



IGNACIO TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 30, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Avenue
or via Remote Public Meeting

The remote meeting is hosted by Zoom and requires Attendees to login to the Zoom meeting website at the following address: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84489680264>, or Attendees wishing to participate by phone shall call: [346-248-7799](tel:346-248-7799) and key in Webinar ID Number: [844 8968 0264](tel:844-8968-0264).

There is a Zoom Etiquette file on the Town website that details how Zoom meetings work and what is expected of Attendees. All Attendees will be able to hear and/or see the Town Board meeting. Attendees will be muted until the Mayor takes Attendee comments. Attendees wanting to comment must click on the “Raised Hand” tab at the bottom of the screen, or callers will have to enter *9. The Mayor will acknowledge which Attendee is to speak (by name or phone number) and the meeting host will allow them to speak. The meeting host will unmute the Attendee (or notify the Attendee if they need to unmute themselves by entering *6). The Attendee shall first provide their name and address before they begin their comments. Failure to follow directions or maintain meeting decorum will result in the muting of your connection.

- I. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Temporary changes to the Utility Billing Policy
 - B. ELHI Acquisition Discussion
- V. MISCELLANEOUS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**



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Dear Board Members,

As you are all aware, gas prices have skyrocketed and most of our customers will not be able to afford to pay the new rates. I would like to propose that, to assist our citizens with this unforeseen and unprecedented rate increase, the Town make the following temporary adjustments to our billing (only for the months of February through September 2023).

- No late fees, beginning in January 2023 (loss in budgeted revenue is estimated to be \$6,000)
- No reconnect fees (loss in budgeted revenue is estimated to be \$1,500)
- Office staff will apply partial payments to all other utilities first, including gas tax (the only balance on each account should be gas and possibly some of the gas tax)

I would also like to suggest the following adjustments:

- Waive the 10% Capital Factor for the gas rate as long as the rate is 10/MCF or higher
- No disconnections during the months of January through April

As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, June through September were the months where the cost of gas were the lowest in 2022. I would like to propose that the Town allow customers to spread the gas and gas tax payments over eight months, while still keeping current on all other utilities. This will prevent customers from losing their primary heat source during the extreme cold that we have been experiencing, and it will also (hopefully) help people to understand that we are doing our best to help them during this challenging time.

If a customer is behind on utilities other than gas and gas tax, we can look at resuming late fees, shut-offs, and/or disconnect fees beginning in September.

I look forward to receiving direction from you on this matter.

Thank you,

Tuggy Dunton
Clerk/Treasurer



2022 Billing Information from Utility Billing Software

Service	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Government - City	\$ 1,219.48	\$ 252.04	\$ 447.72	\$ 161.22	\$ 118.19	\$ 81.24	\$ 75.26	\$ 75.56	\$ 74.46	\$ 104.48	\$ 542.85	\$ 1,083.75	\$ 4,236.25
Government - Federal	\$ 637.79	\$ 361.10	\$ 309.37	\$ 164.39	\$ 80.92	\$ 25.95	\$ 28.02	\$ 31.44	\$ 29.37	\$ 40.54	\$ 301.46	\$ 674.03	\$ 2,684.38
Late Fee	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00
Government - other	\$ 2,238.34	\$ 1,109.88	\$ 985.31	\$ 599.11	\$ 381.31	\$ 94.82	\$ 72.84	\$ 89.36	\$ 90.61	\$ 319.10	\$ 1,450.54	\$ 2,946.33	\$ 10,377.55
Church	\$ 2,766.26	\$ 1,560.16	\$ 1,303.83	\$ 847.34	\$ 648.37	\$ 417.62	\$ 329.00	\$ 365.15	\$ 399.59	\$ 644.90	\$ 1,758.76	\$ 3,411.27	\$ 14,452.25
Late Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 140.00
Commercial	\$ 15,549.52	\$ 9,170.48	\$ 8,324.65	\$ 5,552.56	\$ 5,021.27	\$ 3,773.42	\$ 2,653.06	\$ 3,971.80	\$ 3,573.42	\$ 5,506.70	\$ 11,038.55	\$ 22,395.01	\$ 96,530.44
Gas Tax	\$ 1,203.81	\$ 709.19	\$ 645.21	\$ 431.20	\$ 392.94	\$ 296.12	\$ 207.62	\$ 311.82	\$ 280.34	\$ 432.05	\$ 854.14	\$ 1,730.43	\$ 7,494.87
Late Fee	\$ 130.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,030.00
Residential	\$ 55,290.34	\$ 34,122.20	\$ 31,689.14	\$ 23,718.14	\$ 21,586.31	\$ 16,705.60	\$ 13,473.14	\$ 16,384.86	\$ 16,599.46	\$ 19,317.44	\$ 40,742.13	\$ 72,911.13	\$ 362,539.89
Gas Tax	\$ 4,292.58	\$ 2,648.00	\$ 2,457.55	\$ 1,844.10	\$ 1,679.35	\$ 1,300.29	\$ 1,048.51	\$ 1,274.57	\$ 1,289.16	\$ 1,498.07	\$ 3,168.93	\$ 5,674.48	\$ 28,175.59
Late Fee	\$ 820.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 9,410.00
School	\$ 13,031.42	\$ 7,221.04	\$ 4,913.16	\$ 3,539.99	\$ 1,843.82	\$ 620.94	\$ 447.41	\$ 655.33	\$ 714.83	\$ 2,258.08	\$ 7,081.47	\$ 17,273.65	\$ 59,601.14
Tribal	\$ 1,837.65	\$ 1,086.01	\$ 962.98	\$ 622.35	\$ 491.18	\$ 202.07	\$ 126.48	\$ 136.79	\$ 182.37	\$ 342.30	\$ 1,111.05	\$ 2,453.85	\$ 9,555.08
Total for month	\$ 99,037.19	\$ 59,020.10	\$ 52,818.92	\$ 38,260.40	\$ 33,173.66	\$ 24,588.07	\$ 19,351.34	\$ 24,146.68	\$ 24,253.61	\$ 31,253.66	\$ 68,939.88	\$ 131,453.93	\$ 606,297.44