

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Village of Tijeras will be using a format that complies with the recent New Mexico Department of Health’s public health emergency order governing mass gatherings because of COVID-19. Public in-person attendance Monday evening will not be allowed. Minimal Village staff will be in attendance to present items and most Councilors will be participating by phone or video conference.

The agenda has been streamlined to focus on time-sensitive matters. Members of the public interested in watching the meeting can view the agenda and live-stream the meeting from home via Zoom using this link and accessing the meeting for March 15, 2021:

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1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:02
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2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

JO	X	FG	X	MW	X	YG	X
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Bill Zarr, Village Attorney  
 Larry Seebinger, Finance Director  
 Danny Jaramillo, P&Z Chairman

Tye Franz, NMED  
 Rhonda Holderman, NMED

5. **Public Comments**

The Village encourages public comment via email at [clerk@tijerasnm.gov](mailto:clerk@tijerasnm.gov). Citizens are asked to type PUBLIC COMMENT in the subject line of the email. Within the body of the email, individuals

should include a name, address, whether the comment pertains to a specific item on the agenda, and the comment.

Public comments about items will be accepted prior to the meeting, to be read into the meeting at the appropriate time. In addition, the email address will be monitored during the meeting for comments to be received during the live proceedings and read into the record when the Mayor calls for public comment.

The Village received the following public comment, reprinted verbatim here with expletives censored:

To the mayor of Tijeras and the public at large. These comments are written per your request in the monthly newsletter. It's been 50 years since I last wore a uniform. If you remember me, I served in the Marines. I don't want to rehash the Vietnam war in this prose, but my opinion may overlap my history in writing my comments to you. Again, why am I writing? To uncover lies around the so called; ml Tijeras memorial, that rightfully should be named East Mountain Memorial! It's that simple. But I also want to get my resentments out to the public, off my mind and into yours to see what your going to do about it. Here they are... It's about the seldom used words in tijeras; God Country, Duty and most of all HONOR to legitimate veterans that are Ignored, and the veracity which those words demand. I also want to expose, what we call the Tijeras hypocrisy! Born of petty jealousy and envy of real patriots, who have seen war first hand. Patriots who won't take any crap from those who continue to play their stupid games. In their clouded minds they like to fantasize, thinking of themselves as hero's! Dreaming of medals around their necks! You can spot them a mile away, they continually wear camouflage clothing as a uniform. Hoping their children never ask: WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR DADDY? In the movie Patton, he stated... "Oh, I shoveled \*\*\*\* in Louisiana!" Ask yourself, why do these pathetic fakers need constant approval from others? It's quite simple. The yellow patch of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav comes to mind... "The horse they never rode, the line they didn't cross and the color is the reason why"! Just a metaphor by combat veterans... But it makes the point! In other words, it's all \*\*\*\*\*! Don't mean a thing! They let the unsuspecting think they got bronze stars for valor in combat! What's not mentioned is that every lifer gets the medal just for being in theater, and it's not for heroics! More crap... I'm persona non grata for what? Trying to increase participation in honoring our dead on national holidays? It's hard to be objective in trying to read one's character or motive from comments made! They will pass judgment on me, it's expected, especially when we know the history of these meat heads in your village. They try to look good at the cost of others because they have no testimony, nothing of real worth within themselves to offer! Want to hear a war story! I heard a story by a lifer who had questionable behavior prior to early retirement. He tired to discipline a soldier and was unaware that this soldier had connections! Instead, he got a cautionary foot in his own \*\*\*, and knew farther promotion was out of the question! Without support he said to hell with it and retired in anger. That is what he revealed to me! He invalidated his quest for higher rank and hids that fact from others. Why? Of course we all know the shameful lie of the pathetic brother, another \*\*\*\*\* who got a VA pension after discharge because he was effected with sadness as he read thirty years later, of a terrorist going berserk at Fort Hood! Apparently one can get benefits from the VA for feeling sorry for yourself and crying into a pity pot without tears! More crap! Hitting this perviberal nail on the head will create animosity, anger and lifelong rejection from those I accuse of slander by exclusion and gossip. Those that don't have the courage to confront me outright of whatever they accuse me of! Analyzing my experience and interactions with these so called pillars of the community was a fruitless task because basically they lack the intelligence gathered from a secondary education! Thus, they won't understand my indictments without a dictionary! They remain ignorant because they choose to ignore the truth as the world passes them by! They don't know how to by objective in their interactions with others. That's why they're always alone. Instead, they remain subjective and judgmental. When you speak over their heads they become hostile. One needs to explain things at their level of understanding which is at best a ninth grade

level! In my opinion, they lack any color in their brain matter. It's faded to blackness embedded by evil. Without a higher educational to nourish and develop their noggins, their hearts are without love and void of any spiritual guidance that could help them in relationships with meaning. Instead, their hearts are buried in fallow ground. They live underground, without water, nutrients and the rays of a soothing sun that can only come by repentance. Their hearts sprout wild tares among the wheat of life. In the end, only good to be gathered and burned from within. This unproductive behavior has killed their compassion! They have no commitment to real friendships. They are lonely shut-ins. Living in their exclusive enclaves surrounded by wire fences, locked gates and no trespassing signs! I expect to be indicted with indifference, but what the hell, it don't mean nothing anyway and I sure won't lose any sleep over it. I'll say again mayor, beware, they're not who they claim to be, nothing but lairs dressed in sheep's clothing! They will turn on you the minute they disagree with your decisions like the pack of wolf's they are! Matter of fact, on reading my epitaph, my mind laughs out loud! I'm freeing my resentments and burying them in the shameful memorial. Discrimination, by corrupt, empty headed and heartless babies from Tijeras who can't relate to God and Country because they tell themselves they have nothing to confess, while drowning in the sea of sinful dishonor. They reframe from the proverbial confessional booth, so any repentance is alien to them. All the time thinking they are holier than the ones they see enter therein. Nor do they know anything about the meaning of brotherhood of patriotism! Much less the meaning of sacrifice... the willingness of dying for something! They don't even know what I'm talking about! The renege on their pledge to communicate because their words become meaningless and have no substance! They've never met a warrior who will not retreat! They never learned to depend on others for support to stay alive! These wannabes and their shenanigans has been going on since the dedication of the saddest, so called representation for veterans in their entire nation, who's rightful name should read EAST MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL! In a nut shell, the silent exclusion is still happening now in the present. It's like covid-19! You just need one idiot refusing to wear a mask to spread this negative attitude by throwing a wrench in the positive intentions of others. Killing every good idea veterans may try to accomplish. Until we ask, who do these motherfathers think they are? And why does the council put up with them? It's hard to believe, you don't see the manipulations. I can only think that if your not part of the solution, your part of the problem. This includes you and your council. Your supposed to be the leader of the pack! Nothing left to do but what MacArthur did; fade away... and cut any identification with the debacle in Tijeras. Yet, in one sense, we still think... Where else could we plant the solution? A tangible reflection of our dead and the seriousness of war, and leave those that returned from Vietnam and the wannabe heroes, out of the equation? What do we as survivors really need to eb remembered for anyway? What about the men we lost? Our dead? Where do they fit in your newsletter? Answer that question! Who needs more support then what we get from our families and friends? Anything more is vanity!!! Imagine... having a real symbolic structure that would have real meaning to the public and to all true veterans of all wars. Something our fellow comrades could decorate with a visable attachment of some sort. Giving honor to our local dead and the 58,000+ brothers that died in the war... Something that truly reflects the love, compassion and kindness that objective and caring veterans have for each other. Something to make us proud of having known those that aren't with us any longer. Instead of dealing with those that ignore our good intentions by putting road blocks to prevent us from the success of helping all veterans that need to be heard, understood and supported no matter where they reside in East Mountain (EM). To get back on track. This reading is about Tijeras thinking they have more status then the rest of us veterans living in EM. You can choose to believe it or not! I want to make one thing clear, I'm not accusing all the Veterans who live in Tijeras, some are my friends! I'm saying; damn the current memorial as it now stands, and the fakes who pat their own backs in printing wanted poster images of and to themselves, all just to get reconition! If I had been living in EM at the time of the dedication I would have sensed the lies and declined a plate on my behalf, just like other veterans did at the time! Today, I'm indifferent about my name plate being illegally ripped off the panel! It's been almost one year ago and I still haven't heard from you mayor, nor members of the council about it's removal! Why is that? I can only surmise that the counsel feels like the sheriff department did when I reported, what I mistakenly believed was a crime! They didn't want to get involved either! Can you believe that? I'm also talking about attitude! I'm well aware that a negative attitude changes nothing. Veterans of EM that I've talked to could care less about those who think they hold the "keys" to the

wrongly named memorial! I'm saying it again. Veterans from EM are made to feel unwanted, period! Consequently they get ignored by the same jealous Tijeras minority of just two or three uneducated sadsacks! They know nothing of the skills required to engage in interpersonal relationships to reach a common goal. They are military by name only and know nothing about comrades in arms nor can they identify with other men that have heard rounds zip by their heads. The acronym REMF fits then to a tee. After I've finished my comments I'll say good riddance to the sham in Tijeras that lays empty and isolated! Covered with the perennial weeds of indifference, neglect and disgrace. Another truth, It doesn't even attract civilians much less veterans no matter the date on the calendar. Doesn't even have road signs anywhere near to tell the public it's even there! Why is that? Personally, I was raised in EM. My roots are in the villages of Rancho Colorado and Canoncito. I consider them, the most patriotic villages in EM because every home at one time or another, had a loved ones in uniform. From WWI, thru Vietnam. Their names were Baca, Chavez, Garcia, Gutierrez, Lucero, Trujillo, and Zamora. I want to express my feelings to those that are not listening to rid my mind of the blatant discrimination I feel in my heart! Many will say it's sour grapes. They have a right to their opinion as I do. To change the subject for a paragraph, in my opinion, and of great concern was the eagerness of including a "park" dedicated to a murdered teenager, who may have or not, been at the wrong place, at the wrong time of a drug deal! Their own families don't even visit the so called park! They would rather visit their son's grave site and who could blame them! It was an emotional and dubious idea to say the least. I don't stand alone either, veterans and other EM residents thought it was a bad idea to have a murdered teenager next to two veterans who were killed in combat while serving this great country! Men who are remembered with silent reflection of their final devotion to duty and honor! It just wasn't and still isn't kosher, nor the right thing to have done! In our opinion. The inclusion was not lost to EM citizens and veterans. While the memorial was being completed, we were assured that every veteran with ties to EM, was going to be recognized with a bronze placard. The plate of honor was to include the name, village, and units we served in. Today I ask, what happened to that pledge of recognition? I'm referring to the December newsletter. Who suggested we wondered, that pictures of those residing in Tijeras be published? I don't live in Tijeras but I receive a newsletter each month. I'm going to assume that it's mailed to me because I tried to support the memorial from time to time. I'm also going to assume that it's mailed to every living veteran whose name is on the wall. If they are, what do you think mayor, they think..., of the newsletter omitting any mention of their service? I decided to wait for the next newsletter in the hope that our KIA's would come to the attention of the mayor and his office and include their service. I had a premonition that no other names would be published! I was right! Using Trump's own words again; IT'S ALL BULL\*\*\*\*! What about us veterans who's name are on the wall but not living in Tijeras? We have to take the position that these wannabe local hero's, think they area better because they get exposure in a monthly newsletter! What a crock of \*\*\*\*! It really takes a lot of gall and nerve to think up a self serving maneuver for self reconitiation! But then again, I have to say, it was technically proper. It is after all a newsletter for those residing in the boundries of your Village. We surmised that this wannabe village hero, is just that, a wannabe! Though I don't know the name, I can guess who the pompous \*\*\* in Tijeras is. The action he took to have his picture in the newsletter, hidden among the dead and the people know nothing about! One of our veterans had just passed away, no honorable mention of his service at all! My family has the same picture! The submitter never knew my uncle! It's over seventy years old! He faught in Korea, was listed as MIA and later he was declared KIA! No mention of that on the newsletter! He never married so he wasn't a senior! He had no progeny! If its okay to have a Korean veteran who lived in EM not Tijeras, why not those veterans who served in all wars? If you must have your picture, it's a disgrace and shows disrespect not to be in uniform. Whoever submitted the pictures was only contributing the picture to seek his own mention as if the newsletter was the front page of the Albuquerque Journal! For what I wondered? Reenlisting because they couldn't find a regular job? In retrospect, we veterans from EM are again continually ignored and condemned? For not living in the village? Give me a fricking break! Understand this, we are NOT asking that our pictures should be included! We are saying we don't want to be in part of the lie! I'm just exposing it. Yes, we were proud at first. But to the hillbillies it was foolish and false pride all along. All they wanted was recognition under false pretenses. Some of us survived, it was a chaotic war. Then... we slowly realized that we were betrayed by those in power! Our moto became "It don't mean a thing!" Meaning that whatever we

experienced ment nothing! It's hard to accept that the dead were fodder for Washington! Honestly, all we wanted was to complete our tours and come home! Just survive! Just make it back to the world! Just make it back to our families and the rest of our lives would be gravy! Some of us completed our full tours and came home in what we called the freedom bird. Sadly, over 58,000 brothers would come home in silver caskets stuffed in body bags... We had two KIA's from EM. God... If anyone is deserving of a picture in your newsletter, it's them wouldn't you think??? Where was their picture we all wondered...? Most of us did make it home. At the time it was all that mattered. But the world we came back to was not the world we had left... Where did it go? We wondered in silence! We yearned to be accepted as the patriots we were. But we were ignored by an entire nation that didn't want a reminder of a war we had seemingly lost in the evening news! No different today in Tijeras!!! What did we know about the conflict that tore our country apart? As veterans we shed our uniforms and tried to fit into a society that didn't want us! We were just teenagers our in our early twenty's! We couldn't articulate what we were feeling! We were immature and just wanted to return to the world we had left prior to our tours in a combat zone. We didn't even realize that the world we remembered, the world we left behind was long gone! The sixties were long gone, as was the "The summer of love", the songs we heard in our hearts, the songs that gave us hope were never to be heard again without a heart felt sigh! Yes, we had lost our innocence, while our countrymen blamed us for the debacle that lasted a decade! What did we know? We had no idea of the turmoil bubbling around our country! We returned from one war only to enter into another conflict that was against the war we had participated in! Most veterans ignored the antiwar movement that was sweeping throughout the land! We didn't understand why we veterans, were the scapegoat! It just didn't make any sense! It was above our heads. What did we know about the new world order, or the commanders in chiefs that sent us there? No matter how much we reminisced for the past we longed for, it was gone! Vietnam was costly to our state of mind and we withdraw. We isolated to protect our broken hearts. Some became drunks functional or not. Some sought relief in drugs or sex to find the peace we didn't know we had lost! Still, we all felt the sting of still being ignored! The rejection led some of us to be hospitalized in the mental wards of the VA, before PTSD was invented! We were jailed in VA mental wards months at a time. We got discharged, only to be admitted again and again with no end in sight! When PTSD mushroomed out of control, manipulators of the system thought, hey...! I can get another check for the rest of my life! It was all preplanned, I heard it straight from the horses mouth! All I have to do is cry like a baby about my tour to a VA shrink and tell him how much I'm still suffering! I can get a rating for PTSD now while I'm still working and when I retire I'll put in for 100 percent! I'll get it for the rest of my life! ... Hard to turn down a four figure VA compensation check! Talk about living the life of Riley! I don't begrudge any veteran for an honest rating, one who has the symptoms and deals with them as best he can. But phonies, hell yes! Once they get a rating, they stop going to the VA for treatment and meetings because they are living a lie! Combat veterans see their sham. It is all horse \*\*\*\* and the VA keeps falling for the con! All you have to do is read the book "Stolen Valor" to understand the cry baby's. They are living in our mist! They don't connect with real veterans because they fear being exposed! They trample on the word called honor and we come to despise them all. Veterans with real symptoms see through them and have nothing to do with these phony \*\*\*\*\*. They continue to need consent validation to perpetuate the lie they are living! But then that's what would be lifers in the system do! Feel sorry for themselves, they find the easy way out! Their goal? Suck from the government tit! Later, came the sham memorial! We came to the realization that many veterans and their families from the surrounding villages were themselves missing in action! As time went on the veterans from EM stopped attended the memorial. Why... we wondered? In my opinion, the lack of attendance was because we again felt excluded and ignored! The memorial for the lack of a better word, was infested with rats from the beginning! They just didn't care about us! Soon the feelings became mutual! We came to the conclusion that the sham didn't serve all the veterans from EM. It belonged to a few who lived in Tijeras! Yet as time passed wise veterans from Tijeras stopped attending also! Again I ask you why?... As far as I'm concerned, it became a matter of egos and the lack of a formal education in military bearing! They use the mantra of my way or the highway! It became nothing but bull\*\*\*\*! The unspoken response was to go along or quit, we don't need you or your support! We take care of our own, it became politics for the baby's with crocodile tears. It became their playground and soapbox to make insincere statements just to hear themselves talk. Some

of us tried to jump start a veterans committee. But all we heard from the asinine wannabes was... “you can’t have a committee, you don’t have any by-laws...! Or hey, let’s allow women in the committee they can do the work! Or... Hey, a memorial with all fifty state flag would be nice. But don’t ask me to buy a flag! I don’t want to get involved, besides I don’t want to spend my own money! As far as I’m concerned, it was another nail on the coffin of dishonor! I asked myself, what the hell am I doing here? I know when I’m not wanted! Some of us tried to continue. We even bought five new flag poles to add patriotic fever to the memorial. The understanding was that the flags would fly on whatever days the calendar required a flag to be waved. Personally, I’ve seen the flags flying only on Veterans Day or was it Memorial Day? As a vet, I have offered to assist in putting them up. I never got a call for help! Last time I attended only three flag poles were set up! What happened to the other two flag poles I asked? The answer was... Oh, the contractor ran over them! How does a contractor run over the foundation of a flag pole? My conclusion? ... “It don’t mean a thing!” I took another step back and pricked the coffin with the final rusty nail. Now someone has come up with the bright idea to give recognition only to the Tijeras scoundrels! Don’t misunderstand me, It’s a good idea if you would have included the picture of our KIA’s. I just want to ask what makes Tijeras think that the memorial belongs to them? The results? Rejection of all veterans not living in Tijeras! I say let them give themselves whatever recognition they dream or think they deserve. But are they any better than the veterans from San Antonio? Carnuel? Rancho Colorado? Cedro, Canoncito? San Antonito? Sedillo? Or Frost? (and you want to annex some of these communities! Good luck!) Hey, I’m only asking here! Who is the decision maker that gives lip service to make himself stand out? They only care to validate their own lackluster service. A picture without a uniform doesn’t mean a thing! While it’s true that the newsletter is only intended for those living within Tijeras proper. Nonetheless, it reflects the rejection by omission, of the many veterans who live outside the border of this dishonored village. If that’s the case, then the memorial should only list the names from Tijeras! The monthly newsletter should validate the service of Tijeras and leave it at that. At least it would be the truth! As a man and more importantly as a former combat Marine, I don’t need recognition with a picture to tell me what? That I served? I don’t need others to valid my service record in the United States Marine Corps! My dress blues with the eagle globe and anchor emblem, sergeant stripes with crossed rifles and a four year service stripe and nine ribbons are worth more than a picture and a name to my family! The pictures are just and only that, photos nothing more! With no short history of their service they mean nothing! For all I know they may have been the \*\*\*\* burners in their unit! I disagree with the way the memorial is mis-managed. It was in the beginning, a noble cause. But I believe it has drifted from its intention of given honor to all veterans from EM. Yet, It still has the potential to honor all veterans of all wars! They only need to leave their egos at the door. I didn’t agree with the removal of my name plate from the memorial. With the omission of EM veterans in the newsletter I don’t WANT or NEED Tijeras to replace my name plate in a meaningless and forgotten piece of bronze metal! Some veterans had the sense not to participate from the beginning! Today I salute them with honor! They were the smart ones... Their names are not on the memorial. If I had my way, a petition would be in order, to remove all the plates from the so called Tijeras failure, of veterans living outside of Tijeras! I would be the first to sign the petition, and be done with the chumps that think they are better than us! I’ll end this again with the word bull\*\*\*\*! To the baby’s acting like adults wh odon’t value honor. Today all that matters to EM veterans is our beloved mountain, La Sierra! I want to ensure you, that we veterans from EM have nothing in common with the babies who think they own a wall of names that is build on lies. It’s unforgivable the hateful attitude they carry. They stand forever condemned by Veterans who know of their crimes of deception and they will remain unforgiven for a time! As for your \*\*\* hole of a “tijeras” memorial... never was, never is, never will be! What I’m really saying, if you haven’t got it by now, is that we know of your covert actions to undermine our positive requests and we hope this indictment will forever be a thorn in your sorry \*\*\* and serve as a reminder everytime you pass by your friggin memorial! Written by: Fredolino Zamora! Forever a Marine and second to none...

The following is what a real picture and personal narrative should look like... JOSE CECILIO GARCIA. June 11 1946. April 30 1967. PFC Joe Garcia, was raised in the village of Rancho Colorado. His older and younger siblings and nephews, also served in the armed forces, before, during and after the Vietnam war. Joe served as

a grunt, with Echo company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. Joe became our hero on the fifth day of arriving in Vietnam. He received a fatal wound on that day, while on patrol with fellow marines on Hill 881 South. (Hills are measured by meters.) Two other hills, 881 North and 681, were occupied by the NVA, north of Keh Sanh, the area known as “I” (eye) Corps. The northernmost region of South Vietnam. There were several battles for control of the hills overlooking the Marine Combat Base and they were all vital in the defense of the base prior to the siege of ’68. They became well known and were written about in the book titled “The Hill Fights”... The First Battle Of Keh Sanh, by Edward F. Murphy. Joe was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. His awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one campaign star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Bronze Palm, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation with Bronze Palm, and the Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Silver Date Bar “1960-“. Joe was an inspiration to his family and those who knew him well. I’m proud to call him the best friend I ever had... With scissors and comb, Joe would trim his brother’s and my hair from time to time. He would walk me half way home after getting after the school bus at his stop to hang out. We would explore the virgin meadows and gullies between our villages. Taught me to carefully peel the needles off the fruit of the cactus, the prickly pear. I remember the forested mountain west of Canoncito. At different times, we would follow the path of the village drinking water supply. From the water reservoir in Canoncito to the eye or “ojo” of the spring about a mile up the mountain. We would laugh out loud as we raced dried pine cones we found under the pine trees. We would lay them in the flowing stream bed not unlike small boats as we walked the meandering trail up the mountain. We were always amazed as we witnessed the naturalness of the mountain. Above us stood the window to heaven. The beautiful blue sky of New Mexico. Framed by floating billowing clouds that looked as soft as balls of white cotton. We were protected by the shadows of the tall conifers that shaded the path next to the stream. We would stare in silence when we reached the ojo. Lost in thought as we tried to imagine the source of the crystal clear cool water gurgling out of the ground surrounded by peat moss. It was the life blood of our community, and we thought it a miracle within our hearts. We enjoyed gathered the soft liquid with the palms of our hands to quench our thirst. We fell in love with the mystery of its discovery. Later, it came to represent the foundation of life, the water of life everlasting! We spent endless Indian summer days in the forestry that surrounded our homes in the Sandia mountains. We took leisurely walks on the winding dirt road that led to our community cemetery and farther on to Cole Springs picnic grounds. The grounds had individual picnic areas cut out of the forest that provided some privacy. They each contained the usual picnic tables, trash barrels and a general outhouse or two. There was a centralized free flowing water pipe that appeared as if the water was gushing out of the rock façade built by FDR’s conservation corps. The trees were alive with the mating calls of a range of colorful birds. The clearing, a natural amphitheater, held us speechless as we listened to the various chirpings. We marveled at the wonder of these heavenly birds that flew and nested among the ever greens. The picnic grounds, the ojo and the water stream, became open land and our neighborhood! Needless to say; I thank God for my memories of Joe and the suddenness of his early death at the age of twenty. The thoughts, bring me to tears even today. I remember his kindness, his smile and quick wit that was his laughter. He will always be remembered! By family and his friend...

## 6. Approval of Agenda

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve agenda for 03/15/2021</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	<b>Y. Garcia</b>	<b>Councilor Ortiz-Y</b>	<b>Councilor F Garcia-Y</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Councilor Wilson-Y</b>	<b>Councilor Y Garcia-Y</b>
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

[Attachment A 030121 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve minutes for 03/01/2021</b>		
	Made by:	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

8. **Council to Open Public Hearing on ZA 1124 Subdivision of First Baptist Church Lot at 11795 Highway 337**

[Attachment B - ZA 1124 First Baptist Church 11795 NM 337 Proposed Subdivision.pdf](#)

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to enter public hearing</b>		
	Made by:	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

Mayor Bruton asked Clerk Brown if she had received any public comment via email. Clerk Brown replied she had not. Mayor Bruton then addressed each attendee, giving them an opportunity to make public comment.

After being sworn in by Clerk Brown, Mr. Archuleta stated he is serving as an agent for the First Baptist Church and explained the request is for a two-lot subdivision. He noted the proposal was first presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 27<sup>th</sup> and approved on February 24<sup>th</sup>. He continued that the property owner is interested in dividing the property into one lot around 15 acres and the other at 7 acres.

After being sworn in, Mr. Tekin explained PNM is interested in purchasing the smaller of the two lots following the land split.

Councilor Wilson asked if the sale is contingent on the subdivision. Chair Jaramillo replied that it is.

Councilor Wilson asked what kind of facility PNM plans to construct on the smaller lot. Mr. Tekin explained that he is only prepared at this time to discuss the details of the subdivision. He added that PNM would be coming before the P&Z Commission again regarding the land use and would have details on the project at that time.



Mayor Bruton asked if the P&Z Commission had received any information about the intentions of PNM. Chair Jaramillo replied he had not.

Mr. Nuanez, whose property abuts the parcel in question, noted that the map provided to him appears to be out of date, as it depicts a utility easement that he has no knowledge of. Mr. Archuleta explained the survey was conducted in Decemebr 2020 by Precision Survey. He continued that the information on the plat illustrates existing easements. Mr. Tekin noted the plan does not convey any easements and is intended for reference. He continued, stating the issue could stem from an inaccurate legal description, as surveyors must work from sometimes incomplete records.

Mr. Nuanez asked about vacating the easement if it proves to be accurate. Mr. Tekin offered to assist Mr. Nuanez in doing so offline. Mayor Bruton asked that Mr. Tekin assist Mr. Nuanez.

Councilor Ortiz asked if PNM plans to buy the larger or smaller parcel. Mr. Tekin stated the smaller parcel. Councilor Ortiz asked how PNM arrived at the acreage. Mr. Tekin replied he does not have information on the land use at this time, but stated the decision was made by PNM Engineering and Planning.

Mr. Nuanez asked to be informed of the date and time of the next hearing on this subject. Clerk Brown stated she would inform him.

Chair Jaramillo stated the agents had so far met the requirements of the P&Z Commission regarding subdivisions.

Councilor F. Garcia proposed tabling this item until the Council could obtain more information about the proposed development. Mayor Bruton clarified that the Council is currently only voting on the subdivision and there will be another hearing on the topic.

Councilor Ortiz asked when PNM plans to close. Mr. Tekin replied PNM cannot close until the platting action is approved.

9. **Council to Close Public Hearing on ZA 1124 Subdivision of First Baptist Church Lot at 11795 Highway 337**

[Attachment B - ZA 1124 First Baptist Church 11795 NM 337 Proposed Subdivision.pdf](#)

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to close public hearing</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	<b>Y. Garcia</b>	<b>Councilor Ortiz--Y</b> <b>Councilor Wilson-Y</b>	<b>Councilor F Garcia-Y</b> <b>Councilor Y Garcia-Y</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>Ortiz</b>		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

Councilor Wilson asked about the zoning of the property. Clerk Brown replied it is zoned residential. Councilor Ortiz asked if utilities are a permissive use for residential zones. Clerk Brown replied they are.

Mayor Bruton stated he would like to have more information on PNM’s plans, but added he does not believe the Council can deny the subdivision on the basis of what might potentially happen following the split. Mr. Zarr added the Council has to follow the standards of the Subdivision Ordinance. Mayor Bruton stated that, according to Chair Jaramillo, they have met the requirements. Chair Jaramillo and Deputy Clerk Kennedy stated they had.

Councilor Ortiz asked if the Council will have an opportunity to review the land use. Mayor Bruton stated he would request that Chair Jaramillo bring this issue before Council again, although it is a permissive use and by statute is only required to come before P&Z. Councilor Y. Garcia echoed the request that the matter come before Council again and noted she would like to have Mr. Nuanez’s questions answered.

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve ZA 1124 Subdivision of First Baptist Church Lot at 11795 NM Hwy 337</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	Y. Garcia	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	<b>Second by:</b>	F. Garcia		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	PASSED	FAILED	

10. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2021-04, FY 2021 Full Budget Approval Acknowledgement**

[Attachment C Resolution No. 2021-04 2021 Budget Conversion from conditional to Full certification.docx](#)

Finance Director Seebinger explained this Resolution reflects the move from conditional approval of the budget to full approval. Clerk Brown added that, due to the late audit report, the state gave only conditional approval of the Village’s FY21 budget. She continued that now that the state had reviewed the FY19 audit, they were giving full approval and the Council is acknowledging that.

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	Y. Garcia	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	<b>Second by:</b>	Wilson		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	PASSED	FAILED	

11. **Council to Review FY2021 Budget vs. Actuals to Date**

Finance Director Seebinger noted this spreadsheet is a work in progress. He added the calculations are figured for three quarters and he will have more exact figures at the end of the month. He noted the Council would have budget workshops in April, and by that time the spreadsheets would be finalized.

Mayor Bruton pointed to a projected surplus, asking if it was accurate. Mr. Seebinger explained it is accurate as long as the numbers hold. He noted the CARES Act fund is not going to grow.

Mayor Bruton asked for a summary of all departments. Mr. Seebinger stated the Village received greater revenues from gross receipts than anticipated.

Mr. Seebinger noted legal fees and payments to Molzen Corbin are high. He asked Clerk Brown if any more CARES Act funds will come through. Clerk Brown clarified the funds are coming from the American Rescue Act and the Village is expected to receive half of its disbursement, totaling \$75,000. She added the other half comes a year later.

Clerk Brown stated she would circulate a survey to Council to determine a date for the first budget workshop.

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve the budget update</b>		
	Made by:	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

12. **Council to Review and Approve February 2021 Financials**

[Attachment D February 2021 Financials.pdf](#)

[Attachment E Notes to Financials February 2021.docx](#)

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve February 2021 financials</b>		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	Second by:	Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

13. **Council to Review and Select New Loan Refinancing Option for CWSRF 063 Loan**

[Attachment F Tijeras Refinance Proposal.xlsx](#)

Clerk Brown stated she was approached with refinancing options for this loan, which paid for wastewater infrastructure on Criswell Rd. and Carmino Rd. She added that the Council has a packet of refinancing options along with the current schedule of payments.

Ms. Holderman stated she is the manager of loans with the New Mexico Environment Department. She continued that NMED lowered their interest rates and the Village qualifies for a new interest rate of 1% for the life of the loan, down from 3%. Ms. Holderman explained the Village finished expending money in August and has not yet made a payment. She continued that New Mexico Administrative Code requires a 2% refinance fee, which in this case works out to around \$8,000. She explained the Village would save over \$150,000 in interest over the life of the loan by refinancing. She also added the refinance would take the payments from \$21,005 to \$15,953. Ms. Holderman explained the Village does not have to decide immediately, and can refinance in later years if they choose not to do so this year.

