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7 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
8 **TOWN OF MESILLA**  
9 **REGULAR MEETING**  
10 **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**  
11 **6:00 P.M.**

12 **VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 983-7900-0389 PASSWORD 971704.**

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15 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
16 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem  
17 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)  
18 Jesus Caro, Trustee  
19 Veronica Garcia, Trustee  
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21 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk  
22 Larry Shannon, Community Development Coordinator  
23 Gloria Maya, Recorder  
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25 *Mayor Barraza called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*

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27 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

28 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

29 Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence for Mrs. Caro, Mr. Perez, Officer Jarrott and former Mayor  
30 Cadena.

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32 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

33 **Roll Call.**

34 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee  
35 Garcia.  
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37 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

38 Mayor Barraza removed under Consent Agenda item a.

39 **Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by**  
40 **Trustee Arzabal.**

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42 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

43 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

44 Trustee Arzabal Yes

45 Trustee Caro Yes

46 Trustee Garcia Yes

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2 4. **PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

3 **Public input in writing shall be received at [cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov](mailto:cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov) an**  
4 **hour before the meeting begins on the day of the meeting and will be read**  
5 **into the record. You will also be given an opportunity to speak during this**  
6 **time by pressing \*9 while in the teleconference. You will be prompted**  
7 **when to begin speaking.**

8 No Public Input

9 5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** (The Board will be asked to approve by one  
10 motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is  
11 marked with an asterisk \*)

12 Trustee Arzabal requested placing under New Business item A on the consent agenda.

13 **Motion: To approve consent agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor**  
14 **Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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16 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).

17 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

18 Trustee Arzabal Yes

19 Trustee Caro Yes

20 Trustee Garcia Yes

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22 a) **\*BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a Joint Work Session & Regular Meeting on January  
23 25, 2021. *Approved by consent agenda.*

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25 b) **\*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – MPO Resolution 21-02 A resolution to promote safety  
26 for pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadways of the Mesilla Valley MPO.

27 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read the MPO Resolution 21-02: A resolution to promote safety for  
28 pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadways of the Mesilla Valley MPO.

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30 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

31 a) **For approval:** a grant agreement with DFA for project MES2020-09 Capital Outlay for  
32 Playground Equipment in the amount of \$100,000. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works**  
33 **Director. Approved by consent agenda.**

34 b) **For approval:** a contract with Pure Operations to act as Town of Mesilla NMED Water  
35 Operator of record and provide other services as provided. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works**  
36 **Director.**

37 Mr. McGillivray stated the company will be used until the foreman position is filled.

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39 Trustee Garcia asked for clarification that the monies from the foreman salary will be used to pay for the  
40 contract with Pure Operations.

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42 Mayor Barraza confirmed that was correct.

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44 **Motion: To approve a contract with Pure Operations to act as Town of Mesilla NMED Water**  
45 **Operator of record and provide other services as provided, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded**  
46 **by Trustee Garcia.**

1 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

2 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

3 Trustee Arzabal Yes

4 Trustee Caro Yes

5 Trustee Garcia Yes

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7 c) **For approval:** a contract with Danny Garcia to provide investigative services for the  
8 Marshal's Department for \$200/month. – **Edward Lerma, Marshal.**

9 Marshal Lerma gave the job history behind Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia has gone over and beyond performing  
10 the duties asked of him, so he requested that the town pay Mr. Garcia \$200/month instead of the original  
11 agreement of \$1/year.

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13 **Motion: To approve a contract with Mr. Danny Garcia to provide investigative services for the**  
14 **Marshal's Department for \$200/month, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Caro.**

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16 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated she feels Mr. Garcia can share his expertise with the officers.

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18 Trustee Caro stated he feels this is positive move for the department.

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20 Mayor Barraza responded she is impressed with Mr. Garcia and the difference he has made in the  
21 department.

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23 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

24 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

25 Trustee Arzabal Yes

26 Trustee Caro Yes

27 Trustee Garcia Yes

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## 29 **7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

30 Trustee Arzabal: CEO will be held in March.

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32 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO-February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

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34 Mayor Barraza: Explained how Senate Bill 1 will work.

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## 36 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

37 Marshal Lerma stated after what happened on Friday, he will be working on a much-needed Response  
38 Plan for the Town of Mesilla.

39 Fire Chief Hoban stated the department lost Firefighter Edward Vasquez to COVID; thanked the board  
40 and the citizens for their support.

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42 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick extended her condolences to everyone who has lost a family member.  
43 She supports everyone that puts their lives at risks every day. She asked if there is funding that could be  
44 used to pay Mr. Rivera.

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46 Trustee Arzabal stated Mr. Perez was his Uncle. He commends Marshal Lerma for all the positive things  
47 he has done for the department.

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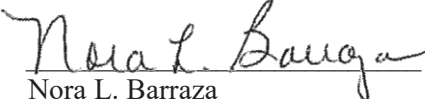
1 Trustee Garcia stated the community loves the Marshal Department.  
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3 Trustee Caro thanked everyone for their prayers and support. He extended his condolences to all the  
4 local families.  
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6 Mayor Barraza stated the Las Cruces Public Schools is working on an agreement for the CSO and the  
7 SRO as they work on opening the schools. Mr. Rivera needs to make the best decision for his family.  
8 Thanked all the departments for what they do for the community. Town Hall will be closed on Monday.  
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10 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

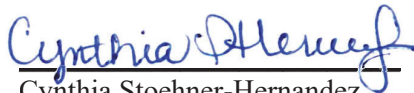
11 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-**  
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14 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.**

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16 **APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF February 2021.**

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20 Nora L. Barraza  
21 Mayor

22 **ATTEST:**

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24 Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez  
25 Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez  
26 Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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