

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING
ON AUGUST 6, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert G. Knowlton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Bob Knowlton, Councilors Wayne Ake, Dolly Wallace, Russ Walkup and Bill Kennedy, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones and Planning and Zoning Officer Loretta Hatch. Also present were Sgt. Dawne Roberto, Officer Richard Pries and Fire Chief Spencer Wood.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #845-15 REGARDING 2550
PARKLANE DRIVE**

P & Z Officer Loretta Hatch presented photographs of the property at 2550 Parklane Drive. She also presented her report on the property, including lack of utilities to that property; gas, electric and water.

She stated that there were no available records regarding use of a private well on that property, but information was given to the Village that they were bringing in water to the property; therefore, the Village allowed them to continue using the grinder pump for sewer as long as electric was provided to the property.

On July 31, 2015 a neighbor reported no electric to the property and raw sewage on the ground and PNM verified that this property had not had electric services since May 5, 2015.

She stated that she contacted Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk and the person responsible for water and sewer billing, who then contacted Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director. A decision was then made to pull the grinder pump motor from the property to avoid damaging the grinder pump motor. The grinder pump motor was pulled on July 31, 2015.

Robert Oglesbee, Utility Worker, reported that the grinder pump was full to the point of overflowing with sewage and seeping on the ground when he pulled the grinder pump motor.

Officer Pries stated that on Sunday, August 2, 2015 officers were dispatched to this address by a report from a neighbor that Jerry Jojola Jr., a reported felon with current warrants and son to the property owner, Jerry Jojola, was at this address.

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Upon arrival at the property address, the officers witnessed Jerry Jojola, Jerry Jojola Jr and another person heating up heroin in a spoon. During the arrest of these three persons and a fourth person, the condition of the property was noticed, i.e.; shoes sticking to the floor, the smell of raw sewage, the smell of rotting garbage through the entire house.

On Monday morning, August 3, 2015, Officer Pries did some research and discovered that there was an Inspectorial Search Warrant which allows a police officer or a code enforcement officer access to a property to ensure that it is livable; that there were no fire code violations.

Officer Pries obtained an Inspectorial Search Warrant signed by a judge and the inspection was done on August 4, 2015.

Upon inspection of the property, it was noted that someone had tried to clean up the property by mopping the floors and trying to clean the bathrooms to the best of their ability.

Officer Pries stated that he realized that the council was addressing only 2550 Parklane Drive tonight, but that there are other houses in Bosque Farms worse than this property and something needs to be done to address them.

Ms. Hatch proceeded to show the Governing Body pictures taken during the Inspectorial Search Warrant.

Ms. Hatch stated that her argument is that this property is a threat to the health and safety of Bosque Farms residents.

Clerk/Administrator Jones explained the state statute and the resolution.

Mayor Knowlton stated that the council would need to look at the nuisance abatement ordinance and give it more teeth.

Councilor Walkup moved to adopt Resolution #845-15. Councilor Ake seconded.

Councilor Wallace asked what the Village would be doing about the raw sewage and garbage on the property.

Ms. Hatch suggested that she would keep a close eye on the property for the next 10 days and Officer Pries offered to have a uniformed officer go with her.

It was agreed that if the grinder pump can fill up with raw sewage, the Village will get a septic pumping truck to come and pump it out.

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It was also agreed that the Village will contact MRGCD and alert them to the illegal dumping in the ditch.

Ms. Jones stated that another lien will be filed on this property for cleanup charges and the sewage pumper truck, which could follow with a foreclosure on the property.

Mayor Knowlton called for a vote on the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator