

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robert G. Knowlton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Robert Knowlton, Councilors Wayne Ake, Russ Walkup and Dolly Wallace (arrived at 5:46 p.m.), Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Assistant Clerk Cheryl Hibdon, Treasurer Debra Kelly and Attorney David Chavez. Councilor Bill Kennedy was absent.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 10-15-1 H (2) & (7) NMSA, 1978,  
REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS AND PENDING LITIGATION**

Councilor Walkup moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Walkup moved to reconvene at 6:13 p.m. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Chavez stated that the only subjects discussed in Executive Session were personnel matters and pending litigation.

**4. SILENT INVOCATION**

Mayor Knowlton asked everyone to continue to remember our service men and women and their families and our EMS, police and fire departments.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Ake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**7. APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 17, 2013 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Knowlton stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

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### **February 7, 2013 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop**

Mayor Knowlton stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

#### **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief Greg Jones gave the monthly report for January.

Lillie McNabb, Older America Advisory Council, asked for support on House Bill 250 and Senate Bill 506 which deals with funding for senior citizen programs. She also asked for support on House Bill 276 which would put straight party voting back on the ballot.

#### **9. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Councilor Ake moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for January. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Danielle Taylor, Bosque Farms resident who resides on Toy Lane, was seeking guidance from the Governing Body on how to deal with a resident who was unjustifiably accusing residents on Toy Lane of their dogs barking night and day. She presented a petition to the council.

Bob Courtney, Bosque Farms resident, announced that the next Historical Exchange Forum would be on March 3, 2013. "The Battle of Peralta" would be presented by John M. Taylor accompanied by a reenactment by the Southwest Civil War Association. He also announced that he was now a board member with the Valencia County Historical Society.

Councilor Walkup suggested moving Mr. Courtney's report under departmental reports.

#### **11. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discussion/Consideration of Water Rights Lease**

Mayor Knowlton stated that Mike Mechenbier was interested in leasing water rights from the Village of Bosque Farms.

Karen McAda, water rights consultant for Mike Mechenbier, stated that Mr. Mechenbier was interested in leasing 100 acre feet of water rights for Roy D. Mercer for land south of Socorro for supplemental irrigation water. She stated that the term of the lease would be for five (5) years at a rate of \$52.00 per acre foot per year.

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There was discussion regarding return flow credits and how many acre feet of water rights the Village of Bosque Farms actual had.

Councilor Ake moved to proceed with the water rights lease to Roy D. Mercer, LLC and representative Mike Mechenbier for the lease of 100 acre feet pre-1907 water rights with the associated cost being born by Roy D. Mercer, LLC and Mike Mechenbier at \$52.00 per acre feet per year to be paid once annually. Councilor Wallace seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Thad Porch of Porch and Associates Addresses Council Regarding 2011-2012 Audit and Consideration of Acceptance of Audit Report**

Thad Porch announced that the new name of his firm was Ricci and Porch.

Mr. Porch stated that the Village received an unqualified opinion for the 2011–2012 audit, which is the best we can receive.

He reviewed the two federal findings which were the only findings in the audit. He stated that the Village needed to be aware of all compliance requirements when dealing with federal grants and there were issues regarding compliance and tracking for the HUD grant.

Councilor Wallace moved to accept the audit report for 2011-2012. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **B. Consideration of Hiring a Maintenance Worker**

Councilor Walkup moved to hire Ruston Richards as a maintenance worker. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **C. Consideration of Hiring a Police Officer**

Councilor Ake moved to hire Richard Pries as a Police Officer. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**D. Consideration of Update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

Mayor Knowlton stated that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan should be updated every 5 years.

Councilor Walkup stated that he had not had time to review the entire report and would like more time.

Councilor Wallace agreed and asked if they could get a report with all the changes highlighted.

Mayor Knowlton stated that another report would be sent out to all councilors and planning and zoning commissioners to review.

Mayor Ake moved to postpone the comprehensive land use plan update. Councilor Wallace seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. Consideration Resolution #783-13 Applying for 2013-2014 NMDOT Cooperative Funds**

Councilor Ake moved to approve Resolution #783-13 applying for 2013-2014 NMDOT Cooperative. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**F. Consideration of Amended Budget Resolution #779-12**

Councilor Ake moved to approve amended Budget Resolution #779-12. Councilor Walkup seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**G. Consideration of Resolution #784-13 Applying for 2013-2014 NMDOT MAP Funds**

Councilor Walkup moved to approve Resolution #784-13 applying for 2013-2014 NMDOT MAP Funds. Councilor Ake seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Councilor Wallace** had no report.

**Councilor Ake** had no report.

**Councilor Walkup** had no report.

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**Mayor Knowlton** stated that he was invited to participate in a ribbon cutting event at Jazzercise who has teamed up with Spacewalk to offer weekend events, birthday parties, etc. for children. He stated that he would like to reconstitute the economic development committee and start looking at opportunities that may be available.

He announced that the library addition was due to be completed on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Mayor Knowlton thanked the volunteers who helped pull the books and shelving out of the library to get ready for new carpet and paint.

He stated that he would be asking the legislature for some word changing to the statute that controls the local economic development act to include allowing incentives for retail businesses for rural or small communities.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2013**

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Robert G. Knowlton, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator