

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 28, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Tom Seley called the meeting to order on December 28, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Clerk Janet Hatch and Board Member Don Kaminski. Chairman Duane Downing and Board member Jerry Elliston were absent. Nine others were in attendance. Vice-Chairman Seley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:27 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Sheriff Wehrly offered to answer questions if public had any.

Janet Hatch noted she attended drug court graduation. She commended the workers as she saw the transformation in the graduates. She thanked Nye County for the program. Sheriff Wehrly noted that it is a fantastic program organized by Judge Wanker.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the public workshop held November 17, 2016

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the public workshop held November 27, 2016. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 14, 2016

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to accept the Annual Audit for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd., CPA.

Auditor Dan McArthur noted that he explained the audit in detail at the meeting held December 14, 2016. This meeting is a follow-up to answer questions about the expenditure from the Sheriff Department Public Safety Tax (PST) fund. He added that Nye County followed one opinion, but then the Attorney General (AG) issued an opinion.

Mr. McArthur stated that he got the details of the pay for the two officers who were paid out of the PST fund. Another officer was charged to the Tonopah fund in error. Mr. McArthur talked to Nye County and they adjusted it so that the total expenditure is now lower.

Mr. McArthur clarified that because no budget was adopted for the PST fund, but there was an expenditure, the Town has a budget violation. He emphasized that this has been corrected so there will not be a violation in the future. A comment about the violation is in his report.

Mr. McArthur stressed that the Town's revenues are growing over \$200,000 every year driven by room tax collections. He stated that the Town is in a very strong financial position as they have two years' worth of expenditure in the ending fund balance.

Mr. McArthur noted that the Fire Department PST fund is also in violation. The State will say that the Town needs to provide plan of corrective action, but it is already taken care of by creating special revenue and expenditure funds.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley stated that it is good to take care of the accounting error. He added that the Board made a conscious decision to be very conservative with the expenditures of the Town. Room tax collections have been more consistent than expected.

Don Kaminski motioned to accept the Annual Audit for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 with the changes as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, Ltd., CPA. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Sheriff Wehrly referred to the audit that was discussed earlier and the expenditure from the Sheriff PST fund. She stated that she has had meetings with County Manager Pam Webster and Auditor Dan McArthur and questioned how two positions were paid out of the Tonopah fund. She stressed that the collected revenue in that fund does not allow for two positions to be paid for. She added that both positions were transport persons between Tonopah and Pahrump.

Sheriff Wehrly stated that one more deputy can be hired for Tonopah from the fund or another office person to help Callie Stark can be hired.

Sheriff Wehrly noted that the rest of the money could be used to fix things or buy additional equipment. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that the 2007 Sales Tax Act defines what the money can be used for. She stressed that it cannot be used to fix existing equipment and that only new items that have never been purchased before can be bought from that money.

Sheriff Wehrly stressed that she believes having an additional office person would help Tonopah the most as that person can fill in when the other person is gone and will know the business better than a deputy who is filling in. Board Member Don Kaminski inquired how much cost she anticipates for another office person. Sheriff Wehrly stated that it will probably be around \$42,000-\$45,000.

Sheriff Wehrly stated that she has promoted a person to be Sergeant in Round Mountain so that there is 24/7 coverage in the northern part of the County in addition to who the Department already has. She added that she is looking into having a position stationed in Gabbs who may be allowed to live in Hawthorne.

Sheriff Wehrly stressed that the Department is making headway and that they received a grant to hire three more positions.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley noted that he likes what he is hearing. He added that he would like her to come back before the Town Board with a presentation of how to spend the PST fund and what her preference would be. He emphasized that getting better coverage in Tonopah would be great. Sheriff Wehrly noted she would prefer to have better administrative coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly clarified that she would like to open the jail in Tonopah again. She explained that she wants paid beds in Pahrump and the inmates to be moved to Tonopah. Tonopah resident Joni Eastley asked what the problem was with accepting inmates from federal prisons. Sheriff Wehrly explained that the configuration of the facility was a problem as the policies and procedures were not up to standard. She pointed out that everyone has been trained and they changed the policies and procedures this year in order to get the national accreditation. She added that they are hoping to meet minimum standards in the middle of 2017.

Roni Link asked what the probability is of bringing dispatch back to Tonopah. Sheriff Wehrly noted that she would have to contact the BOCC about this matter. Joni Eastley stressed that all the infrastructure was removed. Ms. Link stressed that working with EMS she found out that a lot of people working in dispatch do not know the area in the north enough to dispatch correctly. Ms. Eastley pointed out that there is no redundancy if Pahrump goes down, even with the Beatty substation. