Regular Meeting of the Town Of Ignacio
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 6, 2014

I. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL
Mayor Stella Cox called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Trustees: Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Thomas Atencio, Edward Box III and Linda Moore. Staff: Lee San Miguel, Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Kirk Phillips, Chief of Police. Audience: Lana Jo Chapin, Kasey Correia, Ena Millich, Michael Millich, Carol McWilliams, Cindy Swanameyer, Ezra Lee, Brooke Lee, Amos Lee, Tim Flanagan, and Bob Overturf.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Robert Overturf, 109 Romero Avenue stated he is here for the fourth time, and asked if the Board was ever going to address his concerns. Because he had several issues to address, he asked for more than the five minutes allowed for Public Comment. Mr. San Miguel stated he had responded in a letter to Mr. Overturf that staff had replaced the water meter at the Assembly of God Church. Mr. Overturf asked the Board if they remembered why he had resigned. He said’ I’d like to remind you, the reason I resigned was because of the illegal happenings that had been going on.” He asked if the Board had read his packet with a the list of allegations: the gas pipe above ground; the gas regulator; the theft or unauthorized removal of items from Town property; the falsifying records, including time sheets; harassment; action resulting in injury or willful destruction or damage to Town property, which he reported to Mr. San Miguel when James slammed a door and a magnet hit Bob on the head; the disregard for safety and fire standards and regulations. Mr. Overturf stated that he had provided proof to the Board of these allegations which he brought to Mr. San Miguel’s attention several times before Mr. Overturf felt he needed to bring it to the Board’s attention. Mayor Cox interrupted to let Mr. Overturf know his 5 minutes were almost up. Mr. Overturf continued listing the alleged number of violations, leaving work for personal time; using profane, abusive or threatening language, disregard for customer relations; rude or discourteous behavior; unsatisfactory work performance; incompetent work and conduct that would be a discredit to the Town are all violations of the Town’s Personnel Policy. He feels the Board needs to take action and stated the Town Manager is as responsible as the Public Works Director, and he would like them both to resign or the Board to take action.

Kasey Correia informed the Board that Dancing Spirit Art Center has received their 501(c)(3) status as of July 1, 2014 so they can fundraise to purchase the building, to improve the arts in the Town. Through a program called “Building Bridges through Art”, and with a grant from the Tribe, the Coop will be teaching art to the kids in the community. As a business and property owner, she asked if the Board was giving any consideration to Home Rule. When she got no response, she asked if the Board could comment on it, and Mr. San Miguel said the Board could not discuss it because it was not on the Agenda. Ms. Correia asked if the Board would place it on the Agenda for its next meeting so it could be discussed. She asked if on the Agenda, under ‘Unfinished Business’ it could be detailed so the public could know what might be discussed.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Atencio asked if an item discussed in past meeting and the Board has not gotten any response, can the Board discuss it again. Mr. San Miguel stated it must be
Trustee Atencio asked then does every item that has been ignored must be on the Agenda to discuss it? Mr. San Miguel responded that he must ask to place an item on the agenda. Trustee Atencio said he had called and asked for an item to be placed on the Agenda and it did not happen. He then asked if it could be discussed under the Town Manager’s report. Trustee Atencio stated he spoke with Mr. San Miguel about a safety gas matter and Mr. San Miguel told him he was going to look into it. He asked Mr. San Miguel to research if a hot tap was safer than what the Town is doing today. Trustee Atencio stated this was brought up three months ago, and he wondered when the Board is going to discuss it. Mr. San Miguel responded that he had spoken with Wes Whitley about coming before the Board to discuss the concern and stated Mr. Whitley said the Town is doing the hot taps correctly. Trustee Atencio asked if we have to wait for someone to get burned before we look into safety matters. Mr. San Miguel responded that he had reported it to the Mayor that Public Works stopped many of those actions months ago when it was brought up. When we need to do any welding or to make a connection we will bring a contractor in to do the work. Trustee Atencio stated he didn’t feel the Board considered the seriousness of the issue and felt something should be done.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVE FARMERS FRESH MARKET PLAN: Mr. San Miguel stated the Plan had been brought before the Planning Commission for review and approval. He stated the proposal met or exceeded all the Town’s codes. Tim Flanagan, with Flanagan Architecture, Inc. presented the plans for Farmer’s Fresh Market at 565 Browning Avenue. The proposal is to demolish the existing building as well as the SUCAP Teen Center at 515 Goddard and to erect a new building to house Farmers Fresh Market, which will include a Deli and a Pharmacy. He addressed setbacks, parking, curbs, lighting, signs, elevation, color and the name choice. Trustee Melton arrived at 7:34 p.m. Trustee Moore asked if the Downtown Design Committee was going to review the plans. Mr. Flanagan stated he went through and encompassed their guidelines into the design. The asbestos abatement contract will be finalized by next week. Lana Jo Chapin stated she favored the new grocery store, but was disappointed that the review process in the Code was not being followed. The Code specifically requires the Downtown Design Committee to sit in on the Planning Commissions’ review on anything within the Business District. She stated if the Code is not going to be followed, then just get rid of them. It’s taken several hours of staff time to develop them, as well as volunteer time from the business community, and not following them is a waste. A brief discussion followed regarding who represents the Downtown Design Committee and/or the Steering Committee. Ms. Chapin felt this would have been a great learning experience for the Planning Commission to have them review and learn the Code. The park, police and street impact fees have been discussed with Mr. San Miguel. Based on the additional 2,332 square feet of the new building, the total impact fees will be $4,831.91. Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve the Farmer’s Fresh Market Plan as proposed. Trustee Atencio seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 06-2014 – FPPA EMPLOYER ELECTION REGARDING MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS: Chief Phillips reminded the Board of the information provided on the Fireman, Police Pension Assoc. (FPPA), when they conducted a member vote back in June to increase the member contribution by 1/2 % for eight years, for a total of 4% which passed by the members statewide. This requires the employers’ vote as well although it has zero impact to the Town. IPD officers will pay that
themselves beginning January, 2015. Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve Resolution 06-2014, to increase the member’s contribution to FPPA by ½% beginning January, 2015. Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Manager’s Report:

- Mr. Robinson of the Southern Ute Utility Division will be here at the next Board meeting to give a demonstration of the GIS utility mapping program designed by the Tribe’s IT department.
- Staff is trying to get Mr. Whitley to speak to the Board about the safety gas concerns addressed by Trustee Atencio.
- The storm water catch basin on CR 320 in front of the Middle School was too tall, which would require a change order estimated at approximately $1500. CR 320 will be closed Friday to allow for the completion of the road by the August 25 deadline. We may get some grumblings from citizens.
- The Joint meeting will be discussed with SUIT Tribal Council at the scheduled for August 18, 2014. Following this meeting, the Town Manager will meet with the Tribal Chairman once a month, the third Friday of each month.
- Questions from Tribal Council to Trustee Box regarding the signalization will be emailed to and answered by Mr. San Miguel.

Town Clerk Georgann Valdez asked the Board’s direction regarding placing unresolved issues on the Agenda so they can be discussed. The items can be listed individually under ‘Unfinished Business’ or placing ‘Miscellaneous’ on the Agenda as a catch all for any items the Board would like discussed. Trustee Atencio agreed. The Board may receive emails to them from the Town Manager responding to some concerns addressed in the Board Meeting; Town Clerk Valdez stated the public does not get these emails and if the concerns are resolved, the public is not made aware. Following a brief discussion, the Board’s consensus was to list unresolved issues under ‘Unfinished Business.’

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday at the Museum, from 9 am to 2 pm; Mr. San Miguel will get the Board the Agenda tomorrow, Thursday morning.

Trustee Atencio asked the progress on hiring a Planner. The ad is currently running and states ‘open till filled’; two applications have been received and a screening committee has been established. If no more applications are submitted, it was suggested to schedule the interviews.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The next regular meeting will be August 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 570 Goddard Avenue.

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Stella Cox, Mayor                                Date

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Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk