

## Regular Meeting Minutes– May 2019

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00 P. M. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

**Present:** Mayor Margaret Trujillo  
Trustee Janie Portillo  
Trustee Patrick Garcia  
Trustee Robert Sainz

Also present was Margaret Lucero Village, Village Clerk  
Absent were Trustee Jeni Alexander and Attorney Jeff Rhodes

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Margaret Trujillo called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Consideration of Agenda and Public Hearing
  - a. Minutes of April, 2019 Regular Meeting
  - b. Site & Sign Permits-March Permits
  - c. Business Registrations-May 2019
  - d. Village Bills List
  - e. Public Library Monthly Report
  - f. Next Regular Meeting-June 19, 2019

Trustee Portillo made a motion to accept the agenda with the removal of item #7 seconded by Trustee Garcia, all voted aye. Motion Carried

2. Charles Wood, Police Chief asking to approve a pay increase for Albert Barela for completing the training at the police academy for his dispatchers communication certificate. Chief Wood was not in attendance, Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk spoke on his behalf about the raise. Trustee Portillo motioned to give the pay raise, Trustee Garcia, seconded the motion, all present members voted aye, motion carried.

3. David Shields, Bohannon Houston to award the WWTP liner repair project. David Shields presented the lowest and only bidder as Lancon. David assured everyone that he was confident that Lancon could do the project and he would make sure it was done correctly. The Village needs to spend the funds before the grant expires. This is the second time this project has been out for bid. Lancon has been the only bidder. Trustee Garcia motioned to award the bid to Lancon, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed

4. David Shields, Bohannon Huston to approve resolution 2018-19-21 to apply for various NMDOT road projects with a 5-25% match. David stated that NMDOT has been awarded 75million in funds that will go out to various road projects throughout the state. The Village should apply for a project along 1<sup>st</sup> street in the amount of about 1million. The board should start thinking about what roads need major work so that this can be accomplished through some of these funds. The Village will apply for 1million in the hopes of getting maybe ½ of that in funding. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the resolution, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members votes aye. Motion passed. Roll Call: Garcia, Sainz, Portillo, aye  
Alexander, NS

**5.** Janie Portillo asking to approve ordinance 270, which would change the rate for sewer outside the village limit. The current ordinance has rates for garbage and water outside the village limits but not for sewer, they pay the same rate as those who live within the village limits. The increase would be \$10.00 bringing the total bill to around \$100.00 for all services. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the notice of ordinance, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion approved.

**6.** Janie Portillo, asking to approve a moratorium on water and sewer outside the village limits. The Mayor asked if the village still has the moratorium in effect. Margaret stated she has looked and can not find anything but the Board has allowed for hookups outside the limits in the past. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve, The motion died due to a second. Motion failed.

**7. Item Removed**

**8.** Janie Portillo, asked to approve resolution 2018-19-22 Opposing the housing and the use of local government funds to support the illegal immigrants or the asylum seekers. The Mayor stated that she was in support of this resolution as it was stating to everyone that we are not going to use local government resources, she appreciated the fact that people want a better life, but the community can not use local funds to help homeless or those who need it that are here legally.

Trustee Garcia also commented that the Village is happy to have those in our community that are here legally. Trustee Sainz said he agreed, although he thought it might be better to not address it until something happens, but the Mayor said if we wait, it might be too late. She said that we are supporting our other local government partners. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the resolution, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

**9.** Valerie Delgado asking to approve resolution 2018-19-22 for budget adjustments for current year budget. This resolution addresses summer food, library, donations, fire protection and Older American Program increase. Trustee Sainz motioned to approve the resolution, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members votes aye. Motion passed.

**10.** Margaret Lucero, Grants Coordinator, asking to approve the current procurement policy with the CDBG policies and procedures. Margaret stated that the procurement policy that the village has covers all the requirements but was never signed. This was noted and needs to be fixed for our current CDBG grant. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve the procurement policy. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

**11.** Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asking to approve a hiring preference for Veterans. She stated that she wanted to show support and have a veteran hiring preference. If a veteran applies and is qualified for the position, they should automatically have some preference in the job. Trustee Garcia stated to have a question on the application. Margaret said she would add that to the current application. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

**12. Unscheduled correspondence and Public Comment:**

Robert Sainz, who is responsible for the area around the railroad tracks for weeds and debris clean up. The Mayor stated that she would ask the question, but residents should still be responsible for their area and yard. Code compliance works hard and it is stated that a resident has a certain number of days to clean up their area, but the court might give them more time and thinks maybe some stiff fines should be imposed.

Susan Donaldson, resident, said she would like to talk with the Mayor about having a 23 hour line for Village updates, something simple like a road closure or to some thing big like a fire. She will get with the Mayor and see if that is a possibility, the mayor thought it would be a great idea.

David Shields, update on water transmission line. We will have answers from Drinking water bureau and NMED and we should LET construction late summer. We are going to be under a time crunch with sidewalk project with NMDOT.

Margaret stated the Village was awarded all three of the Capital Outlay projects that were applied for. A huge thank you to Hubert Quintana for all his help.

Stefanie DeBois, stated that she likes all the postings on Facebook about the animals and she is seeing that more animals are being adopted out. She also asked about the rotation for the fire hydrant checks. Margaret said she would ask about the rotation that they are currently on.

Pat Garcia stated that the village is having a issue with alley clean up. The residents are responsible for 10 feet into the ally. Lt O'Connor does a great job with that, and again we are at the mercy of the court extending the time to clean up before fines are given.

**13. Old Business:**

Janie Portillo, asking to approve the Help NM Contract. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve the contract. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Janie Portillo, asking to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Postponed

**14. New Business:**

**15. Adjourn: 6:49pm**

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Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk