

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
3 **TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**  
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
5 **6:00PM**

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7 I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**

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9 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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11 II. **ROLL CALL**

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

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15 Present:

16 Councilman John Anthony Ortega

17 Councilman Charlie Gonzales

18 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:06pm.

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20 Councilman Brent Jaramillo was not present. (2018 NLC Conference)

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22 Also Present:

23 Administrator Nicholas Maestas

24 Village Clerk Renee Martinez

25 Finance Director Karen Shannon

26 Police Chief Nicolas Lamendola

27 Utilities Clerk Nadine Herrera

28 Administrative Assistant/CPO Dina Coleman

29 Attorney Lance Hough

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31 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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33 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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35 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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37 Motion: Councilman John Ortega

38 Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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40 In Favor: All

41 Opposed: None

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

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45 V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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47 Judge Michael Rael congratulated the all the candidates who ran for office and hopes everyone will be able to  
48 work together to move the Village of Questa forward.

50 Mr. Maestas gave a brief update on the water line break that was caused by a contractor doing some work off of  
51 state road 522. The public works department are currently out working on the break in order to restore water to  
52 our customers.

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54 Councilman Charlie Gonzales stated that he stopped at the area of the break and was informed that a 2 inch water  
55 line was hit. An extension was put on the line; however they did not have sleeves. They did not have any extra  
56 sleeves and the hardware did not have any in stock. He stated that he is not sure what the inventory is but this  
57 is something we need to work on being prepared for. He stated that the public works employees are still out  
58 there working on getting the sleeve tightened so that they can get the water restored.

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60 **VI. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**

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62 **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Governing Body will convene into Executive Session at this  
63 time to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the appointment of the four appointive offices of the Village  
64 of Questa pursuant to the NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H.2.

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66 A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Louise Gallegos, seconded by  
67 Councilman Charlie Gonzales.

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69 Roll Call:  
70 Councilman John Ortega YES  
71 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
72 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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74 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed.  
75 The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 6:12pm.

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77 A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:17pm by Councilman Charlie Gonzales, seconded  
78 by Councilman John Ortega.

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80 Roll Call:  
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82 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
83 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
84 Councilman John Ortega YES

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86 Mayor Gallegos stated that only the item listed were discussed during closed session. There was no action taken.  
87 Attorney Lance Hough concurred.

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89 **B. APPOINTMENTS** – Mayor’s appointment of employees who shall fill the appointive offices  
90 of the Village of Questa pursuant to NMSA 1978, 13-11-5 (1991).

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92 Mayor Gallegos made the recommendation at this time to keep the following appointed employees:

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94 Administrator, Nicholas Maestas  
95 Municipal Clerk, Renee Martinez  
96 Finance Director, Karen Shannon  
97 Chief of Police, Nicolas Lamendola

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99 Mayor Gallegos then asked for a motion to his recommendation.

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101 Motion: Councilman John Ortega

102 Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
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104 Roll Call:

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 106 Councilman John Ortega YES  
 107 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 108 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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 110 To approve the Mayor's appointment of employees who shall fill the appointive offices of the Village of  
 111 Questa as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 113 **C. Swear-In of Appointive Offices by Municipal Judge Michael G. Rael:**

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 115 Administrator, Nicholas Maestas  
 116 Municipal Clerk, Renee Martinez  
 117 Finance Director, Karen Shannon  
 118 Chief of Police, Nicolas Lamendola

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 120 Municipal Judge Michael Rael administered the oaths of office to the above appointed employees.

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 122 **C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-04 - Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule 2018-2020**

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 124 Mayor Gallegos read the proposed Resolution aloud.

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 126 Motion: Councilman John Ortega  
 127 Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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 129 Roll Call:

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 131 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
 132 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 133 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 135 To approve Resolution 2018-04, Mayor Pro-Tem Schedule for the years of 2018-2020. All voted yes. Motion  
 136 carried.

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 138 **VII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Nicholas Maestas**

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 140 Mr. Maestas stated that he will be submitting a report in the meeting packets for review. He requested contact  
 141 information from the Council and stated that we are working on getting the IPADs for the Council set up in order  
 142 to receive their village e-mail as well as meeting packets on them.

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 144 Councilman John Ortega asked if we could revisit the selection of the member for the nominating committee for  
 145 the board at Holy Cross Hospital. He stated that the Council voted to appoint Mr. Maestas at an earlier meeting  
 146 but was wondering if one of the new council members would be interested. Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
 147 stated that she has served on this committee in the past and does not have the time right now to devote to it. She  
 148 also expressed to Mr. Maestas that she did appreciate the format of the report; she appreciates knowing things  
 149 ahead of time and it will also take up less time at the meetings. Councilman Charlie Gonzales inquired about the  
 150 EPA meeting scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> and if it is just more of a formality; he requested a meeting be set up in  
 151 the latter part of April to have a public meeting for all citizens to attend; also the Village Attorney's and Dr. Deb  
 152 Miller should be present. He believes it should be a full-blown discussion with Chevron as to what they are

153 doing and what they have done. He has the Record of Decision (ROD) available electronically if anyone would  
154 like to review it. He stated that we need to get the public engaged in this conversation.

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156 **VIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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158 Councilman John Ortega requested we revisit the Open Meetings Resolution at the next meeting, in regards to  
159 the meeting time.

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161 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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163 Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

164 Second: Councilman John Ortega

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166 In Favor: All

167 Opposed: None

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169 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

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171 **ATTEST:**

172 *Renee Martinez*  
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174 Renee Martinez, CMC



**APPROVED:**

*Mark Gallegos*  
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Mark Gallegos, Mayor