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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
6:00 P.M.

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

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
K.C. Alberg, Marshal
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge Allegiance.

Mayor Barraza stated Governor Martinez ordered the flags to fly at half-staff in honor of Lee County Sheriff Steve Ackerman who died in the line of duty; a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

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

2. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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Trustee Flores requested placing item b on the consent agenda.

Motion: To approve agenda with changed, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

Motion: To approve agenda with addition, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

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

Ms. Dalphine Baca asked the board to give serious consideration to the complaint she placed in their packets. This is related to a prohibition for music.

4. *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 as amended, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

1 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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3 **a. *BOT MINUTES** – Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, January 9, 2017.

4 *Approved by consent agenda*

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6 **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

7 **a.** For approval: A Cooperative Agreement, creating the Dona Ana MS4 Advisory
8 Group, in Support of Compliance Efforts for a Stormwater Discharge Permitting
9 System for the Dona Ana Basin in Accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act. –
10 **Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.**

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12 Ms. Lujan stated this is an umbrella agreement; the permit is coming from the EPA. This group would
13 allow us to exchange information with other municipalities to insure everyone complies. No money is
14 being asked for at this time. Every entity with stormwater drains will be required to be in accordance
15 with the Federal Clean Water Act. This report is done every five (5) years. If we move further other
16 agreements will come forth.

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18 Mayor Barraza stated this is a collaborative effort amount communities within our region. They will look
19 at what EPA is going to propose; work together to come up with ideas and suggestions. She understands
20 New Mexico Department of Transportation is spearheading this effort. She asked Ms. Lujan how
21 NMDOT got involved and she informed her that NMDOT has stormwater drains within their roads. This
22 allows the small entities to be assisted by larger entities. She reiterated there are no monies associated
23 with this agreement. Mr. John Darden reviewed the agreement and felt it would be fine.

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25 Trustee Flores referred to page 12 paragraph 6; she assumes the person we pick will get together with
26 other entities and then pick the coordinator.

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28 Mayor Barraza responded that is the way she understands it. She felt she would appoint Ms. Lujan to be
29 Mesilla's representative since she works with storm water. She asked Ms. Lujan if there were mainly
30 staff members from other entities that attended the meeting.

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32 Ms. Lujan responded the City of Anthony had an engineer; Wilson & Co. The Town of Mesilla contract
33 Molzen/Corbin to do the last report. We will all be taking our Notice of Intent to the next meeting to
34 compile ideas. She felt had there been this type of collaboration before it would have been helpful to the
35 town.

1 **Motion: To approve a Cooperative Agreement, creating the Dona Ana MS4 Advisory Group, in**
2 **support of Compliance Efforts for a Stormwater Discharge Permitting System for the Dona Ana**
3 **Basin in Accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by**
4 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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

7 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

8 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

9 **Trustee Caro Yes**

10 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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12 **b. Resolution 2017-01: A resolution declaring surplus property to be nonessential for**
13 **government functions to be sold pursuant to NMSA 1978 §3-54-2. – Cynthia**
14 **Stoehner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer. *Approved by consent agenda***

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16 **6. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

17 Trustee Caro stated Mesilla does not have a lot of functions for our senior citizens. He was made aware
18 that on Christmas the Senior Program (Community Center) had a party. There was a guy who played
19 different kinds of music who was not allowed to perform during the luncheon. There were two (2)
20 individuals who did like the music. He asked how two (2) individuals can dictate for all the people. He
21 feels it need to be looked into. He spoke to other individuals who attend lunches at the Community
22 Center who stated they would enjoy having music. He felt it would have been nice. The attendees are
23 80% Mesilleros. Our senior citizens are deserving.

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25 Trustee Flores stated Mr. Garcia recommended asking for input for the Comprehensive Plan on the back
26 of the flyers since people cannot make the meetings. She suggested a worksession at the next meeting on
27 how to increase public participation. She read the complaint and would like to hear from the Senior
28 Center Supervisor.

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30 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated she was disappointed and dishearten at the last County
31 Commissioner Meeting that the MOU to continue participation in the Viva Dona Ana and Camino Real
32 Consortium was not approved. The county has been an integral part of this organization under the
33 leadership of Commissioner Garret who has played a vital role in the committee. It was eluded to earlier
34 that Mesilla is a small municipality and not invited or able to participate with other key players. The fact
35 that three (3) commissioners did not support the purpose of the committee maybe because they did not
36 take the time to research the purpose of the committee or did not reach out to members to see what they

1 were doing to better the quality of life for our community and residents. She does not know what is going
2 to happen. It was eluded, the organization was just meant to utilize the grants received for the
3 Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Development. There were other things that were being worked on
4 to better the quality of life. She did not always agree the direction the committee was going. The bigger
5 picture was there were entities and organizations to leverage our resources; seeking out grants.

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7 Trustee Arzabal no comments.

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9 Trustee Flores stated we are still having a meeting on January 27th [referring to Viva Dona Ana]. She is
10 going to trudge forward; it would be a horrible missed opportunity to have it disappear. She will hold out
11 with hope that the Commissioners will figure out what is going on and see the value of it.

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13 Mayor Barraza stated she was present at the MPO meeting when Trustee Flores brought that up. It is
14 important that the trustees who represent the town to contact the commissioners to explain all the work
15 and efforts that have been put forth. She congratulated Trustee Flores as the chairperson for the MPO.

16 She received Ms. Baca's complaint; unfortunately, the program belongs to Aging and Long Term
17 Services. Adelante is the fiscal agent. They rent the space from Mesilla; we do not have anything to do
18 with the senior meals. She will forward the information to Manuel, director of the Aging and Long Term
19 Services and Lori, from Adelante. The Town of Mesilla does not have any jurisdiction over the program.
20 She understands what Trustee Flores is talking about in terms where people cannot hear or being bothered
21 by background music. It is a great idea to allow a comment section on the back of the flyer or letter
22 regarding the Comprehensive Plan. We will get together with Site Southwest and Souder Miller on the
23 plan of action. It will be up to the trustees to volunteer to deliver the information to the residents. Staff
24 will help get the information out. The following events are February 11th – Love of Art, February 13th –
25 Board of Trustee Meeting.

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27 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the Public Safety Building Open House has been scheduled for February
28 11th at 11:00 a.m. which is the same day as the Cupid's Chase Race.

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30 Mayor Barraza stated invitations will be going out by end of the week; dignitaries and all involved with
31 the project.

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33 Trustee Flores asked how long the Open House will be.

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35 Mayor Barraza responded we are looking at around two (2) hours.

1 Fire Chief Hoban stated staff will be available to provide tours and answer questions. There will be
2 refreshments provided.

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4 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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6 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**

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8 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.**

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11 **APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.**

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15 Nora L. Barraza

16 Mayor

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19 **ATTEST:**

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23 Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

24 Town Clerk/Treasurer

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