouble. Bosque Farms wastewater treatment plant currently

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has the capacity but it could become a problem and we need to look at alternative solutions for the sludge.

Councilor Romero stated that Peralta would like to do the sewer in a 3-phase project with the first phase being the business district on Highway 47 and three dense neighborhoods; the second phase would add a clarifier and maybe a digester to the Bosque Farms wastewater treatment plant, as well as additional neighborhoods. The third phase would continue to add collection lines to neighborhoods.

Peralta would like to have a say over their collection system and maintenance of that system.

Councilor Ake asked about the logistics of the mentioned delivery point(s). Ms. Collins, CDM, stated that it would depend on the type of collection and technology system; gravity-fed, grinder pumps or lift stations as to the delivery point(s). She stated that costs as well as other factors were built into the preliminary engineering report.

There was discussion by CDM and NMED.

Ms. Schulz, NMED, talked about needing residential buy-in from Peralta. She talked about possible funding options; clean water revolving loan fund and USDA funding. Ms. Collins asked if Bosque Farms would like an assessment of their wastewater treatment plant to see what upgrades may be needed. Bosque Farms agreed that an assessment would be necessary. Councilor Ake suggested setting up a time for a tour of the plant by CDM, NMED as well as Peralta Governing Body.

Mayor Knowlton would also like to set up a meeting with Ms. Collins, himself and Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director to discuss this further.

It was noted that the MOU needed to be agreed upon first, the rate study could be completed immediately after that and then the preliminary engineering report can be completed.

Mayor Knowlton asked the Bosque Farms Councilors if they had any thoughts or questions.

Councilor Wallace stated that the MOU needed to be more simple and general instead of so specific.

Councilor Kennedy agreed.

Ms. Collins went through what was needed in the MOU at this time.

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Councilor Walkup stated that he was not clear on the costs that would come from Bosque Farms; i.e.; piping, clarifier, pumps on Bosque Farms side, etc. He wanted to know who would be paying for those and who would be maintaining them.

Councilor Romero stated that a new clarifier would benefit both Peralta and Bosque Farms, so the cost should be shared.

Ms. Schulz would look at how Albuquerque, Corrales and Bernalillo County worked those issues out.

Bosque Farms agreed that operating and maintaining the collection lines and system components in Peralta would be Peralta's responsibility.

Councilor Ake stated that Bosque Farms needed to plan ahead regarding sludge disposal.

Ms. Collins went through in detail the MOU provisions with both governing bodies. She would get the revised MOU out to both municipalities on Wednesday.

Bosque Farms would have the MOU on their council meeting agenda for April 19 and Peralta would get it on their agenda as soon as possible.

5. DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE MUNICIPALITIES

There was discussion regarding issues of concern for a median in Peralta.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF April 2012.

Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator