

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert G. Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Bob Knowlton, Councilors Wayne Ake, Dolly Wallace, Russ Walkup and Bill Kennedy, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Hibdon and Attorney Mark Jarmie.

3. SILENT INVOCATION

Mayor Knowlton asked everyone to continue to remember our service men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and give us our freedom, to the families who have lost loved ones and our first responders: EMS, police and fire.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Walkup moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mayor Knowlton stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Lt. Mike Kennedy gave the police department monthly report for November 2015.

Fire Chief Spencer Wood thanked everyone involved for helping the fire department bring their ISO Rating down to a 3. It was previously at a 4. This will increase their state allocation by about \$20,000.00 per year, plus it will lower insurance rates for the residents and businesses in Bosque Farms.

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Lillie McNabb, Older Americans Program, reported on meal numbers at all the senior centers in Valencia County.

Sharon Eastman, Planning and Zoning, reported that the commission has finished their preliminary work on senior housing and they are ready for a workshop with the council.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk/Administrator Jones presented the Treasurer's report for November. Councilor Wallace moved to approve the November 2015 Treasurer's report. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. NON-AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION LIMITED TO 1 1/2 MINUTES

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Publications of Amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance 9-1-16 (3) and 9-1-17 (d) & (f)

Councilor Walkup moved to approve the publication of amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance 9-1-16 (3) and 9-1-17 (d) and (f). Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Holiday Resolution #849-15

Councilor Walkup moved to approve Holiday Resolution #849-15. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Consideration of EMS Fund Act Application for 2017

Councilor Wallace moved to approve EMS Fund Act Application for 2017. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk/Administrator Jones stated that the EMS Department passed their inspection on the first try and is now a Certified Medical Rescue.

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C. Consideration of Precinct Board for Municipal Election March 1, 2016

Councilor Walkup moved to approve the Precinct Board for Municipal Election March 1, 2016. Councilor Kennedy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

12. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Wallace reported that she has been released medically after her hip replacement seven weeks ago. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Kennedy announced that Hunter Safety classes would be starting in January 2016 and he suggested going to the NM Game and Fish website if interested.

Councilor Ake thanked Chief Wood and his volunteers; EMS and Ms. Jones and also the Police Department, Lt. Kennedy and the new officers and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Walkup wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Knowlton reported that he attended the Valencia County Council of Governments meeting on Monday. They are changing the name to Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO). This will be a non-voting organization.

He also discussed an EPA requirement for storm water discharge that may affect Bosque Farms. The Village would be submitting comments to EPA by tomorrow. There may be an option for a waiver.

Mayor Knowlton reported that the Valencia County Commission discussed at their meeting last night a resolution for the County Fire and EMS stipend program. The item was tabled until January 13, 2016 to allow all governing bodies to have an opportunity for discussion and input.

Fire Chief Wood and volunteer Scott Milton explained that one of the commissioners realized that the timeline was too rushed so she pushed to have the item tabled until January 13, 2016. Mr. Milton had asked the County Manager to break the resolution down line by line as to their meaning, which he did.

Chief Wood stated that the last stipend resolution was adopted in 2002 and has been followed for the past 13 years; this resolution needed to last at least that long. He stated that the new resolution proposes to give Bosque Farms, Peralta and Rio Communities 10% each of the available funding. He stated that 80% of the remaining 70% would go to the county volunteers and the final 20% of the remaining 70% would be used as discretionary funds for the County.

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Mayor Knowlton thanked Chief Wood and Mr. Milton for all their work on this “Nominal Fee Program”.

Mayor Knowlton stated that he would like to discuss the resolution before January 13, 2016. Ms. Jones informed him that the Village Attorney would not be available from January 3 to January 10, 2016. Council agreed to try to have a short meeting the week of December 28.

Mayor Knowlton wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2016

Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator