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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021**
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO-TEM LOUISE GALLEGOS**

9 Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6: 04 pm.

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11 **II. ROLL CALL**

12 Ms. Renee Martinez, Village Clerk called roll where a quorum was present.

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14 **Those present were:**

- 15 Councilwoman / Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos
- 16 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 17 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
- 18 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
- 19 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- 20 Lynn Skall, QEDF Director
- 21 Rolando Watson – Village Public Works Department
- 22 Elizabeth Roberts- Village Receptionist

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24 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

25 Ms. Lynn Skall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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27 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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29 Councilman Ortega requested that the Approval of Minutes be removed from the agenda since they were not
30 presented to Council in a timely manner.

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32 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

33 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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35 **Roll Call:**

- 36 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 37 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT
- 38 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 39 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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41 To approve the agenda as amended. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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43 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting Minutes July 27, 2021

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

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49 Ms. Martinez introduced the Villages newest employees, and all gave a warm welcome.

50 Rolando Watson – Public Works Department
51 Elizabeth Roberts- Receptionist
52 Kathryn Mann – Library Assistant

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54 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

55 **A) Questa Economic Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall | Director**
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- 57 • Ms. Skall presented photos of the second Welcome to Questa Sign and the proposed location is on
58 Highway 38 across from the Gonzales RV Park. The Councilmembers had several questions regarding
59 the placement.
- 60 Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos and the Council recommended to table this until the proposed location is
61 reviewed by Mayor Gallegos and Councilman Jaramillo. Ms. Skall will bring this information back
62 before the full Council on her next scheduled meeting date.
- 63 • VFW Commercial Equipment, Taos Commercial Kitchen will be presenting at the QEDF meeting to
64 give insight on what and how a commercial kitchen could benefit the Village if the VFW had a
65 community kitchen.
- 66 • Cambalache preparation is underway.

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68 **VIII. ACTION ITEM**

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70 **A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-23 – A Resolution declaring the intent of**
71 **the Village of Questa to support an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for**
72 **Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail.**

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74 Mr. DeFillippo presented the changes to the support application that the Village requested in a prior meeting.
75 The re-wording was better but there are still some concerns. Councilman Ortega has some concerns and
76 recommends that meeting with Red River to come up with a better agreement to commit to. Councilman
77 Gonzales also had concerns regarding the funding commitment and a motion was made to table this until next
78 meeting.

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80 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

81 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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83 Roll Call:

84 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

85 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

86 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

87 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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89 To table support for the application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year
90 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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92 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the NMML**
93 **Annual Business Meeting**

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95 Councilman Ortega made a motion for Councilman Gonzales to be the Voting Delegate with Ms. Martinez to
96 be the Alternate.

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98 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

99 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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101 **Roll Call:**

102 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

103 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

104 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

105 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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107 To approve. Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the NMML Annual Business Meeting Majority
108 voted yes. Motion carried.

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110 **IX.) DISCUSSION ITEM**

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112 **A) Residential Water Usage**

113 Mr. DeFillippo presented the water usage report that of concern regarding usage of the Villages limited amount
114 of water. Ms. Martinez stated that the greater concern is that there are residents are overusing water and misuse
115 of water with limited water rights. She acknowledged that some residents do pay for the over usage, however
116 the concern is the over usage.

117 Councilman Gonzales asked the status the new well project. Mr. DeFillippo responded with background of the
118 water rights request from Chevron, the request has been granted and Chevron has submitted the application to
119 Office of the State Engineer, at this time is at a standstill until approval.

120 There was much conversation, and recommendations of resources that can help with some customers who
121 made need assistance with outstanding or bill overages.

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123 Ms. Herrera provided documentation regarding the CPI (Consumer Price Index) rate increases that will take
124 place in the next monthly cycle.

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126 **B) FY 2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)**

127 Ms. Marinez presented the ICIP documentation. Councilman Ortega requested that this be sent to all the
128 Council for review and Ms. Martinez agreed.

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130 **X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**

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132 **A) Draft Ordinance regarding Planning & Zoning Board**

133 Mr. DeFillippo presented the changes that were requested by the Council in a prior meeting. Councilman
134 Ortega recommended that all board members be residents of the Village of Questa.

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136 **B) Draft Ordinance regarding the Cannabis Regulation Act (NMSA 1978 § 26-2C-1-26-2C-42)**

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138 Mr. DeFillippo presented this proposed ordinance and gave a baseline of the needs to have the ordinance in
139 place. Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Martinez regarding the public hearing for this ordinance, Ms. Martinez
140 explained the process of the ordinance approval. Councilman Ortega pointed out a correction that is needed
141 1.12. Councilman Gonzales asked if the surrounding areas ordinances look like the Villages proposed
142 ordinance, Mr. DeFillippo explained that this proposed ordinance is like the others. Councilman Gonzales is
143 concerned that there may be people “high” at the library since there are no limits in the proposed ordinance to
144 avoid such a situation. Councilman Ortega believes that 600 ft between retailers is to far of a distance and he
145 doesn’t want to limit them too much. He suggested the 50 feet was reasonable. Mayor Pro-Tem recommends

146 that Ms. Martinez look into having a work study regarding the approval of the ordinance to allow for Mayor
147 Gallegos and Councilman Jaramillo can be present.

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149 C) Draft Ordinance regarding RV's

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151 Mr. DeFillipo needs more direction from the Mayor and Council on how to move forward with the RV
152 ordinance. Councilman Gonzales provided his questions, concerns and suggestions to Mr. DeFillippo and
153 others in attendance of the meeting. Mr. DeFillippo addressed Councilman Gonzales the best that he could
154 considering this unique ordinance. There was much conversation regarding the ordinance, Mayor Pro-Tem
155 suggests that everyone can sent their suggestions and recommendations and Mr. DeFillippo to review them
156 and make modifications.

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158 **XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION-** Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator

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- 160 • Ms. Martinez let everyone know about upcoming scheduled Covid testing sites in Questa. Ms.
- 161 Martinez asked how the Council would like to see the future of meetings to happen will they be in
- 162 person or virtual. Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Martinez what the percentage of staff and Council
- 163 was that has been vaccinated, Ms. Martinez responded to the best of her ability.
- 164 • Ms. Shannon gave an update regarding, gross receipts report for this year and last year, the debt
- 165 schedule, the fire protection fund revenues and debt relief.
- 166 • The audit has begun. The auditors intend to do the audit on site.
- 167 Councilman Ortega would like to see the pumper truck to be paid off and a new truck to be purchased.

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169 **XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

- 170 • Councilman Gonzales asked that Robles, Rael & Anaya to spend a day in the Village office to assist
- 171 with the current projects.
- 172 • Councilman Ortega asked for the Paving update and timeline, Ms. Coleman responded that the project
- 173 will be starting in approximately 4 weeks.
- 174 • Councilman Ortega asked if Vida del Norte can use the LaCienega for parking needed for their event.

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176 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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178 **Motion:** Councilman John Anothony Ortega

179 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Ortega

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181 **Roll Call:**

182 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
183 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	NOT PRESENT
184 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
185 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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187 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

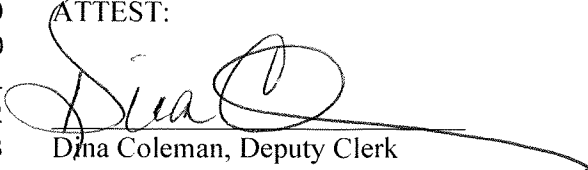
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189 **ATTEST:**

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193  Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021

APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor