

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Present:

Councilor Julian Cisneros
Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Councilor John Anthony Ortega
Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Also Present:

Administrator Loretta Trujillo
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Finance Director Karen Shannon

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Julian Cisneros led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos asked that Item XI. Matters from Mayor and Council – Discussion on water line through Lino Garcia property be moved up before Presentations and Updates.

Motion: Councilor Julian Cisneros
Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the agenda as amended. All voted yes. Motion carried

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting June 28, 2016

- Regular Meeting June 28, 2016

Motion: Councilor John Anthony Ortega
Second: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

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In Favor: All
 Opposed: None

To approve the June 28, 2016 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

- Regular Meeting July 12, 2016

Councilor Lawrence Ortega – Line 207, spelling error. Line 249, should read Mr. Lino Garcia, not Mr. Lino Trujillo.

Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega
 Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

In Favor: All
 Opposed: None

To approve the July 12, 2016 minutes as amended. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

- Ms. Yolanda Acosta expressed her disappointment regarding the closing of the Visitor's Center. She stated that Ms. Alberta Bouyer did a great job at the center as well as on the Village website. She stated that she doesn't really believe that the Council really thought about this because it is very important that we promote our area in order to bring visitor's in. This is the importance of a Visitor's Center. She stated that we have to open our eyes. This is not working, we have to wake up to the reality of what is going on. The Visitor's Center should be open.
- Mr. Manuel Medina asked for a status on the partial closure of Cabresto Road. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that he would like to help Mr. Medina out but it is under Attorney review at this time. Mayor Gallegos informed Mr. Medina that we will have the Village Attorney draft a letter informing him of the process we will need to take.
- Ms. Viola Garcia asked the Council if they had received a copy of the letter she had mailed to the Village in July. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that he had not seen the letter. Ms. Garcia asked if they would allow her to read the letter. The Council stated yes. Ms. Garcia read the letter aloud regarding a water line that was placed in their property. The letter stated that the Council rejected the water line be moved. Councilor Cisneros asked when the Council rejected this request. Mayor Gallegos stated that there was not a rejection of the request from the Council but a rejection of a proposal that was made by himself. This request was not an action item. Councilor Cisneros stated that on behalf of the Council, Mayor Gallegos should not have said that the Council rejected this if the Council in fact did not reject it. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated for the record that this Council did not vote on this request and did not reject it. Mayor Gallegos stated that the Council did not reject it but there was a request by himself asking the Council as a whole to consider getting this project done for the Garcia's. Mayor Gallegos stated that he did not move forward for the reason that he did not have Council approval. Mayor Gallegos stated that this issue has been brought up a couple of times in the past two years since he has been Mayor. Mayor Gallegos stated that he apologizes for stating that the Council voted against it. Councilor Cisneros stated that it was not brought to the Council as an action item, which calls for a decision to be made. Councilor Cisneros stated that Mayor Gallegos took it upon himself to make this decision and not give the Council the opportunity to vote on it. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked when this was brought up to the

Council. Councilor Jaramillo stated that the conversation about this is fine but point of order, this item is next on the agenda. Mayor Gallegos thanked Ms. Garcia and closed Public Comments.

VII. DISCUSSION ON WATER LINE THROUGH LINO GARCIA PROPERTY

Councilor Cisneros inquired that if we did approve relocating this water line what would it cost the Village. Mayor Gallegos stated that Public Works Foreman Nick Trujillo would have to get the cost of materials and man hours together. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that he would also like to know what the cost will be. Councilor Lawrence Ortega suggested the line be abandoned instead of removed. Ms. Garcia stated that would be fine and run the new line along the fence. Ms. Trujillo informed the Council that a copy of the right of way easement from 1994 as well as a map was included for review. Mayor Gallegos stated that it was agreed at that time to run the line the way it presently is. The request presently is to move the water line from the middle of the property off to the west side. Mayor Gallegos stated that his concern is that this may set precedence for other water customers to come in and make this request. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that in this case we are going to change an existing alignment that we already have an easement in place for. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that he does not believe that the Mayor's concern should persuade us either way to vote for or against it. He stated that each request should be dealt with as an individual matter. Mayor Gallegos stated it is fine with him.

Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked Ms. Garcia if this line has been promised to them by the administration or employees working here at the Village. Ms. Trujillo stated that it has not been promised to the Garcia's by her or her staff but does not know about previous administrations. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that he has been on this Council for six years and this issue has never been on any agenda as an action item.

Mayor Gallegos asked the Council if they would like this item to be placed on the next meeting agenda as an action item. It was agreed by Council to have it on the agenda of the August 9th meeting as an action item.

VII. PRESENTATIONS / UPDATES

A. Mr. Amalio Madueno – Grants Update

Mr. Amalio Madueno updated the Council on the grants he is currently working on.

**At this time Mayor Gallegos introduced District Ranger Jack Lewis. Ranger Lewis updated the Council on the forest plan assessment. Councilor Lawrence Ortega requested a copy of the assessment map. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked where we are with the fire danger in the Carson. Ranger Lewis stated that is it still fairly high. They hope to get enough rain so that they don't have to have restrictions the rest of the summer.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS - (Consideration and Action)

A. Approval of MOU with Taos County – EMS Services

Ms. Trujillo stated that the Village has requested \$100,000.00. The MOU was approved at the Taos County Commission meeting.

Motion: Councilor Julian Cisneros
Second: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo	Abstain
Councilor Lawrence Ortega	YES
Councilor John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilor Julian Cisneros	YES

To approve the MOU with Taos County – EMS Services. Motion carried.

B. Consideration and Approval of Addendum #1 to Ambitions Contract for IT Services for Library

Ms. Trujillo stated that as the Council is aware we brought the IT services contract amendment before Council for approval in June. This Addendum will include the library and increase the cost by \$275.00 per month plus GRT's for an additional 10 computers at the library that will be serviced. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked if the additional amount is built into our budget. Ms. Trujillo stated that it can be taken from the State Library Fund.

Motion: Councilor Julian Cisneros

Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

Councilor Lawrence Ortega ABSTAIN

Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

To approve Addendum #1 to Ambitions Contract for IT Services for Library. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Resolution 2016-18 – Authorization of Adoption of Asset Management Plan

Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked Ms. Trujillo if she passed his comments on to WH Pacific. Ms. Trujillo stated yes and they will make the changes accordingly. Councilor Lawrence Ortega inquired if we are passing this plan before it is final. Ms. Trujillo stated that it will be finalized before the next meeting; the Resolution has to be part of the final document. Ms. Trujillo stated that this is a working document and within the next year we can apply for another grant if changes need to be made.

Motion: Councilor Julian Cisneros

Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES

Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

To approve Resolution 2016-18 – Authorization of Adoption of Asset Management Plan. All voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the NM Municipal League Annual Business Meeting

Village Clerk, Renee Martinez informed the Council that the NM Municipal League requires that the Village place this item on their meeting agenda to approve a voting delegate and an alternate for the annual business meeting during the NMML Annual Conference. Councilor Julian Cisneros and Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that they will not be attending the conference. Councilor Brent Jaramillo and Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that they are not sure if they will be attending. It was decided to approve Mayor Gallegos as the voting delegate and the Village Clerk as the alternate.

Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

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211 Second: Councilor Julian Cisneros

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213 In Favor: All

214 Opposed: None

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216 To approve Mayor Gallegos as the voting delegate and the Village Clerk as the alternate. All voted yes. Motion
217 carried.

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219 E. Consideration and Approval of Potential NRDA Projects

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221 Ms. Trujillo stated that the addition of new lines was added. Councilor John Anthony Ortega inquired if the Hunt's
222 Pond area was considered. Mayor Gallegos stated that it will be part of the aquatic river restoration project.
223 Councilor Julian Cisneros asked if the Hunt's Pond area was part of the Super Fund. Mayor Gallegos stated that
224 he does not believe that it is. Mayor Gallegos stated that he will find out and if it is they will remove that piece.
225 Councilor Lawrence Ortega requested to see a copy of the final document before it is submitted on the 1st.

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227 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Council approves the following:

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229 Replace old Water and Waste Water lines; Install new Waste Water lines

230 New Water Well

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232 Mayor Gallegos asked Ms. Trujillo to pass this on to Attorney Marcus Rael.

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235 IX. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

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A. Approval of Internal BARS

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238 Ms. Shannon stated that included is the GRT distribution comparison; there is a bit of increase each year. She
239 does not anticipate that this will be the trend. Mayor Gallegos asked if there is a website where this information
240 can be accessed. Ms. Shannon stated that on the NM Taxation and Revenue website will give you that information.
241 Mayor Gallegos asked if she could possibly email this information to the Council. Councilor John Anthony Ortega
242 inquired if they he could see the distribution amounts annually. Ms. Trujillo stated yes. Councilor Lawrence
243 Ortega inquired about the spike in September. Ms. Trujillo stated that she would pull that report from that month
244 and look at that.

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246 Ms. Shannon went over the Internal BARS. Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked if these BARS were for the entire
247 year. Ms. Shannon stated yes.

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249 Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

250 Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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252 In Favor: All

253 Opposed: None

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255 To approve the Internal BARS. All voted yes. Motion carried

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257 B. Approval of Resolution 2016-19 – DFA FYE 2016 Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment Resolution
258 (BARS)

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260 Ms. Shannon went over the BARS. There were no questions.

261 Motion: Councilor John Anthony Ortega

262 Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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264 Roll Call:

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266 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

267 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES

268 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

269 Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

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271 To approve Resolution 2016-19 – DFA FYE 2016 Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment Resolution (BARS). All
272 voted yes. Motion carried.

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274 C. Approval of Resolution 2016-20 – DFA 2016 Final Quarter Financial Report

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276 Ms. Shannon went over the final quarter report.

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278 Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

279 Second: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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281 Roll Call:

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283 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

284 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES

285 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

286 Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

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288 To approve Resolution 2016-20 – DFA 2016 Final Quarter Financial Report. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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290 D. Approval of Resolution 2016-21 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Adoption

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292 Ms. Shannon stated that included in their packets is the Resolution along with a copy of the detailed proposed
293 budget. Ms. Trujillo stated there were a few minor changes to the Preliminary Budget that was previously
294 approved. Councilor Brent Jaramillo had a question on the ending balance on the General Fund when comparing
295 the two recaps. A discussion was held regarding ‘budget’ and ‘actual’. Councilor Brent Jaramillo stated that the
296 DFA recap should match your recap and then those figures should come into the new budget. Ms. Trujillo stated
297 that according to DFA and their analyst, your ending figures after you put in the BARS do not need to total your
298 actual. They can be different as long as your BARS are sufficient. Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked how you
299 balance out. Ms. Trujillo stated that what Council is probably used to seeing is a zero balance. Councilor Lawrence
300 Ortega asked Ms. Trujillo if there was anything significant that was changed in this budget from the preliminary
301 budget. Ms. Trujillo stated no. One of the changes was in the EMS; we added another part-time position.

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303 Motion: Councilor Lawrence Ortega

304 Second: Councilor Julian Cisneros

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306 Roll Call:

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308 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

309 Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES

310 Councilor John Anthony Ortega YES

311 Councilor Julian Cisneros YES

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313 To approve Resolution 2016-21 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Adoption. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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315 E. Approval of Unpaid Vouchers

Ms. Shannon stated that these are the unpaid vouchers as of July 22nd. The report is in the new Caselle format. Councilor Lawrence Ortega inquired about the Caselle conference and if it is in the budget. Ms. Shannon stated that this conference is the annual Caselle conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Shannon, Ms. Trujillo and Ms. Nadine Herrera will be attending. She stated that we need to get as much training as possible since we will be using Caselle fully. She stated it is in the budget.

Councilor Lawrence Ortega also inquired if we pay for the NMML membership dues for our Attorney. Ms. Shannon stated that as far as she knows it has always been paid through the Village. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked if we could utilize the NMML attorney's since we pay these annual dues. Ms. Trujillo stated yes.

Motion: Councilor Julian Cisneros
Second: Councilor John Anthony Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the Unpaid Vouchers as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried

X. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Trujillo updated the Governing Body on the following:

- Our application for the NMDOT MAP grant was accepted. We received a letter of award in the amount of \$625,133.00 with the 25% Village match of \$156,283.00 for the Phase I work on Cabresto Road. We would like to start the project in the spring of 2017. Councilor Lawrence Ortega suggested we begin the paperwork portion such as the engineer RFP for the project right away. Ms. Trujillo agreed. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked if this would include the water drainage along Cabresto. Ms. Trujillo stated yes. Also, will it include the paving of Llano Road. Ms. Trujillo stated that the intent is to pave all of Cabresto Road this phase and we will have to apply again for funds for Phase II which will take care of black top on Llano Road.
- Mr. Joe Moore would like to meet with Council for a work study prior to next meeting for about an hour and a half to go over projects. It was decided to schedule the work study at 4:30pm on August 9th with the Regular council meeting to begin at 6:00pm.
- The ICIP public hearing will be on the agenda of August 9th. It is due to DFA by September 1st.

Ms. Trujillo stated that that we did not receive any bids for the Old Red River Road, Phase I project. Today was the deadline for bids. It was decided to have Mr. Joe Moore look into contractors on the state price agreement.

Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked which DFA fiscal agreements are still pending. Ms. Trujillo stated that the \$40,000.00 for the well rehabilitation and the \$90,000.00 for the Youth Center repair and improvements. Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked Mayor Gallegos what the QEDFB said about the funding for the corral property. Mayor Gallegos stated that we need to come up with a cost estimate. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that the estimate from the request for proposals should suffice. Mayor Gallegos stated that the QEDF meeting is tomorrow and asked the Council if it was ok with them that he asked for funding for the corrals on behalf of the Village. The Council agreed.

Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that regarding the ICIP, he sees that the new fire department building is a priority for 2019, which is great but he sees that we also need to look at improving our existing buildings. If we can get money to repair the roof at the Fire Department. Mayor Gallegos asked if the Fire Protection Fund would pay for building improvements. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that he believes so. Ms. Shannon stated that she spoke with Chief Ortega about the roof and the purchase of a washing machine for their gear.

Councilor Brent Jaramillo requested a detailed copy of the final budget. Also, inquired about the light pole repair by the Fire Department. Ms. Trujillo stated that she has just received the police report and she will turn it in to the insurance.

Councilor Julian Cisneros thanked Ms. Trujillo for her detailed report. Also inquired about Abra Road and the status of Chevron assisting with the repair. Mayor Gallegos stated that there is a petition going around for the residents on Abra Road. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated we should move forward with the Resolution without the petition. We don't know when we will get it and we shouldn't wait around for it. It was decided to have this Resolution on the August 9th agenda for approval. If we get the petition we can attach it to the Resolution.

Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked about the status of the CDBG project on Embargo Road and the property owners. Ms. Trujillo stated that Mr. Cisneros has informed her that all property owners are in agreement.

XI. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A. Councilor Julian Cisneros – Discussion on water line through Lino Garcia property –
***Moved up the agenda.*

B. Councilor John Anthony Ortega – Discussion on Visitor Center

Mayor Gallegos opened up the discussion to the Council.

Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that the reason he asked this to be placed on the agenda was because he feels concerned that the Visitor's Center was shut down. He knows that the Council did not pass the director's contract last meeting but it was not a vote to shut down the Visitor's Center. There was no Council decision on this and believes we should have discussed this to see how we wanted to move forward with this. Councilor Julian Cisneros agreed and stated that the Taos News article sounded like we no longer wanted it. It was not voted on and believes it should be placed on the agenda. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that we should at least have a discussion about where we want to go with this and believes there are other options. Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that he agrees with Councilor John Anthony Ortega and Councilor Julian Cisneros. He realizes that the position was not funded but believes there are other options to consider and hates to see it completely closed.

Councilor Julian Cisneros asked who was paying that contract salary; was is QEDF? Mayor Gallegos stated that it has been funded in the following way:

1. QEDF funded the whole position annually at \$20,000.00. Along with the funding for marketing and Tourism. The Village of Questa would make the request.

2. Last November they met regarding the requests. We asked for the \$20,000.00 again. They came back with the offer of \$15,000.00; \$10,000.00 for the contract and \$5,000.00 for the marketing. The remaining \$5,000.00 would be funded through the Village through the Rapid Action Fund. \$9,000.00 was still available in the Rapid Action Fund for the Fiscal Year. This would be from January to June. That funding was exhausted by April. We then came back to Council to request another \$5,000.00. Unfortunately the contract ended on June 30th. Ms. Trujillo came to Council and said the contract had lapsed and put it back up for approval. It was then that we did not get a second on the motion. We brought it back again in which Ms. Bouyer had worked another two weeks. Then the contract did not get approved the second time. Mayor Gallegos had hoped that the issue about the contract would have come up at the council meetings. He took it as the council did not want to keep the contractor that was running the facility for us. There was not any direction how this center was going to run. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that considering Mr. Chino get paid his high salary, this is something he could possibly do. There has been some feelings in that visitor's center that Ms. Bouyer and Mr. Chino aren't getting along all the time. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that the action item on the agenda was approval of the contract not anything

regarding the closing of the center. Mayor Gallegos stated that is correct and we would now have the center there with nobody working it. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated it would be closed only for the time being until we decided how to keep it operating. Mayor Gallegos asked the Council what the issue was regarding the lack of a second. Was it the individual working; how it was run? How are we going to staff it? Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that instead of the brochures being placed in the bars or wherever, they should be placed here and people can stop for them here to get any questions answered. He does not think that it would be too much for the Village staff to answer questions. Ms. Trujillo stated that we are currently doing that. We do not have the staff to man the center on weekends so she and the Mayor discussed that we can do what we can here during the week.

Mayor Gallegos stated that we need to decide how we are going to do this. He believes that if we had left the Visitor's Center things in the building it would not have been utilized as a Visitor's Center.

Councilor Julian Cisneros asked what the reason was that the QEDFB did not fund the full \$20,000.00. Mayor Gallegos stated that the budget that was created by the Fund Board was built without Council approval. Councilor Julian Cisneros asked when Mr. Chino's contract expires. Mayor Gallegos stated that he believes it comes up for review in December. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that maybe we can possibly take \$5,000.00 from Mr. Chino's contract and open up the center again. He stated it is really sad that they cannot come up with the \$5,000.00 to give us for the center when they can pay Mr. Chino the kind of salary he gets paid currently. He stated that he has been against his salary from the very beginning for the reason that the money can go to better things in the community. Mayor Gallegos stated that he agrees and marketing and tourism are very expensive and the Village does not have the money to fund it. We're are working on collecting lodger's tax to help pay for these things and were hoping that the QEDFB could fund it for a couple of more years. Ms. Trujillo stated that the Visitor's Center closes in September but Ms. Bouyer works all winter long on the marketing and tourism in preparation for the next year. Mayor Gallegos stated that whoever we hire in the future has to be experienced in this type of business and not someone who is going to just hand out pamphlets. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked if we have someone in the Village office that can handle the marketing portion of it. Ms. Trujillo stated that there is no one here with marketing expertise and we all already have a huge workload. Ms. Martinez stated that Ms. Bouyer was hired because she had a strong background in marketing.

Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that he would like this back as an action item on the agenda to revisit it. Mayor Gallegos asked where we would house the center since there are some conflicts between Ms. Bouyer and Mr. Chino. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that they both work there and they should both learn to get along with each other; this is not professional. Councilor Julian Cisneros stated that the Village is being blamed for this; he believes it is a QEDFB issue. Mayor Gallegos stated we cannot blame it all on Mr. Chino, it is somewhat territorial for the both of them. He hopes that they can work together in the same location but he doesn't believe it is going to happen as quickly as we hope. Councilor John Anthony Ortega stated that there shouldn't be problems out of that center and that is part of the frustration.

Councilor Lawrence Ortega stated that the fund board approves the funding, not just one board member. He asked the Mayor and Councilor Jaramillo if they vote. Mayor Gallegos stated yes, they do. Councilor Julian Cisneros asked the Mayor what his vote was. Mayor Gallegos stated that his vote was for the \$20,000.00 as well as Councilor Jaramillo's. Councilor Julian Cisneros asked who voted no. Mayor Gallegos stated that Gordon Robinson voted no, Ms. Esther Garcia voted no and Malaquias Rael voted no. Marcus Rael was unavailable for that meeting. It was a 3-2 vote. If Marcus Rael had voted it would have been 3-3 and it still wouldn't have happened. Ms. Garcia stepped down in early spring. Now there is a 5 member board. Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked if this could be brought back to the table again. Councilor Julian Cisneros asked why they can't put another council member on that board. Mayor Gallegos stated that the trust document states that there should be a 5 member board. The QEDFB had been running on a 6 member board.

Councilor Brent Jaramillo stated that he believes that there are two separate issues. The marketing issue, if we want to continue with it; and the Visitor's Center contract. Mayor Gallegos suggested that if the Council wants to move forward he will make the request at the QEDFB meeting tomorrow. In this time there is an opportunity

for the Council to consider going with the same type of contract concept. If the Fund Board denies the \$10,000.00 request we will be back here in August figuring how we are going to work this out so that we are not putting any more weight on the staff's shoulders. It may look like it may be an easy job but there is a lot more to that position than we all know. Councilor Lawrence Ortega asked that Mayor Gallegos not misconstrue what he said about the staff working it; what he said was that instead of having the brochures at the bar, let's put them here. That is what he stated. Mayor Gallegos stated that the staff will place some of the brochure racks in the office where they can fit them for the time being as well as placing a temporary visitor's sign out on the road so people can start coming in.

Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked if the Village issued a press release to the Taos News. Mayor Gallegos stated that the Village did not contact the Taos News, they contacted Ms. Trujillo. He stated that he appreciated Ms. Trujillo's comments and thought she handled it well. Councilor John Anthony Ortega asked how often Marcus Rael comes to the QEDFB meeting. Mayor Gallegos stated that he is usually present by phone.

It was decided that Mayor Gallegos re-address this with the QEDFB as well as place temporary signage and some of the brochure racks in the office for the time being.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilor John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilor Julian Cisneros

In Favor: All

Opposed: None


There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

ATTEST:


Renee Martinez, CMC
Village Clerk



APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos
Mayor