**Town of Estancia**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Monday, October 18, 2021 immediately following the Public Hearing**

**TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**205 S. Ninth Street,**

**Estancia, NM 87016**

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**Minutes**

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 7:27pm and Roll Call was taken:**

**Trustee Lovato – Present**

**Trustee Sedillo – Present**

**Trustee Chavez – Present via zoom**

**Trustee Hall – Present**

**Mayor Dial – Present**

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the October 18, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Discussion/Approval of the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Lovato made a motion to approve the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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1. **Discussion/Approval of the October 18, 2021 Bill List – Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to approve the October 18, 2021 Bill List. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment-** Resident Amy May thanked the Board for approving a 4-way stop at 8th and Williams.

**Old Business**

1. **Discussion/Possible Action of Cannabis Ordinance- Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chavez made a motion to TABLE this item. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **ITEM TABLED**

**New Business**

1. **EMW Gas update- Trustee Lovato- Information Only**

Trustee Lovato said that he has been receiving a lot of phone calls about the letter that went out to residents that receive natural gas from EMW about the 80% price increase. He said he is here to let everybody know what is going on. He said that costs are going up significantly from our supplier. He said that luckily, we locked in at a 50% increase. He will be attending a meeting tomorrow and will get more information about pricing. He said that this price increase is very unfortunate, but it is happening and EMW gas is doing everything they can to reduce the impact to our residents. He said that EMW Gas will try to work with residents on a fixed income. Assistance programs to residents should be continuing. Trustee Lovato said that there are no indications that we will run out of gas in the future. Trustee Hall thanked Trustee Lovato for the report.

1. **Executive Session- As per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 Section (H)(1) concerning personnel– Action Item**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Chavez made a motion to go into Executive Session, per motion and Roll Call Vote- Pursuant to NMSA 1978-10-15-1 Section (H)(1) concerning personnel. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Lovato – Yes, Trustee Chavez – Yes, Trustee Sedillo – Yes, Trustee Hall – Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Executive Session began at 7:40pm**

**Return to Regular Session.**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Trustee Sedillo made a motion to return to Regular Session, stating that the only item discussed during Executive Session was the item listed on the agenda and no action was taken. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Regular Session resumed at 7:52pm.**

1. **Mayor/Council:**

**Trustee Hall** thanked all who attended the Public Hearing and said it was very good that we allowed input.

**Trustee Chavez** asked about the pool. Ms. Jones said that she received a quote from Poolside Design to do maintenance on the pool and that she will contract with them.

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**Trustee Sedillo** thanked everyone for conducting a successful Public Hearing. He thanked the road crew who patched Alan Ayers. He followed up with Game and Fish about changing our fishing age limit at the pond; the change should be voted on at the end of next month. The change should take event in April of next year. He thanked Trustee Lovato for the EMW gas update.

**Trustee Lovato** asked for an update on the Fairground purchase. Trustee Chavez said that hopefully the sale will close in the next few weeks. They will do the sale, and then the vacating of the lots and the streets.

Trustee Lovato would like to do some kind of employee appreciation certificate and/or dinner. He reminded all that we are having an event on Halloween. We will have a parade, vendors, and a movie at the park. There will also be a Second Annual Veterans Day Matanza on November 6th at the American Legion Post.

**Mayor Dial** asked that the Board please get their Cannabis Ordinance input sent to Ms. Jones at their earliest convenience so we can get closer to getting this done. He said he will be out of town this coming weekend. He said we need to look at passing an ATV ordinance.

**Adjournment –**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm**

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

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

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