



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES: Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem
Sam Bernal, Trustee
Linda L. Flores, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
Lance Shepan,
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Charles E. Bourger

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Bernal, Trustee Flores, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

3. PRESENTATION:

- a.** Presentation of Certificate of Service to Sergeant Enrique Salas for leadership and 10 years of commitment to the Town of Mesilla. –**Board of Trustees.**

Mayor Barraza made a presentation to Sergeant Salas for his 10 years of leadership and dedicated service to the Town of Mesilla. She thanked Sergeant Salas for all his commitment.

Sergeant Salas responded it has been an honor serving this community and God willing he will give another 10 years.

4. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

No public comments

5. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Barraza requested postponing item #7a.

Trustee Flores made a motion to postpone item #7a.

Motion: To approve agenda as amended, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

Trustee Bernal Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

6. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk *:

Motion: To approve consent agenda with conditions placed on PZHAC Case #012337, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

Trustee Bernal Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

a. *BOT MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of Monday, December 22, 2014 *Approved by consent agenda*

- b. ***PZHAC Case #012337** – 2673 Calle Cuarta, submitted by Martin Rodriguez, a request to place a prefabricated shed (12 ft. x 20 ft.) in the rear yard of a residential property located at this address. Zoned Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval and award of contractor for construction on the Public Safety Building. – **Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.** (Added 1/7/15 @ 1:46 p.m.)

8. *STAFF REPORTS

Community Development

Community Programs

Finance Department

Fire Department

Public Works Department

Marshal's Department

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Johnson Burick thanked Marshal Mangusing for putting the speed machine on Calle de Norte only to inform me that it had broken; he will look at getting another one. She congratulated Sergeant Salas for his dedication to the community, to the residents and his professionalism. The Town of Mesilla is honored to have him serving the community. She was pleased to see that the Gross Receipt Taxes from December 2013 to December 2014 was over \$15,000.00. She is still concerned that the town is operating below our year-to-date in Gross Receipt Tax; hopes it will increase in the next six months. She will begin working on the library proposal and volunteers for the Visitor Center.

Trustee Bernal stated he has heard so much positive comments regarding Ms. Parra's efforts and communication with the vendors. Everyone is so well needed. Ms. Parra's positive attitude and understanding is awesome. He thanked her for everything she has done as well as everyone else. She has picked it up and run with it; awesome.

Trustee Flores reviewed the upcoming events Ms. Parra is working on. She asked if the 6:00 a.m. time is correct for the Race for Care.

Ms. Parra responded that was the scheduled time last year but will verify with the organizers.

Trustee Flores stated that time is nice since the streets will be clear by the time the stores on the plaza open.

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal asked for the status of the lights at the church; need to move forward on the proper paperwork. He agrees the trustees need training with regards to the Open Meeting Act and hopes it can be scheduled soon. The public should also be invited. He encourages Marshal Mangusing and Mayor Barraza to continue a good working relationship with the Sheriff Vigil and the Dona Ana Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Barraza stated our deputies have been patrolling the area. The speed machine helps only for a while. The Marshal's Department will continue to address the speeders. Marshal Mangusing has spoken to Sheriff Vigil to keep communication open. Mr. Shannon informed her that the gentleman, Mr. Galvan, who he was working with regarding the lights at the church passed away. She asked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez to explain the situation.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated that the light is spilling over the sides. If blinders are placed on the sides they will be meeting our ordinance. Mr. Shannon will be speaking to the church to see if that is what they would like to do instead of going through a variance. This would be more cost effective.

Mayor Barraza stated the Attorney General's office has not had time to come to the town to meet with regards to the Open Meeting Act. She encourages the board to attend New Mexico Municipal League trainings; the town will provide funding for them to attend. Mr. Van Vleck, New Mexico Municipal League attorney, made a presentation on Parliamentary Procedure to the staff and she indicated to him at that time that she would like for him to present to the trustees.

Trustee Bernal asked where and when is the conference scheduled.

Mayor Barraza responded will be in Albuquerque, the last week in August. The New Mexico Municipal League Day is February 25th in Santa Fe and she encourages all the trustees to attend. We meet with the legislators a couple of days before. She asked that the trustees call Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez so she can make reservations for the board. The Legislative Session begins on January 21st. She and Fire Chief Hoban attended the Legislator's Breakfast; Ms. Lujan went home ill. There was only one legislator present, who had to leave, so we were unable to make our presentation. We have met with Mr. Bill McCamley and Ms. Lujan has met with Senator Papen. Things look grim in terms of Capital Outlay due to oil prices. The MPO will be meeting on Wednesday. The offices will be closed on January 19th in

observance of Martin Luther King Day. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2015. We are hoping to bring forth a recommendation from our engineers at the next meet so that we can begin the renovation of the Public Safety Building.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

Trustee Bernal Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

Nora L. Barraza

Mayor

ATTEST

Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

Town Clerk/Treasurer