

Special Meeting Minutes–January 4, 2023

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday January 4th at 5:00pm in the evening at the Municipal Building located at 609 St. Francis in Tularosa New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Margaret Trujillo
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Deborah Cooksey

Also present: Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk
Absent: Attorney Jeff Rhodes

At 5:00pm. Mayor Margaret Trujillo called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Mayor Trujillo asked to switch agenda item #4 to be heard before #3. Trustee Garcia motioned to accept the agenda. Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Unscheduled Correspondence and public comment (3 minutes)

Mark Garwood- Stated that he would like to be considered for Trustee and wants to help his village out by being proactive. He also stated that he has put in many years in the military and believes that with his experience that he can put that to use to help the village out.

Ali Kassam- Stated that he would like to nominate himself for trustee. He believes he is a community builder and his focus would be to coordinate community events like Christmas on Granado St. and events to bring the community together.

4. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to appoint a Trustee to fill the vacant position. Mayor Trujillo asked at this point in time for the board to approve Mark Garwood as Trustee. Mayor Trujillo stated that she has always thought that the military should have a position in something, we are all sitting here, and I don't think anyone here has ever served yet we sit here because of the sacrifices of the people who have been in the military. I think that Mark is very deserving of this position and we should appoint someone who has served in the military to serve on this board. At this moment I am appointing Mark Garwood and I am asking for confirmation. Trustee Sainz motioned; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Mark Garwood was sworn in immediately and joined the board of trustees.

3. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to increase the pay rate to \$18.50 for the following

officers; Edric Flores, Jose Garza & Tara Calderara. Mayor Trujillo stated that she was asking for this increase because at the last board meeting the trustees had increased the pay for certified and uncertified officers to attract more people to these positions so these officers were not at the increased pay and would like them to be. Trustee Cooksey made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

5. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked the Board of Trustees to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem. Trustee Sainz made a motion to appoint Trustee Patrick Garcia, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked if there were any more nominations and there were none. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

6. Old Business: Trustee Cooksey stated that she had contacted two people regarding the P.A. system for the courthouse and the one from Las Cruces does not want to give a bid as they feel it is not enough for them to come down to do the work they have bigger jobs. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk stated that she had reached out to Efrain Gonzales as well but has not heard back from him. Rebekah also stated that the village has the money in a grant to do this. We will also contact Manny Brusuelas from the school.

7. New Business:

8. Adjourn: Trustee Cooksey made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk