

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

**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 and Russ Walkup, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, P & Z Officer Loretta Hatch, Treasurer Michelle Fryhover and Attorney Mark Jarmie. Councilor Bill Kennedy was absent.

**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 Ake 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**

Police Chief Greg Jones gave the Police Department monthly report for January 2016.

Lillie McNabb, Older Americans Program, reported that a meeting was held yesterday in Belen. She stated that there will be surprise state inspections at the senior centers. She also thanked the Council for the fence and gate at the recreation site. Ms. McNabb also asked that the Village consider putting in lighting in the parking lot at the recreation site.

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## **8. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Councilor Ake moved to approve the January 2016 Treasurer's report. Councilor Wallace seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **9. PROCLAMATIONS**

Lillie McNabb read a letter from Laurie Kastelic from Valencia High School National Honor Society regarding the proclamation honoring Daniel Fernandez.

Mayor Knowlton read the proclamation in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Daniel Fernandez.

## **10. NON-AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION LIMITED TO 1 1/2 MINUTES**

Lillie McNabb, Bosque Farms resident, thanked the candidates who are running for office.

Virgil Proctor, Bosque Farms resident, asked about the senior housing issue. Mayor Knowlton explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission has been working on language regarding senior housing. He stated that a joint workshop with P & Z and the council was recently held and is now being reviewed by Attorney Jarmie. Mr. Jarmie stated that he would have comments ready for next month's meeting.

Rob Leonard, Dennis Jones and Esther Pringle, Bosque Farms residents, thanked the council and Ms. Hatch for the progress being made on the problem property on Monte Vista Drive. Ms. Hatch stated that the property had been purchased by an investor and it is being cleaned up.

Sharon Eastman, Bosque Farms resident, asked about the status of the equestrian path signs. Councilor Wallace reminded Ms. Eastman that the two of them were supposed to get together and decide about the placement and design of the signs.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Thad Porch of Porch & Associates Addresses Council Regarding the FY 2014-2015 Audit and Consideration of Acceptance of the Audit Report**

Mr. Porch thanked the council for allowing him to do Bosque Farms' audit again. He reviewed the audit report.

Councilor Wallace moved to accept the audit report. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**B. Consideration of Resolution #852-16 Approving an Application for the FY 2016-2017 NMDOT Cooperative Road Program**

Councilor Ake moved to approve Resolution #852-16 approving an application for the FY 2016-2017 NMDOT Cooperative Road program. Councilor Wallace seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consideration of Resolution #853-16 Approving an Application for the FY 2016-2017 NMDOT MAP Program**

Councilor Ake moved to approve Resolution #853-16 approving an application for the FY 2016-2017 NMDOT MAP Program. Councilor Wallace seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Consideration of Publication of Amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance 8-2-1 & 8-4-7**

Councilor Wallace moved to approve publication of amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance 8-2-1 & 8-4-7. Councilor Walkup seconded.

Councilor Walkup had several corrections - add "or" after BB Section A. He questioned the language in BB Section C.

Councilor Wallace explained the reasoning behind this section. She suggested going with this tonight and as things arise and where loop holes are found, fill those loop holes as we go.

Councilor Walkup suggested striking everything after "and" in Section C. He also questioned 8-4-7 Section A.

Attorney Jarmie suggested changing the last "the" to "said" and strike the back slash and insert "or" between Owner and Custodian. He also suggested adding an "s" in parenthesis after the first animal.

Dolly suggested that Clerk Jones go back and look at the original language regarding signage for this issue.

Councilor Wallace amended her motion to make the changes discussed. Councilor Walkup seconded the amendment.

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

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

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**E. Consideration of the Memorandum of Agreement Between Valencia County and the Village of Bosque Farms for EMS Medical Director Services**

Councilor Ake moved to approve the memorandum of agreement between Valencia County and the Village of Bosque Farms for EMS Medical Director Services. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**F. Discussion & Consideration of a Letter to Mayors of Belen and Los Lunas and the Chair of the Valencia County Commission Regarding the Proposed Hospital**

Mayor Knowlton stated that in last week's paper there was an article regarding some meetings being held between the Mayors of Belen and Los Lunas and the Chair of the Valencia County Commission regarding the hospital.

Councilor Ake stated that he was concerned about Bosque Farms being left out of these meetings because the citizens of Bosque Farms have paid into the hospital like everyone else. He stated that the Village needed to go on record saying that we are watching them and we are concerned.

Mayor Knowlton stated that he had talked to the administrators in Belen and Los Lunas as well as the Mayor of Los Lunas and they all said that they were trying to mediate the hospital law suit. They all agreed that Bosque Farms should be a part of the hospital discussion.

Attorney Jarmie stated that the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem have both expressed concerns to him about these meeting being held behind closed doors. They both have stated that these meetings should have been open to the public and not behind closed doors.

Mayor Knowlton will write a letter and allow the Council to review and have input prior to the election.

Councilor Walkup motioned that the Council direct the Mayor to write a letter and have it circulated to the Council regarding their concerns about the closed door meetings regarding the hospital. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. MAYOR & COUNCILOR'S REPORTS**

**Councilor Ake** emphasized what the true spirit of Bosque Farms is all about.

**Councilor Walkup** thanked the three people on the Governing Body that have served. He thanked Councilor Wallace for her service on the Council. He also thanked Councilor Ake and Mayor Knowlton.

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**Councilor Wallace** thanked the Governing Body for making it a very enjoyable 12 years. She stated that Bosque Farms has had good councilors, good Mayors and a good administration. She thanked the Village for all of their support and she also thanked the Clerk and the Police Chief. She thanked Attorney Jarmie for his leadership and fairness.

**Mayor Knowlton:**

- When Wayne, Dolly and Bob joined the governing body together in 2004 the Village was in shambles from the previous administration:
  - The Council had sacked the Village Administrator
  - The Treasurer had quit
  - The P&Z Officer had quit
  - Tax payments were in arrears
  - The NPDES permit for sewer plant was not renewed
- Thanked the Village staff, Governing body members, our State legislators, the current and past Governors for all they have done for the Village since 2004. Couldn't do it without everyone's cooperation.
- What has been accomplished over the last 12 years?
  - Secured State funding for Police/Fire complex and built it
  - With the Police/Fire complex going in, we had to get rid of our maintenance building and a baseball field behind the Village complex, so we secured State funding to replace the maintenance building and also separate funding to construct a new ballfield at the recreation complex.
  - Two more rounds of State funding for park improvements were also secured
  - Bought the Woodall property adjacent to the recreation complex
  - Started a summer youth program, which has been very successful
  - Supported a successful summer Library program
  - Secured State funding for the Library addition and built it
  - Secured State funding for landscaping through the Keep NM Beautiful program
  - Secured a CDBG grant for ADA improvements and other updates to the Community Center
  - Secured funding for a new fire truck
  - Secured funding for a new EMS vehicle
  - Set up a contractual arrangement for police services with Peralta, which has increased our police force significantly and made the Village one of the safest communities in NM
  - Supported our volunteer firefighters, and they in turn have improved our ISO rating to a 3, which is a wonderful benefit to the community
  - Secured State funding to rehab both of our water tanks
  - Secured a loan to replace the pumps at well 2, put in a computer control system, and a backup generator
  - Secured State funding for wireless water meter read system

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- Secured State funding to resurface the tennis courts
- Secured State funding for security upgrades to the Village office
- With public input, revised the water and sewer rates
- A lot was accomplished on the economic development front. Created an ordinance for economic development that allows the Village to do economic incentives. Selected as a Certified Community by the NMEDD. Received thousands of dollars in economic development funds that helped pay for a professional looking web site, an economic consultant recommendation report, and advertising. Supported the change to the State LEDA statute to allow communities under 10,000 to do tax incentives for retail businesses.
- We also accomplished a lot on the governance front, including:
  - Many improvements to the Zoning ordinance
  - Property Maintenance ordinance
  - Nuisance Abatement ordinance
  - A greatly improved Animal Control ordinance
- The Village is currently in very good financial shape
- Thanked folks again, including our volunteers, like our firefighters, EMS responders, P&Z Commissioners, Lillie McNabb, the Courtneys, Neighborhood watch, and the many folks who served on committees over the years
- The Mayor said he really cares about this Village, and that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Village.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016**

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Wayne Ake, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator