

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donica called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

Assembly members in attendance were Freda Donica, Tony Da Silva, Ken Kiesling, Mary Ann Closson, Linda Bradshaw.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Ann Closson moved for the approval of the agenda as presented.

It was seconded by Tony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Ann Closson moved for the approval of minutes of October 28, 2010.

It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

Tony Da Silva was absent from the meeting and abstained from the vote.

II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Administrator Mary Wheeler reported that the Art Guild gave a generous donation of \$600 towards the drought resistant and native plants West Side Project, pending approval from CCDC. Mary reported that a letter from Town Hall was sent out to residents in regards to a survey that CCDC will be sending to residents of the Town to try to determine income levels. The survey sent from CCDC will help in qualifying for loans and grants for the repair of the sewer lines in town. It was brought to the attention of the Administrator that an organization called Open Hands for adult care is a good organization that will come to your home and inspect for any possible dangers and that they come highly recommended. Mary reminded everyone to pay their Town Taxes and to register to vote in the Town Elections.

2. Art Guild

Grace Carey, President of the Art Guild thanked the community for their generous response in support of the Art Guild. The Art Guild Food Drive was a success. Marsha Mitchell was thanked for the organization of the Food Drive. The annual Christmas party and cookie exchange was a lot of fun that included a duet performance by Mary Ann Closson and Paul Mitchell. The Art Fair proceeds will be distributed by the end of January. Grace thanked everyone again for all their support of the Art Guild. Helen Kennedy added that the Art Guild is in the process of becoming a 501C3 organization.

3. Community Fund

Helen Kennedy reported that the Community Fund will have expiring terms in April and that they are two year terms. The Community Fund helps the community with grants, personal or otherwise and applications are kept in the strictest confidence. Ken asked on the status of the grant for the West Side Project. Helen responded that it was tabled pending approval from CCDC.

4. Desert Paws

No report was given.

5. Election Board

No report was given.

6. Fire Department

Fire Chief Calvin Miller reported that for 2010 they received 276 EMS calls and 43 fire calls. The Fire Department is 30 years old and they are in the process of remodeling, installing new flooring, doors and installing a new projection screen. The money for the remodeling was from an anonymous donation to the Fire Department. A new ambulance has been ordered, an F450 4x4 for \$125,000. Calvin reported that they have a new Medical Director, Dr. Andrew Harrell. The Fire Department requires Driver Training every two years that takes about three hours to complete and anyone can sign up. Calvin reported that the New Fire Department in Santo Domingo did not affect the call volume for Cochiti Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

7. Hospitality

Mary Ann Closson reported that if there are new neighbors the Hospitality Committee is not aware of please call Mary Ann or Marge or Annette at Town Hall.

8. Joint Commission

No report was given.

9. Library

Library Director Mary Badarak reported that the Library has been very busy with inventory. The first half of the State Grant in Aide was received for 2010-2011 in the amount of \$2882.61 and due to the new Administration in the State of New Mexico the grant was dispensed into two parts, 2010 and 2011. The library received a generous donation from the Art Guild. The library will offer computer classes on Wednesdays and Fridays that will include work with Power Point and Web Design using Microsoft software. Mary reported that Friday Night Flix is on again in the Fire Hall. Tony Da Silva asked if the Library could possibly Skype. Mary responded that it was a good possibility and a great idea.

10. Memorial Park Committee

Barbara Hinnenkamp did not attend the meeting but sent a report stating that in the midst of winter there is not much to report and that things would liven up as the weather warms. On the positive side, there are more volunteers signed up that have experience and good ideas.

11. Recycling

Tony Da Silva reported that the Recycling Center is not a town operation and is run by volunteers and that the Town did grant some money originally as a start up and that money has since been repaid. Ken was puzzled on how someone could be relieved of

their duties from a volunteer position. Freda added that the Recycling Center is a great benefit for the community and was grateful to the people who initiated the center.

12. Zoning

Ken Kiesling reported that Hap Paull is the only member left on the Zoning Board.

III. TOWN HALL REPORTS

Ken Kiesling reported that at a previous meeting there was a vote regarding a Town Auditor and wanted to double check on the requirements for selecting an Auditor and to make sure that the Town was not in violation on not selecting the lowest bidder. Administrator Mary Wheeler stated that the Town is not required to take the lowest bidder and that the Auditors are State Approved. Ken also reported that there are vacancies on the Election Board and that there is an election in April. He reported that in trying to improve the Zoning Ordinance there was a moratorium passed that applies to RVs, boats and trailers that has a sunset of 1 year and that a proposed parking facility for the Town was rejected by CCDC.

Tony Da Silva added that he received word that CCDC was planning to expand the area behind the C-Store for parking to include a security fence and security lighting.

Linda Bradshaw, No report was given.

Mary Ann Closson reported that CCDC needs to be juggled to approve the West Side Project.

Mayor Donica reported that more contribution by the Assembly is needed to get some projects done and come up with ideas and if anyone has ideas or suggestions please share them with the Assembly. Ken asked if there was going to be follow up on the Road Project and stated that he would call Joseph Suina.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town meeting, April 28, 2011 at the New Community Center.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Freda Donica, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk

