

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
 2 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
 3 **JUNE 01, 2015**
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **8:00AM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK GALLEGOS**

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10 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

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14 Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

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16 Those present were:

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- 18 Councilor Miguel Romero
- 19 Councilor Lawrence Ortega
- 20 Councilor Brent Jaramillo
- 21 Councilor Julian Cisneros

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23 Also present:

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- 25 Administrator Loretta Trujillo
- 26 Finance Director Karen Shannon
- 27 Village Clerk Renee Martinez

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29 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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31 Councilor Jaramillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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33 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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35 Motion: Councilor Jaramillo

36 Second: Councilor Romero

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38 In Favor: All

39 Opposed: None

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41 To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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43 **V. FINANCE DEPARTMENT –Ms. Karen Shannon-**

44 **A.) (Discussion, Consideration and Action) 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget**

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46 Village Administrator, Loretta Trujillo informed the Council that a change was made from the last version on page
 47 three regarding the transfers in/out. The transfer ‘in’ from Corrections Fund to General Fund has changed from
 48 \$22,200.00 to \$25,400.00. In turn, the ‘out’ transfer from the Corrections Fund changed from \$22,200.00 to
 49 \$25,400.00. Mayor Gallegos stated that we will be struggling again this fiscal year in the EMS department. Ms.
 50 Trujillo stated that the EMS budget is on page 35 of the budget. She stated that we are anticipating \$150,000.00 in

51 revenues and of that, \$70,000.00 is from Taos County. Ms. Trujillo stated that based on what we have collected
52 this year, we are budgeting only \$45,000.00 in receivables from insurances for the ambulance services. One full
53 time and two part time EMS employees were budgeted for. Councilor Romero asked about what happens if one of
54 them go on vacation. Mayor Gallegos stated that the others will have to make it work. Ms. Shannon stated that
55 there are two EVO's who are also part-time. Ms. Trujillo stated that the concern is that we cannot have an employee
56 volunteer for the same job they are getting paid for. These employees will only be able to work their 20 hours,
57 period. She stated that they are going to have to rely on their volunteers to cover. Ms. Trujillo stated that it has
58 been a struggle working on this department's budget. Councilor Jaramillo requested we go over the changes made
59 since the last meeting. Ms. Trujillo stated that the franchise tax was increased from \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00. GRT
60 infrastructure was increased from \$42,000.00 to \$45,000.00. Municipal GRT increased from \$220,000.00 to
61 \$250,000.00. Property Tax from \$82,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

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63 Motion: Councilor Ortega
64 Second: Councilor Jaramillo

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66 In Favor: All
67 Opposed: None

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69 To approve the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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71 VI. ADJOURNMENT

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73 Motion: Councilor Cisneros
74 Second: Councilor Romero

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76 In Favor: All
77 Opposed: None

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79 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10am.

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82 ATTEST:

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85 Renee Martinez, Village Clerk
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APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor