

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Tom Seley, Clerk Janet Hatch, and Board Members Don Kaminski and Jerry Elliston. Seven others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:38 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 12, 2016.

This item was tabled.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Shaw Engineering Main Street/US 95 Sewer Line Slip Lining Project Engineering Services Proposal.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that Engineer Paul Winkelman submitted a scope of work. He will be putting the project out to bid under the Town's contract with Shaw Engineering. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund added that this is step 1 for putting the relining project bid out.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley noted that this will help the Town work with NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) so that the TPU's infrastructure is not damaged. Joe Westerlund clarified that the information will go to NDOT as well as to the bidders.

Tom Seley motioned to approve Shaw Engineering Main Street/US 95 Sewer Line Slip Lining Project Engineering Services Proposal. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the date, time and location for the second Town Board meeting in November 2016.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that having the meeting on the regular day is not a problem for staff, but the meeting before Thanksgiving has been rescheduled in the past so staff wanted to give the Board the option to change the day and/or time.

Chairman Duane Downing noted that he cannot attend a meeting on a Monday or Tuesday. Board Member Don Kaminski stated that he will be gone after November 16, 2016. Clerk Janet Hatch suggested having the meeting in the morning. The other Board members agreed. Duane Downing asked for the meeting to be held as early as possible.

Janet Hatch motioned to change the time to 8 a.m. for the second Town Board meeting in November. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to appoint a Board liaison/representative to attend Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department meetings to communicate volunteer needs to the Board.

Chairman Duane Downing asked what day the volunteers meet. Board Member Don Kaminski stated that they meet every Tuesday of the month for training; the first meeting is for new recruits, the second Tuesday of the month is their business meeting, the third and fourth meeting are for training purposes. He added that the fourth Wednesday of each month is dedicated to Search and Rescue training.

Clerk Janet Hatch suggested Don Kaminski attend the meetings. Mr. Kaminski answered that it makes sense to have him or Jerry Elliston be the liaison as they work with Fire Chief Rob Elliott. Mr. Elliston stated that he talked to Chief Elliott who noted that he does not see a need for this as he will bring up any problem with the Board if there are any. Chris Mulkerns clarified that this item was a result of the workshop, not an item from staff.

Janet Hatch suggested appointing Don Kaminski and Jerry Elliston so they can rotate attending the meetings. Chairman Duane Downing stressed that he does not want to put them in a conflict situation in which they discuss Town matters at work.

Jerry Elliston stated that if there is the need for it, he can attend the meetings as he has the time.

Chairman Downing suggested tabling this item until January due to changes in the Board members. Mr. Elliston stated that he will attend the November and December meeting to see if the Board needs to appoint a liaison.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a resolution of the Tonopah Town Board exempting residents within the Tonopah Taxing District who live within the district, but outside of a four (4) mile radius of the original courthouse located at the center of town, from Nye County Code 22.32.310 (J), as of November 30, 2016.

Chairman Duane Downing explained that this came up during the public hearing about the taxing district. The Board had told the ranchers that they would come up with a resolution to alleviate some of the fears.

Tonopah resident Dirk Pearson stated that he has been a resident of Tonopah for 25 years. He passed out a map showing his property. He noted that he would like to suggest two changes; one to change the language to "living and/or grazing livestock" and the other one to change it from a four-mile radius to a square of four miles East-West and two miles North-South. He emphasized that this would protect Tonopah and Sierra Vista from the grazing area.

Chairman Downing asked how staff feels about this change. He added that he believes the Board is making a mountain out of a molehill. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns repeated what she said at the public hearing that Nye County Code and the Nevada Revised Statutes are still in effect.

Chairman Downing suggested tabling this item and bringing it back at the next meeting when the Board has defined parameters.

This item was tabled.

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

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that the landscaping at Pocket Park has been improved and the next project may be to add decorative rock from Beatty. The rock would be donated to the Town and it would be spread out so that people can walk through it or have a walkway. He added that the building has to be ordered; the conduit is laid for it.

Mr. Westerlund stated that Town maintenance staff is winterizing all the parks right now and have already winterized all buildings.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the C.O.W. Bus will be at the library during the winter.

Joe Westerlund said that the tank project is complete and there is only one last test left. He emphasized that they did a fantastic job and finished on time.

Mr. Westerlund noted that there was a health inspection at the Convention Center today. Chris Mulkerns added that the bar passed with 100% and the kitchen passed with 96% due to a stain on the ceiling.

Chris Mulkerns emphasized that the ghost walk was fantastic. She clarified that participants had to pay a \$5 entry fee and received a passport and flashlight. 185 tickets were sold. Staff participated also. Mr. Westerlund added that event organizer Shari Bombard only wanted to sell 150 tickets but so many extra people came. He stressed that this event was good for the businesses in town. Chris Mulkerns pointed out what a great job Ms. Bombard did.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that the team will review the ordinance on November 3, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the office.

Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the Town office has had a couple of phone calls about Hoss Disposal and that residents have been complaining about the service on Facebook. She explained that according to the franchise agreement, the process would be to send them a letter through certified mail listing the problems and giving them a timeframe to fix these problems. She stressed that she researched what other towns are paying and said that Tonopah is getting a great deal. Chairman Duane Downing added that he has called Hoss Disposal before and sometimes gets rude comments. He stated that his house did not get

serviced for four weeks. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley agreed. Clerk Janet Hatch noted that she has heard comments too and that people say they would be willing to pay more for better service. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the Town has to follow a certain process. They would have to put it out for proposal and it would be a long process.

Board member Don Kaminski asked whether the installation of the security system was completed. Chris Mulkerns explained that she had a request from Mike Klein of Nye County Emergency Management to submit a portion of the invoice to them. She added that staff needs to check if everything is installed and they have to do a walkthrough to see how the equipment is working. Board member Jerry Elliston asked if the code for the door was changed. Chris Mulkerns answered that staff requested this through Pam Webster, but staff has not received the code yet.

Don Kaminski stated that there were complaints about the brush in the Sierra Vista area. Joe Westerlund explained that the conservation crew was going to take care if this problem but they were called to a fire. He added that it is still on the list of jobs to get done as soon as they return.

Mr. Kaminski asked whether all volunteer firefighters can get certified through Fire Chief Rob Elliott. Chris Mulkerns clarified that she had contacted Emergency Management Director Vance Payne who let her know that the reason that the training is going through Nye County is because of the insurance. She added that the Town would have to look into what that would cost if the Town wanted to certify the firefighters through Chief Elliott. Don Kaminski inquired whether the firefighters are covered under the County's insurance which Ms. Mulkerns affirmed. She added that she has been told there will be an EMT training at the end of November. The Town will help advertise.

Board member Jerry Elliston asked about the status of the PST Sheriff Fund. Chris Mulkerns explained that the Sheriff came before BOCC with requests for all the other areas. She stated that the BOCC approved her request contingent upon whether it was allowed under the NRS. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that she had requested medical items and that it will be interesting to see whether it will be approved. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the Sheriff will have to come before Tonopah Town Board and Round Mountain Town Board to have expenditure for these towns approved. Duane Downing stressed that the Public Safety Tax Act is very specific on how the money can be spent. He added that the Town Board will have to check that when the Sheriff comes before the Town Board.

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

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, October 18, 2016

NyE Communities Coalition News, October 2016

Tonopah Town Collections, September 2016

E-mail from Janet Wright re: Nevada Volunteers Report to Community, October 18, 2016

Room Tax Grant Project Completion Report: Tonopah Horseshoe Chuckers, October 11, 2016

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, October 24, 2016

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, October 25, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, October 4, 2016, October 12, 2016 and October 18, 2016

Room Tax Report for the Month of September 2016, Collected October 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, November 1, 2016

Room Tax Collections Comparison FY 02/03 through FY 16/17

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed that Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns had compiled a Room Tax Collection Comparison that was provided to the Board.

12. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Tom Seley motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

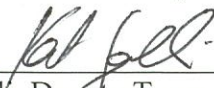
13. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Jordannah Grover stated that it has been one year since her daughter died in a car accident. She will release balloons on Monday at 2 p.m. at Harvey Park in honor of her daughter as Halloween was her favorite holiday.

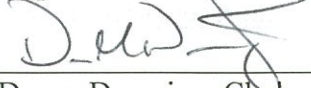
14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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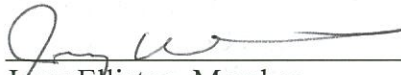
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Tom Seley, Vice-Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Clerk

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Jerry Elliston, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Seley called the meeting to order on October 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch, Clerk Duane Downing and Board members Don Kaminski and Jerry Elliston. Fourteen others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 12, 2016.

This item was tabled.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the Historical Library Open House was wonderful. She encouraged everyone to see the Historical building and added that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals deserves praise for all her work. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the new shelving is going into the new library.

Board member Jerry Elliston suggested getting a plaque for Dianne and Eugene Ryals to recognize their work. Clerk Duane Downing added that the press should get involved. He pointed out that the Library is an underutilized resource in this community.

Chris Mulkerns and Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli stated that they attended the Arts Town Meeting organized by the Nevada Arts Council and stressed that it was a great meeting with a good group that had valuable ideas.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Approval of vouchers for payment

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6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn

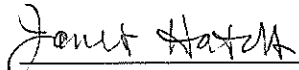
The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


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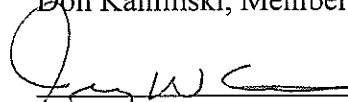
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Tom Seley, Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Vice Chairman

  
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Duane Downing, Clerk

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Don Kaminski, Member

  
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Jerry Elliston, Member