

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2015  
TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order April 8, 2015 at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Duane Downing, Tom Seley, and Doug Farinholt. Janet Hatch was absent. Nine others were in attendance. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:27 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:42 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from regular meeting held March 25, 2015.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held March 25, 2015. Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Presentation and discussion by Nye County GIS Administrator Ken Plewe and Nye County Assessor Sheree Stringer on Nye County Addressing Method.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to allow Rockwood Lithium, Inc. to release small numbers of healthy, native waterbirds at Sportman's Park.**

Chris Mulkerns explained that she had talked to Jennifer Brown and had asked her to put this on the agenda. She added that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like to use Sportman's Park as a location to release birds. Chairman Horace Carlyle noted that this was coordinated with the Department of Wildlife and that he does not see a problem.

Ed Tomany pointed out that the Board should review this. He noted that this might turn into problems if there are any fatalities due to transporting the animals. Doug Farinholt asked Mr. Tomany if he had any background information on this matter. Ed Tomany explained that a long time ago a desert tortoise wildlife preserve by blue diamond was created. A special permit to handle the tortoises was necessary. He stated that there was an overpopulation. Mr. Tomany added that authorities are now finding out that the program was non-functional and should have not been introduced 20 years ago. If an endangered species shows up at Sportman's Park, the Town of Tonopah will have problems. Horace Carlyle noted that he appreciates the comments, but that he feels if there is a problem, the Board can address it at that time.

Tom Seley suggested having the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service give a written letter to the Town of Tonopah stating that the Town cannot be held responsible for any birds that may die. Duane Downing proposed adding that the permission to release birds can be revoked at any time. Doug Farinholt stated that he agrees with Ed Tomany. He noted that he does not feel positive about this matter until the Board receives more information. Horace Carlyle recommended having the liability for the Town reviewed by POOL/PACT. Tom Seley added that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should notify the Town every time they release birds. Duane Downing stated

that he thinks the item should be tabled until the Board receives a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He added that the Board only received excerpts of the conditions.

This item was tabled.

**5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve closure of Union Plaza parking lot for motorcycle parking on May 3, 2015 for the Kyle Petty Charity Ride.**

Donna Otteson noted that an article about the Kyle Petty Charity Ride had been published in the local newspaper. She stated that the ride will be stopping in Tonopah on May 3, 2015. Ms. Otteson added that there will be 170 motorcycles and that it may be good to close the Union Plaza parking lot across from the Mizpah Hotel. She pointed out that crews will be preceding the riders. Doug Farinholt asked whether the Mizpah will be providing security and insurance. Ms. Otteson stated that the parking lot is public property and that the parking that Sunday should not be different from regular parking. Duane Downing noted that closing the parking lot on a Sunday will not interfere with business parking. He suggested closing off the parking lot early Sunday morning.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the closure of the Union Plaza parking lot for motorcycle parking beginning on May 3, 2015 at 6 a.m. for the Kyle Petty Charity Ride. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. Deliberation, discussion and possible action to authorize request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$11,205.52 from Donna Otteson/Jim Butler Days Committee to purchase a portable, outdoor stage for Tonopah events.**

Donna Otteson pointed out that the stage could be utilized for all Town events, not just Jim Butler Days. She explained that the stage that is in the Union Plaza parking lot now is unsafe even though maintenance was done. She noted that it is expensive to build a new permanent one and emphasized that it could not be used at other locations. She noted that there are a lot of award ceremonies that could use it. Horace Carlyle stated that he thinks the stage should be funded out of the capital projects fund, not out of Room Tax Grant. Tom Seley asked whether the Town has a place to store the stage. Administrative Supervisor Chris Mulkerns explained that it could either be stored at the Mining Park or at the Town shop. Ms. Otteson emphasized that this particular one can be taken down to a compact unit. She pointed out that the legs of the stage are adjustable and that the stage can be set up anywhere in Tonopah as nothing is level in Town. Duane Downing inquired whether price comparisons had been done. Chris Mulkerns stated that Ms. Otteson had done a lot of research. Mr. Downing stressed that the Town could pick the stage up to save money on delivery. Doug Farinholt asked whether it takes too many people and a tractor to move it. Ms. Otteson explained that the stage is easy to take apart and that rolling carts could be purchased to move it more effortlessly. Ms. Mulkerns noted that the Town has a flatbed trailer to transport the stage. Becky Braska, Account Supervisor, stated that she has used one like that before and that four women can handle it. Mr. Farinholt inquired whether the stage is expandable if needed which Ms. Otteson confirmed. She added that the stage is large enough for a band. Duane Downing asked whether the stage could be ordered in time for Jim Butler Days this year. Ms. Otteson noted that she is not sure. Mr. Farinholt inquired how much the rental of a stage would be. Ms. Otteson explained that it would cost around \$2,100.00 without delivery and that that price might only be for a single day. Mr. Downing noted that the Town could rent the Stage to other people for their events and added that he agrees with Mr. Carlyle that the funding should come out of capital projects. He asked whether the Board needs to set a dollar value in their motion. Ms. Mulkerns stated that they can make a motion for the cost not to exceed a certain amount.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the purchase of a portable stage for use by the Town of Tonopah out of capital projects fund not to exceed the amount of \$11,500.00. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the Tonopah Brewery hanging flag banners on existing hangers along Main Street announcing the Tonopah Brewery Company Grand Opening on April 25, 2015.**

Donna Otteson stated that the Tonopah Brewery will have its Grand Opening on April 25, 2015. She noted that it is difficult to get permits from the Nevada Department of Transportation to hang signs. Ms. Otteson pointed out that most of the hangers along Main Street are empty. She added that they do not know how many hangers they will use. She pointed out that the Brewery will attract visitors from out of town.

John McCormick, Manager of the Mizpah Hotel, noted that the Brewery is already in operation and has gotten great reviews online so far. He added that the Brewery will have live entertainment for the Grand Opening and that they want people from everywhere to come out to celebrate. Ms. Otteson explained that the Town's maintenance employees will install the flags.

**8. Deliberation, discussion and possible action to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$927.00 from Jim Butler Days Armwrestling to advertise the 2015 Nevada Pro-Arm.**

Joe Westerlund of Jim Butler Days Armwrestling pointed out that they had requested more money the previous year, but that he does not want to use room tax funds for flyers as a lot of them are thrown away. He would like to purchase trophies, plaques, and T-shirts for the first 50 contestants and noted that everything will have Tonopah written on it as advertisement for the Town. Tom Seley asked whether the event has grown over the years. Joe Westerlund explained that the first years it had grown more and that it has leveled out now. He noted that the event has had 560 hits on internet which is comparable to big events. He added that the Tonopah event had 200 more hits than a similar event in Hawthorne. Mr. Westerlund explained that the arm wrestlers in Town are training to have a local team. Duane Downing emphasized that participants should be made aware that rooms are available this year as a lot of rooms were booked out last year. Joe Westerlund stated that the event's website lists all hotels and motels and that he hopes for a lot of participants. A portion of the \$927.00 would be used for more advertising.

Duane Downing motioned to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$927.00 for the Jim Butler Days Armwrestling to advertise the 2015 Nevada State Pro-Arm. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve an advertisement to bid the Tonopah Public Utilities Relining of Certain Sewer Collection Lines located within the Town of Tonopah.**

Horace Carlyle inquired what the expected cost for the project would be. Chris Mulkerns explained that the cost is not to exceed \$90,000.00. Duane Downing asked whether the problem areas as discussed in the budget workshop will be taken care of with this project. Joe Westerlund affirmed this and added that other areas might also be relined if the bid comes in low.

Duane Downing motioned to approve to advertise to bid for the Tonopah Public Utilities Relining of Certain Sewer Collection Lines located within the Town of Tonopah not to exceed \$90,000.00. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the Tentative Budget for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.**

Horace Carlyle noted that he had not seen any changes. Chris Mulkerns pointed out that \$120,000.00 are to be taken from the water fund for capital projects as discussed in the budget workshop. Tom Seley asked whether this included a new truck for TPU. Chris Mulkerns explained that it would include a new vehicle and the repainting of the tank.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the Tentative Budget for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**11. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place of Public Hearing for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

Duane Downing motioned to set the date, time and place of the Public Hearing for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to be May 21, 2015 at 8:30 am at the Tonopah Convention Center. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**12. Department Budget Reports**

Horace Carlyle noted that the budget report was looking good.

**13. Tonopah Development Corporation Report**

No action taken by the Board.

**14. Town Board Member's/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments**

Chris Mulkerns noted that Town Manager James Eason wanted to point out the building code packet included in the correspondence. She added that this topic will be on agenda on April 22, 2015 as the Town was asked for comments. She advised the Board members to read through it carefully so that the Town can put together remarks to submit to the Board of County Commissioners. Horace Carlyle stated that he had not had a chance to read the packet, but that he had a conversation with Commissioner Wichman who wants to limit the applicability of the building codes outside of Pahrump by use of a special permit for a project. He recommended the Board members keep that in mind when they are reviewing it. Chris Mulkerns pointed out that a special use permit is required in 59 instances and that the documents are very extensive. Tom Seley agreed. Ms. Mulkerns added that the wording is very vague and includes all of Nye County.

Joe Westerlund, Utility Supervisor, pointed out that he had submitted a utility report to all the members. He explained that the report is what he submits to the State every quarter. He added that he will give this report to the Board from now on. The report includes comparison of flows,

pumping rates, well levels, reuse, wastewater facility, disinfection etc. Horace Carlyle noted that he would like to know if there is a problem or if TPU is out of compliance. Mr. Westerlund stressed that the report shows how much water TPU is pumping, how much they are selling and how much they are losing every month. He added that TPU does a chlorine test every morning at Ararat tank and that the numbers are very good. He explained that the legal limit is 0.4 and that Tonopah is at 0.3. He noted that tests are exercised at five 5 locations. Mr. Westerlund invited the Board members to drive around with TPU employees.

Mr. Westerlund noted that he had a meeting with Stretch Baker, Nye County Road Department, to convince him about reuse water. The County is willing to use 8,000 gallons a week for the landfill. Mr. Westerlund added that TPU might also sell reuse water to Pole Line Road for dust control. He explained that there are certain requirements for reuse and that it cannot be done on windy days. Duane Downing noted that he would like to see it on Dynamite Road.

Joe Westerlund stated that all hydrants in the Sierra Vista area are 100% functional. He noted that fixing the hydrants was at no cost to TPU. He added that TPU performs pressure tests every year and that three more hydrants will be replaced in Tonopah this month. All hydrants in Tonopah will be 100% functional then. Doug Farinholt said he had noticed array of colors and asked whether all hydrants could be made one color. Mr. Westerlund explained that all useable hydrants are bright red. Mr. Farinholt inquired why there are black hydrants. Mr. Westerlund clarified that the black hydrant is not usable and is from 1949. He added that it is connected to a 4 inch steel line that is a dead end. He noted that the flow would probably be very low. Mr. Westerlund pointed out that new hydrants will be installed in front of hospital and on Florence Avenue across from the old hydrant that is broken. Mr. Westerlund emphasized that the color coding helps fire fighters know which hydrants they can use. He added that TPU will add different colored rings on the hydrants that represent the water flow. A list of which hydrants have what flow will be submitted to the Fire Department. Ed Tomany explained that the Fire Department used to do the flow tests so all volunteers know what the color coding means. Doug Farinholt asked whether all flow can be made uniform. Mr. Westerlund explained that it would be very expensive as the flow is different in Tonopah due to the difference in elevation. He added that Tonopah would need more pressure stations.

**15. Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.** No action taken by the Board.

**16. Closed meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.** No action taken by the Board.

**17. Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting.** No action taken by the Board.

**18. Correspondence**

Rom Tax Report for the Month of February 2015, Collected March 2015  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, April 7, 2015  
Nye County Airports- March 2015 Status Report  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, April 13, 2015  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Budget Workshop Agenda, April 13, 2015  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, March 27 and April 7, 2015

Nye County Water District Governing Board Teleconference Agenda, April 13, 2015  
Hope Floats Animal Foundation Flyer, March 2015  
Letter from Nye County Senior Nutrition Program Staff to BOCC, Amargosa Town Board,  
Beatty Town Board, Tonopah Town Board, April 7, 2015  
Building Code Packet, April 2015

Tom Seley referred to the letter from the Senior Nutrition Program Staff and asked if the Town had found out whether the Tonopah Senior Center could be separated from the ones in Amargosa Valley and Beatty. Horace Carlyle stated that the matter will be on the next BOCC agenda. Duane Downing noted that he was not aware of the \$60,000 commitment by the Town of Tonopah. Chris Mulkerns explained that this was discussed at the last budget workshop and that the commitment would be contingent upon certain circumstances. Mr. Carlyle said that the commitment can be done conditional upon what the County does. He added that the Town needs to find out whether funding the Senior Center is legal. He pointed out that rumor has it that Amargosa Valley and Beatty are not going to participate in funding the Senior Centers. Mr. Carlyle stressed that the Board was clear that Tonopah will be working to help the Senior Center get contributions and have fundraisers, but that the funding is not guaranteed or will be continued in the future. The Board wants to give the Senior Center help for self-help. He noted that if the funding was not included in the tentative budget, the Senior Center would not have a commitment for funding to match grants.

**19. Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Tom Seley motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

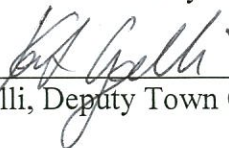
**20. Public Comment**

None.

**21. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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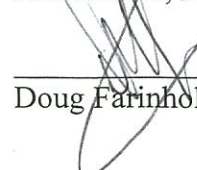
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Duane Downing, Vice-Chairman

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Tom Seley, Clerk

  
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Doug Farinholt, Member

**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2015  
TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order April 8, 2015 at 7:27 p.m. by Tom Seley. Also present were board members Horace Carlyle, Duane Downing, and Doug Farinholt. Janet Hatch was absent. Nine others were in attendance.

**1. Public Comment**

None.

**2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from regular meeting held March 25, 2015.**

Horace Carlyle motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held March 25, 2015. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the Tentative Budget for the Tonopah Library District for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.**

Duane Downing stated that he reviewed the Tentative Budget and that he is disappointed that the room tax collections decreased. Administrative Supervisor Chris Mulkerns noted that the Library is still able to do the transfers as discussed in the budget workshop. She added that \$100,000 will go into the Western Community Fund and \$100,000 will go into the capital projects fund.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the Tentative Budget for the Tonopah Library District for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 as presented. Horace Carlyle seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place of Public Hearing for the Tonopah Library District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

Chris Mulkerns explained that per NRS the Budget Hearing has to either be on May 21 or May 22, 2015. She noted that May 21, 2015 is school graduation. Duane Downing suggested having the hearing on May 21, 2015 in the morning. Tom Seley agreed. Mr. Downing proposed 8:45 a.m. for the Library and 8:30 a.m. for the Town.

Duane Downing motioned to set the date, time and place of Public Hearing for Tonopah Library District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for May 21, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center. Horace Carlyle seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. Library Budget Reports**

Tom Seley asked Chris Mulkerns if there was anything in the budget report worth noting which Chris Mulkerns denied.

**6. Library Board Member's/Department Manager's Comments**

Horace Carlyle noted that he will help Dianne Ryals with the library as a volunteer. He added that he will try to work around her schedule. Tom Seley stated that he thinks the Board will get good things going.

**7. Correspondence**

Gene Ryals: Proposed Computer Training, March 21, 2015

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that Gene Ryals proposed having computer training for the patrons of the Library. She added that he would volunteer to do the training. Mr. Ryals has been fingerprinted and filled out a volunteer application. He would like to start as soon as possible. Tom Seley stated that he thinks that that is a wonderful idea. Mr. Seley asked whether an agenda item was needed to approve the training. Ms. Mulkerns said that the training would be like any other library activity and does not need to be approved. Horace Carlyle inquired whether the training would be worth advertising in the local newspaper. Ms. Mulkerns mentioned that Dianne Ryals would like to see the response from library users first, but that she would talk to Ms. Ryals about advertising. Tom Seley suggested having a trial run of training and if the reception is good, advertise future trainings.

**8. Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers for payment. Horace Carlyle motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.


**9. Public Comment**

None.

**10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Approved:

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Tom Seley, Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Vice-Chairman

  
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Duane Downing, Clerk

  
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Horace Carlyle, Member

  
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Doug Farinolt, Member