Mayor Bruton stated he cannot see any reason not to refinance. Councilor Wilson stated it sounds like a good deal.

Mayor Bruton asked about future loans. Ms. Holdermna stated the Village qualifies for additional loans at the 1% interest rate.

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to refinance CWSRF 063 Loan</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	<b>Y. Garcia</b>	<b>Councilor Ortiz--Y</b>	<b>Councilor F Garcia-Y</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	<b>F. Garcia</b>	<b>Councilor Wilson-Y</b>	<b>Councilor Y Garcia-Y</b>
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

14. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2021-05, Park and View Revenue Dedication**

[Attachment G Resolution 2021-05 Park and View Resolution.docx](#)

Clerk Brown explained the Mayor thought it would be a good idea to dedicate any revenues from the Park and View to community beautification projects. She added the Village does not want to create the perception that the Park and View is a cash cow for the Village. She stated the Park and View has brought a lot of joy to the community and can benefit the Village in other ways.

Mayor Bruton stated he expects to eventually make proceeds on the park and View. He brought up the idea of selling advertising to local businesses. Mayor Bruton gave examples of community beautification projects, including the Veterans Park and trails at the Well No. 3 site.

Councilor Wilson stated she believes this is a great idea. Councilor Y. Garcia echoed these remarks.

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve Resolution 2021-05</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	Y. Garcia	Councilor Ortiz--Y Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	<b>Second by:</b>	F. Garcia		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	PASSED	FAILED	

15. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2021-06, Terms of Public Sale of 3 Parcels Located at 15 Tijeras Ave**

[Attachment H Resolution 2021-06 15 Tijeras Ave Terms of Sale.docx](#)  
[Attachment I Appraisal for 15 Tijeras Ave ABQ200148 \(004\).pdf](#)

Councilor Ortiz recused himself from this item, explaining that before joining the Village Council he was in the process of purchasing this land from the Village. Councilor Ortiz exited the meeting.

Mayor Bruton explained these parcels are adjacent to the Senior Center and the proposed Juniper Montessori School. He continued that the Council had approved the sale of the parcels to another individual who has subsequently passed away.

Clerk Brown noted that this resolution effectively states that the Council is still interested in selling these lands, agree to start the bidding at the appraised value, and would accept bids in writing to the Village Clerk on the timelines provided. She added that Council would establish additional terms at future meetings.

Mr. Zarr noted Councilor Ortiz should make a public disclosure to the Village of his intent to purchase these properties. He also described the requirements of a contract of sale and noted the sale would have to be approved by ordinance.

A C T I O N	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06</b>		
	<b>Made by:</b>	Wilson	Councilor Ortiz--Abstain Councilor Wilson-Y	Councilor F Garcia-Y Councilor Y Garcia-Y
	<b>Second by:</b>	F. Garcia		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	PASSED	FAILED	

16. **Updates**

a. Mayor Update

- i. Mayor Bruton stated the Park and View has been a spectacular success and noted the next showing on April 10<sup>th</sup> is sold out.
- ii. He stated there is an issue with Well No. 2, that the pump is only producing about 11.5 gallons per minute. He added the consensus seems to be the pump is failing. He noted the pump has not been replaced in about 15 years and the normal lifespan of a pump is 8 years. He continued

that the well would eb down for a day or two as the contractor installs a new pump as well as a transducer. He noted he does not anticipate any impact to the community.

1. Councilor F. Garcia asked about the price of a pump. Mayor Bruton replied the unofficial estimate is around \$10,000. Clerk Brown added the money would come out of the Water Fund.
2. Councilor Wilson stated she is glad the Village will be more proactive about monitoring the pump going forward. She also stated she hopes the new pump will save the Village money on electricity.
3. Councilor Y. Garcia noted that after 15 years, it sounds like this is needed maintenance.
4. Councilor F. Garcia asked why they increased the power supply to the pump. Mayor Bruton explained as the pump began to produce water less quickly, they increased the power in an attempt to boost production.

b. Councilor Updates

- i. None

c. Clerk Update

- i. Clerk Brown encouraged the Council to contact her if they are having any issues with their new .gov email addresses.

d. Deputy Clerk Update

- i. None

## 17. Time and Place of Next Meetings

*THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021. THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA A VIRTUAL PLATFORM UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS MANDATED BY THE DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ARE LIFTED.*

## ADJOURNMENT

The Governing Body may revise the order of the agenda items considered at this Open Meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 505-281-1220 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsection (2) limited personnel matters; (5) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations; (7) attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatening or pending litigation in which the public is or may become a participant; (8) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body. Speakers limited to 2 minutes.