



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & FIREWISE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 AT 3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Jim Woodard at 3:00pm. Notice of the meeting was properly announced. Members present were Michael Chandler, Bob Thomas and Jim Woodard.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Discussion and approval of today's Agenda

The agenda for today's Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting was approved. (Motion: Bob Thomas, Second: Michael Chandler, Unanimous).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Discussion and approval of minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting.

The minutes for the February 2nd, 2026, Public Safety Committee and Firewise Board Meeting were approved. (Motion: Michael Chandler, Second: Bob Thomas, Unanimous).

4. PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREWISE BOARD

- A. Village Council reaction to Emergency Declaration and Proposed Community Forestry Program – Henry Caldwell

In Henry Caldwell's absence, Jim Woodard related that the mayor's response to these recommendations was to task Henri Hammond-Paul to do a 60-day study and make recommendations to the Village Council for a Village Fire Mitigation Plan.

- B. Thoughts on 60 Day Fire Mitigation Plan Tasking from the Mayor
1. Scope (Underground Power, Dead and Downed Trees, Propane Tanks, Natural Gas?) – Henri Hammond-Paul
 2. Applying for a New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Grant – Henri Hammond-Paul
 3. Miscellaneous Items

Henri Hammond-Paul stated that he would like to come up with an overarching approach on what actions should be prioritized and pursued by the limited Village staff. He felt that while the efforts to date had been extensive, and a lot had been accomplished, they were somewhat disjoint and not driven by a top-down plan of action. He is looking for the most cost-effective actions to be accomplished first.

- C. Community Forestry Program Update – Garrett Hanson

Garrett Hanson related that his \$60,000 grant applications had been denied, but that it had been replaced with approval for a \$150,000 grant from the New Mexico Forestry Department to employ Village Firefighter and EMS personnel to thin and treat overgrown lots in the Village during the summer.

Presumably this effort will fold into the 60-Day Fire Mitigation Plan being developed by Henri Hammond-Paul.

D. Hurst Wood Boiler Proposal– Garrett Hanson

Garrett Hanson stated that he had been offered a Hurst Wood Boiler to burn slash and wood chips to generate steam for commercial use. The thought is to coordinate with TSVI to see if the Village could profitably employ such a device.

E. CWPP Grant Update – Garrett Hanson

Garrett Hanson stated that with the help of JR Logan and Abigale Flecky a \$30,000 grant application had been submitted. Garrett felt that the deficiencies noted in previous submissions had been addressed. We should know more in a month or two.

F. Natural Gas Extension Update – Bob Thomas

Bob Thomas stated that he had made some nonproductive efforts to contact applicants for the Natural Gas Extension.

G. Time for next meeting - all

H. Miscellaneous Items

Mike Fitzpatrick discussed his proposal to suspend payments to the TIDD and spend the resources on undergrounding the Village electrical power lines.

Henri Hammond-Paul stated that August Young and Garrett Hanson will serve as the Fire Chief, and Co-Fire Chief for the Village

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY/FIREWISE COMMITTEE

04/06/2026-REGULAR MEETING. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety/Firewise Committee of the Village of Taos Ski Valley will be held as a hybrid in-person and on-line meeting on 04/06/2026, at 3:00 pm in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM and the Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

ATTEST:

Jim Woodard

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar

