

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL RETREAT
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 01/20/2015**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) WILL BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED AND/OR
DECIDED UPON AT THIS MEETING:**

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

1. Goals for 2015-2016

The consensus for goals for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- Roads
- Build in Industrial Park
- Bring Industry Back—Town is on track with small companies being added to the area
- Keep in mind a positive future

Town Manager's Current Projects Update was reviewed and there was agreement on the goals outlined in the update:

Town of Snowflake
Current Projects Update
Town Manager
1-20-15

1. Southern Solution: We have currently completed the ADOT crossing on the west side of Hwy 277. This completes the two detention basins and railway and highway crossing that channel the flow into the golf course. We are asking ADOT to get a final tally on the costs associated with the crossing before proceeding with the eastern crossing of Hwy 277. In the meantime we are working with our crews and engineers to establish the plans to complete the detention area in the golf course. It will include building a berm to detain water and then allow it to be metered out and into a channel that will eventually outlet to the east of the industrial park. I would like to try to get most, if not all, of the remaining work done this calendar year.
2. Golf Course Operations: I made a commitment to the council that I would reduce the subsidy to the golf course by \$50,000/year for the next 3 years for a total reduction of \$150,000. I have started that process by reallocating the Golf Course Superintendent's time to oversee the golf course maintenance as well as the parks, ball fields and right of ways within the Town. His salary will be divided between the golf course and the recreation and parks budgets. I am in the process of evaluating the golf course operations to determine the best procedure for replacing Steve Schneider who has retired.
3. Fire Department: We have met with the two Town Managers and two Town Attorneys to finalize the IGA that will serve as the framework for the organization that will serve as the fire and ambulance service for the two towns. We are meeting with the Administrative Committee (Mayors, Vice Mayors, Council

- Designee and Managers) again on Thursday to review the IGA and then begin the process of selecting a Fire Chief to oversee the operations.
4. Apache Railway: We are in the process of evaluating other alternatives for long-term financing of the Apache Railway. These included possible funding from HUD, Rural Development Administration, and several other options that legal counsel and investment bankers are looking into. The County is assisting in this process and has been very helpful.
 5. Swimming Pool: We are looking at some funding that has come to my attention thru the County that will provide an environment assessment of the pool facility as well as the building behind the pool which is referred to as the band room. Depending on the results of that assessment, there may be additional funding available to assist with the remediation of those environmental concerns.
 6. Economic Development: We are working with a number of industrial clients to assist with the expansion or location of industry in this area. In the meantime, we do have Southwest Renewable Resources (pellet and bedding materials), Moulding Accents (Don Gonsalves), and Novo Star (milling operation) that are operating or soon will be. The combination of those industries has added close to 100 additional jobs to the area. Several other industries are looking at the mill site or adjacent properties.
 7. REAL Az Development Corporation: Hunter Moore who was appointed by Navajo County to serve as the Executive Director of REAL Az has just been appointed to a position with the Governor’s office and so I will be working to assist in keeping that organization moving forward until a decision can be made regarding the future.
 8. I also serve on the NACOG EDC executive board and I’m trying to get more recognition and consideration for this side of the region.

As you can see, I am currently involved in a number of major projects for the Town along with overseeing the day-to-day operations and additional projects such as the federal project on 7th south, regional dispatch services, etc. I thought it was important to update the council on all the current activities.

2. Committee Assignments

Council and Manager discussed the interests of Council Members serving on various committees. The proposed list of committee assignments will be presented to Council at the Council meeting on January 27, 2015.

Town Council Committee Assignments—Jan 2015

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Community Values	2 nd Thu Bi-Mo/Noon/ Various	Kerry Ballard Stuart Hensley (Alt) Lynn Johnson (Alt) Cory Johnson (Alt)

Heritage Foundation	Stinson Museum	Lynn Johnson
Historic Review	Town Hall/As Needed	Lynn Johnson
NACOG Regional Council	4 th Thu Bi-Mo/10 am/ Flagstaff	Kerry Ballard Byron Lewis (Alt)
REAL Az Dev Council	2 nd Thu Mo/Noon/ Heritage Hall	Paul Watson Tom Poscharsky (Alt)
Nav/Apa Counties Mayors & Council Members Assoc	1 st Mon Qtrly/Noon/ Various Cities/Towns	Tom Poscharsky All Council Invited
Silver Creek Senior Center	3 rd Tues Qtrly/1 pm/ Senior Center	Tom Poscharsky Lynn Johnson (Alt)
Snflk Academy	Monthly	Stuart Hensley Terril Kay (Alt)
Snfl EDC	2 nd Thu Mo/Noon/ Town Hall	Tom Poscharsky Kerry Ballard Terril Kay
S-T Chamber of Com	3 rd Wed Mo/9 am/ Social Hall	Tom Poscharsky Byron Lewis (Alt)
S-T C of C Tourism	1 st Tue Mo/4 pm/ Town Council Chambers	Paul Watson Cory Johnson (Alt) Lynn Johnson (Alt)
Fire/Ambulance Administrative Com	Twice Yr/ Feb & Sept	Tom Poscharsky Vice Mayor (?) Terril Kay
Wt Mt Transit Auth	Quarterly	Tom Poscharsky Terril Kay

ADJOURNMENT at 8:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council Retreat held January 20, 2015. I further certify that the Retreat was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk