**Town of Estancia**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:15 pm**

**Municipal Building, 513 Williams Avenue, Estancia, NM 87016**

**Minutes**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm and Roll Call was taken:**

**Trustee Lovato – Present**

**Trustee Sedillo – Present**

**Trustee Chavez – Present**

**Trustee Hall – Present**

**Mayor Dial – Present**

1. **Approval/Disapproval of Agenda – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 Agenda as written. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the January 5, 2021 Bill List – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 Bill List. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment –**

Several members of the community attended the meeting and spoke to the Board about Ms. Kathy Swope and Mama Bears restaurant. Her son, Andrew Swope was in attendance, as was Mr. Rick Lopez who was negotiating on her behalf.

The residents who spoke were as follows: Mr. Rick Lopez, Mr. Ralph Bishop, Ms. Chariti Sanchez, Mr. Patrick Sanchez, and Ms. Christina Estrada.

The lease the Town had with Ms. Swope expired and the Town decided not to renew the lease due to several month of unpaid rent.

Many residents spoke in support of Ms. Swope and Mama Bears. Residents advocated on her behalf and spoke of the positive impact Mama Bears has had on the community. Residents recognized the fact that rent payments were missed, which had to be addressed, but also recognized the difficult current financial climate.

**No Old Business**

**New Business**

1. **Executive Session****- As per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H) (2) (7) (8) Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Sale of real property**

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**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to move into Executive Session, as per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 to 10-15-4 Section (H) (2) (7) (8), to discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Sale of real property. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Chavez – Yes, Trustee Hall – Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session began at 6:44pm.

**Return from Executive Session-**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to return to Regular Session at 9:42pm. Trustee Chavez seconded the motion. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED** Trustee Hall stated that the only item discussed in Executive Session was the item listed on the agenda and no action was taken.

1. **Mayor/Council:**

**Trustee Hall** asked about Berkshire Road. Mayor Dial said that our Planning and Zoning person, Ms. Josie Chavez, is working on it and so is Trustee Chavez. Trustee Hall also said that we need to look at going back to a 5-day work week for the Town.

**Trustee Chavez** asked about replacing some dead trees at the Veteran’s plaza and the park. She also asked about getting the dead grass and weeds out of the pool area.

**Trustee Sedillo** talked about stocking the pond and about some squatters that were discovered living in town.

**Trustee Lovato** asked again about whether the Town had received any new applications for our Public Works or our Police Department. We do have two applications for our Public Works department that Supervisor Lorenzo Bernal is reviewing.

**Mayor Dial** said that starting Monday the Town is opening back up and will be on our old regular schedule, open to the public regular hours across the board. He requested that we tell the employees and tell the Public.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm.

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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