

**VILLAGE OF CLOUDCROFT NM  
OTERO COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft, held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the Village Council Chambers, 201 Burro Avenue, Cloudcroft, NM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Denney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., with the following Council members providing a full quorum: Present/Absent:

Trustee / Mayor William Denney – present  
Trustee / Mayor Pro-Tem Tieman – present  
Trustee – Jim Maynard – present  
Trustee – Gail McCoy – present  
Trustee – George Mitchell – absent

The following Village staff and guests were present: Barbara K. Garcia, Clerk; Jini Turri, Deputy/P&Z Clerk; Nathan Tompkins, P&Z Chair; Mark Tatum, P&Z Commissioner and John Stroope, Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance to the United States and New Mexico flags was led by Mayor Denney.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Denney called for a motion to approve the agenda of the Special Meeting for May 17, 2022. Trustee Maynard made a motion to the approve the agenda with the revision of taking: Discussion/Action- Recommendation from P&Z concerning Variance Request #RVR 2022-03 submitted by Mario and Angelina Chavez and Discussion/Action- Recommendation concerning subdivision replat for 1100 Chautauqua submitted by Holly McWatters, both items under New Business, off the agenda. Trustee Gail McCoy seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee McCoy, for; and Trustee Tieman, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Discussion/Action – Recommendation from P&Z to Approve or Disapprove Variance Request RVR#2022-02, submitted by John Stroope, Jr., for 907 Susan's Way.* P&Z Chair, Nathan Tompkins, presented to the Governing Body that the P&Z Commission at a Public Hearing held on May 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., heard request for a Variance from John Stroope, Jr. for his property at 907 Susan's Way. Mr. Stroope requested a variance of the required side yard setback of 15' to 10'5" in which to build a closet for the master bedroom of their residence located on their property, which is a corner lot, located at 907 Susan's Way, in Cloudcroft, NM. Chair Tompkins stated that the P&Z Board voted to recommend approval of the variance request. There was discussion between the Mayor and members of the Governing Body concerning the required setbacks for a side yard. The P&Z Clerk stated that the required side yard setbacks for a lot that is not on a corner is 7'5" and that the required side yard setbacks for a corner lot is 15'. The Mayor stated that the problem he had with the variance request was that the applicant could not prove a "hardship" as required by Village Code other than he wished to build an addition to the house to serve as a closet to the master bedroom. The construction of a closet to any other portion of the house would not provide a closet for the master bedroom. Trustee Maynard stated that the required setbacks for side yards on corner lots was for the consideration of obstructing traffic coming around the corner. Trustee Maynard stated that construction of the proposed closet would not obstruct traffic. After further discussion between all, the Mayor stated that the P&Z Commission recommends approval of the variance request submitted by John Stroope for 907 Susan's Way and asked what the wishes of the Governing Body were as to approval or disapproval. Trustee Maynard stated that being he was the builder of the original house on the lot, he would abstain from voting. Trustee Tieman made a motion to approve Variance Request RVR#2022-02 for a side yard setback of 10'5" instead of the required 15', Trustee McCoy seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, abstain and Mayor Denney, for. **Motion passed.**

*Resolution No. 2022.10 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority.* Mayor Denney presented to the Governing Body, Resolution No. 2022.10 and stated that the purpose of the Resolution was for approval of submitting an application to the New Mexico Finance Authority for a grant to fund a Preliminary Engineering Report for completion of the PURE Water Project. Trustee Tieman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022.10, Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for and Trustee McCoy, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

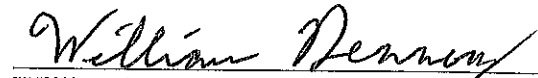
**ADJOURN:**

Trustee McCoy made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of May 17, 2022, Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST

  
Jini S. Turri  
Deputy Clerk

*For Jini Turri*

  
William Denney  
Mayor

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