

VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY MAY 10, 2022

VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM  
6:00P.M.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHN ANTHONY ORTEGA**

Mayor John Anthony Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Village Interim Clerk Sara Trujillo called roll where a quorum was present.

**Those present were:**

Mayor John Anthony Ortega  
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo appeared by video  
Councilman Jason Gonzalez  
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Karen Shannon Finance Director  
Sara Trujillo Village Interim Clerk  
Elizabeth Roberts Village Receptionist  
Sharon Nicholson Questa Librarian  
Evelyn Coggins  
Gary Coggins  
Judy Cuddily  
Monica Ortega  
Max Ortega

**THOSE PRESENT VIRTUALLY WERE:**

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  
Chris DeFillippo Village Attorney

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Finance Director Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance

39 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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41 A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented

42 Mayor John Anthony Ortega made a motion to remove item IX.( A) Village Clerk Appointment  
43 from the agenda

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45 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

46 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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48 **ROLL CALL:**

49 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

50 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

51 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

52 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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54 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

55 A) A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for April 12, 2022

56 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos wants minutes to be corrected because of different font usage  
57 they will be corrected

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59 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

60 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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62 **ROLL CALL:**

63 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

64 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

65 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

66 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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68 B) A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for April 18, 2022

69 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

71 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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73 **ROLL CALL:**

74 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

75 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

76 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

77 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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79 C) A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for April 25, 2022

80 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos wants minutes to be corrected on Action Item (A) #48 to

81 Remove breaker and just enter tie. This item will be corrected.

82 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

83 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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85 **ROLL CALL**

86 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

87 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

88 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

89 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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1 D) A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for April 26, 2022

2 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos wants minutes to be corrected because of different font usage. They  
3 will be corrected.

4 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

5 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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7 **ROLL CALL**

8 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

9 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

10 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

01 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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

07 A) No one had public comments. Public comments were closed.

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09 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

10 Friends of the Library. MOU with the Village

11 Judy Cuddily, Friends of the Library.

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13 Ms. Cuddily discussed the MOU with The Village of Questa. She stated that improvement will be done in  
14 phases. First phase will be adding a patio which they already have funding for, and second phase will be  
15 planting trees and bushes etc. Ms. Cuddily stated that there will be additional phases coming in the future.

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18 **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at  
19 this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)

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21 A) Limited Personnel Matters (Section 10-15-1 (H) (2)

22 A) Village Clerk Appointment

23 B) Finance Director appointment

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25 A Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters was made by

26 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos seconded by Councilman Jason Gonzalez

27 **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

31 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

32 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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34 Mayor John Anthony Ortega stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to

35 A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at:6:44 P.M. by Councilman Jason  
36 Gonzalez and seconded by Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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38 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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40 A) Village Clerk Appointment – Removed from this agenda

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42 B) Finance Director Appointment – Mayor John Anthony Ortega made a motion to appoint Karen  
43 Shannon as Finance Director

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45 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

46 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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48 **ROLL CALL**

49 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

50 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

51 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

52 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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54 C) Appointment to the NPRTPO Blue Bus – Mayor John Anthony Ortega made a motion to  
55 appoint Councilman Brent Jaramillo as NPRTPO Blue Bus Board Member and Councilman  
56 Jason Gonzalez as backup

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58 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

59 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzalez

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62 ROLL CALL

63 44 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
64 45 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
65 46 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
66 47 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
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70 D) Appointment to Landfill Board – Mayor John Anthony Ortega made a motion to appoint  
71 Councilman Jason Gonzalez to the board and Administrator Dominic Martinez as backup.  
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73 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

74 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez  
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76 ROLL CALL

77 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
78 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
79 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
0 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
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2 E) Appointment to the Questa Health Center – Councilwoman Louise Gallegos stated that she can  
3 attend meetings because they are in the evening. Motion to approve Councilwoman Louise  
4 Gallegos to the Questa Health Board  
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6 Motion: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

7 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

91 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
92 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
93 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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95 F) Appointment to Land and Waterboard – Motion to approve Councilman Jason Gonzalez  
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97 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

98 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
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00 **ROLL CALL**

01 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
02 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
03 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
04 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
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06 G) MOU with Friends of the Library – Motion to approve the MOU  
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08 Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

09 Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez  
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1 **ROLL CALL**

2 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
3 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
4 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
5 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
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7 X. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
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19 A Rodeo Grounds – Mayor John Anthony Ortega wanted to discuss moving forward with a new  
20 project, Rodeo Grounds. It would be a new project and would like to involve the Questa School  
21 Board Members.

23 **XI. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

25 Nothing Currently

27 **XII. Matters from Administrator**

29 Administrator Dominic Martinez stated that The Village of Questa got an extension on the well  
30 supply and on the water line on Cabresto Road. He stated that the pavement on Cabresto Road was  
31 complete. Mr. Martinez stated that a burn ban in The Village Limits went into effect on May 3,  
32 2022. Mr. Martinez stated that all skate park equipment was transported from Red River.

34 **XIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

36 Councilman Jason Gonzalez has some concerns about the stuff that is not being used, such as old  
7 vehicles and stuff that has just piled up around The Village Office. Administrator Dominic Martinez  
8 stated that they will get inventory on vehicles and try to get an auction set up.

0 Mayor John Anthony Ortega stated that the main streetlight will be flashing red during the Memorial  
1 Day Weekend.

3 Mayor John Anthony Ortega stated that the Healing Field ceremony will take place on May 29,  
4 2022, at 1:00 PM.

6 **XIII. Adjournment**



48 Mayor John Anthony Ortega made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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50 Motion: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

51 Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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53 In Favor: All

54 Opposed: None

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56 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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61 ATTEST:

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Sara Trujillo

Sara Trujillo Interim Clerk



APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega  
John Anthony Ortega, Mayor