

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Clerk Tom Seley called the meeting to order January 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Janet Hatch and Doug Farinholt. Duane Downing was absent. Nine others were in attendance. Clerk Seley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:33 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Carl Bottorf, program director for Flying ICU, introduced himself. He explained that he used to live in Juneau, Alaska, and continued by telling a story about meeting someone years later who thanked him for saving her live. He stated that he hopes that someone will thank him in Tonopah one day. He emphasized that the clinic might open soon and that Flying ICU will continue to serve Tonopah.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 9, 2015.

This item was tabled.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 23, 2015.

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize writing-off delinquent accounts totaling \$2,250.72 from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) accounts receivables.

Account Supervisor Becky Braska asked whether anyone had any questions. Doug Farinholt inquired whether this was about multiple Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) accounts which Ms. Braska affirmed.

She explained that the accounts to be written off are from 2001 through 2009; they have been returned from collections as uncollectable, and they have exceeded the statute of limitation of 6 years.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns pointed out that these delinquent customers are flagged in case they ever try opening a new account.

Doug Farinholt motioned to authorize writing-off delinquent accounts totaling \$2,250.72 from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) accounts receivables from 2011 through 2009 as submitted. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to reverse sewer charges from \$244.01 to the average monthly charge of \$65.00 on Tonopah Public Utilities account 00392968 – Mizpah Circle Apartments for the 12/31/15 billing.

Bud Perchetti explained that they had some busted water lines but had the lines fixed.

Chris Mulkerns noted that this was the same situation as what happened with North Tonopah Development in the past. She explained that commercial accounts have a higher sewer rate and that it can be proven that this water did not go into the sewer.

Doug Farinholt motioned to reverse sewer charges as submitted by Bud Perchetti in the amount of \$244.01 to \$65.00 from the Mizpah Circle Apartments. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Department Budget Reports

Tom Seley noted that the Town is in good shape. Doug Farinholt agreed.

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

Chris Mulkerns noted that some members of the Board and staff members attended the Open Meeting Law and Ethics Training today. She added that she can have interested members of the public and Board members set up for the training online.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that Auditor Dan McArthur will present the audit at the next meeting. She pointed out that he had received an answer to the sales tax question.

Ms. Mulkerns added that approving two resolutions to open special revenue funds to hold the fire department side and sheriff department side of the money will be in the next agenda. She explained that this is necessary so that the money can be correctly shown in the audit. She noted that it is almost as much money as the Town was hoping for.

Ms. Mulkerns noted that another item on the next agenda will be setting the date, time and place for the budget workshops. She stressed that the tentative budget needs to be filed by April 18, 2016.

Ms. Mulkerns explained that Tesla returned the signed agreement. She noted that NV Energy could not come to a resolution. She added that they are working with Tesla to upgrade the transformer so that they might be able to hook into the system in the future. Tesla is hopeful to be breaking ground by the end of February.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that the approval of the bid for the replastering of the pool will be on next agenda.

Ms. Mulkerns added that Town Maintenance staff is working on upgrading the Convention Center bathrooms and had help from the conservation crew.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski noted that the blue room in the Convention Center does not have a 3 way switch. She asked when the pool was last replastered. Chris Mulkerns noted that it was done in 1991. She added that it went out to bid after but there is no documentation that it was ever done. Tom Seley noted that because of the work put in by staff the Town got more years out of it than expected.

Doug Farinholt inquired whether there was an update on the letter from Nye County Emergency Services on the ambulance contractor that was supposed to come in. Chris Mulkerns replied that according to Vance Payne it is working. Tom Seley emphasized that it is taking the pressure off the volunteers. Mr. Farinholt asked whether the Town is expected to have a financial agreement with the contractor which Ms. Mulkerns denied. She added that this is the County's responsibility.

Tom Seley pointed out that it is this time of year when the Board members have to do their financial disclosure. Chris Mulkerns added that the deadline is January 15, 2016.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the pipe relining project is almost completed and that the Board will be signing an invoice tonight. She noted that only a small amount is left to be paid. She stressed that the money was well spent as some of the pipes that were redone were full of roots to the extent that one could not see through them.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting.

No action taken by the Board.

11. Correspondence

Tonopah Town Collections, December 2015

Tonopah Convention Center Report for December 2015

Tentative 2016 BOCC Meeting Schedule

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, January 5, 2016

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, January 12, 2016

Round Mountain Town Board Notice of Possible Quorum, January 13, 2016

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, January 11, 2016

Letter from the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, January 6, 2016  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, January 19, 2016

12. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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

13. Public Comment

None.

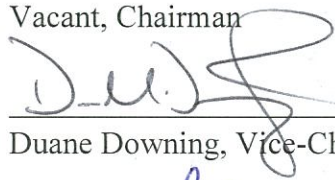
14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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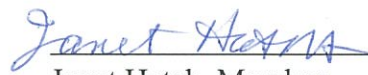
  
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Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

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Vacant, Chairman

Duane Downing, Vice-Chairman

  
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Tom Seley, Clerk

  
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Janet Hatch, Member

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Doug Farinholt, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order on January 13, 2016 at 7:24 p.m. by Chairman Tom Seley Also present were Janet Hatch and Doug Farinholt. Duane Downing was absent. Nine others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 9, 2015.

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4. Library Budget Report

Tom Seley asked whether all the property tax has been credited over to the Library. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that the County usually runs about 2 months behind in entering all numbers. Mr. Seley inquired whether the Library will do an adjustment to the budget as the numbers are lower than projected. Ms. Mulkerns noted that the Department of Taxation gets their numbers from the Nye County Assessor's Office. She stressed that the Library does not have to go with their suggestion, but that the Board would have to explain why they do not go with their projection. She added that the Board never budgets to spend that money but that it does not look good if the numbers are off.

5. Library Board Member's/Department Manager's Comments

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals noted that she received a reply from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). She explained that they have a few requirements for a ramp, lighting, floors, and paint colors. She added that she is hopeful that work can continue soon. Ms. Ryals added that she is signed up for 2 classes to get her Librarian certification. She stressed that the Library has had a few new customers and that Saturdays are busier than usual.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Approval of vouchers for payment

Doug Farinholt motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

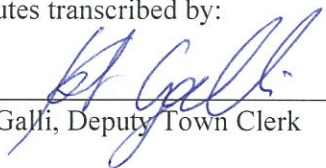
8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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