

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freda Donica moved for the approval of the agenda.

It was seconded by Tony Da Silva and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Bradshaw moved for the approval of minutes of February 25, 2010.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Status

Freda Donica stated that they have had two public hearings and received a lot of input. Julie Cresswell and Mary Badark helped facilitate the hearings. There were good suggestions and some criticisms. Ad Hoc committee has not yet met due to members being out of town. A meeting will be set to reexamine all the input that was received and then presented to the Assembly. The Assembly decides if another public hearing is needed. When the Draft is submitted to the Assembly it will be posted online and hard copies will be available. Connie Reynolds stated that she called Sandoval County about inspections and approvals; they immediately referred her to an office in Albuquerque. The Albuquerque office said that they do inspections for the Town of Cochiti Lake but not the Pueblo De Cochiti. She stated that either in the Ordinance or an adjunct document the address and phone number of the office in Albuquerque will be added so that people will know where to go for permits, either for alterations or construction. The reason to refer to Albuquerque as opposed to Santa Fe is because we are in Sandoval County. A resident stated that the State of New Mexico also has offices in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces. Freda stated that they will try to clarify the offices in which to go for permits, alterations or construction. Questions were asked about the difference between alterations and maintenance. Connie stated that alterations are an addition or structure, for example a portal. Maintenance is any repair that needs to be done without changing color or style. There were questions about enforcement. Enforcement will be attempted through various agencies and procedures.

2. Franchise Fee Update

Mayor Kiesling stated that at a previous meeting, Mary Wheeler raised the question on how much the Town was receiving in Franchise Fees for allowing Qwest to provide service to the Town. Mayor Kiesling and Administrator Mary Wheeler

drafted a letter to the PRC Commissioner. She responded by having her assistant Luis Ledezma contact Mayor Kiesling. A meeting was set for the 15th with Luis Ledezma and Leo Baca who is in charge of the Government Division of Qwest. At the meeting they talked about the problem, looked at the previous years where there was declining amounts. Qwest and the Commissioners Office agreed that the Town was entitled to some additional funds that were never received. There was communication between Qwest and Administrator Mary Wheeler about a definite amount. Qwest stated that by the end of the week there would be a definite amount.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of February Financials

Linda Bradshaw turned the item over to Town Treasurer Gloria Halama. Gloria explained the Financials stating that Admin. is \$7,900 below budget, PW and Library are within budget, EMS is \$7,000 below budget, and VFD is \$6,500 below budget. At the end of February, outstanding taxes including chronically delinquent were about \$17,642. Notifications were sent out with good response. Community Fund's activity was interest earned on CDs.

Linda Bradshaw moved to approve the February Financials as presented.

It was seconded by Freda Donica.

Mayor Kiesling asked Gloria to go over the cover sheet of the financial report. Gloria stated that in Admin. she indicated the Legal payments on the Jordan – Hart case and are awaiting settlement on the invoice. For February the amount of legal fees was at \$775.00 pertaining to the Jordan – Hart case.

The motion passed with a 4 to 0 vote.

2. Tax Exemption for Fully Disabled American Veterans, Resolution 2010-4

Linda Bradshaw read aloud Resolution 2010-4 and moved to approve.

It was seconded by Freda Donica.

Tony Da Silva stated that he has total respect for all Veterans and wondered if other Veterans will come forward to get an exemption and at what cost. Resolution 2010-4 was explained as only for 100% Disabled American Veterans and only for this fiscal year at a cost of \$214.80.

The motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote to approve Resolution 2010-4.

The dissenting vote was cast by Tony Da Silva.

3. Appointment of New Assembly Member, Resolution 2010-5

Mayor Kiesling stated that they conducted interviews with two applicants seeking to fill the vacancy left by Willy Ryan from the Town Assembly. He asked the Assembly for nominations. Freda Donica nominated Mary Ann Closson.

The nomination passed to appoint Mary Ann Closson to the Assembly.

Mayor Kiesling read Resolution 2010-5 aloud.

Resolution 2010-5 passed with a 4 to 0 vote appointing Mary Ann Closson to the Assembly.

Mary Ann was administered the Oath of Office and asked to join the Assembly.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed to combine the Assembly and Town meetings for Thursday, April 29, 2010, with Assembly meeting at 5pm followed by Potluck at 6pm followed by Town meeting at 7pm.

V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were comments about having a guest speaker for the Town meetings to encourage more attendance. Residents were wondering about the Census and when they would come to the Town. There were also concerns about the sewer lines and when the project would start.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk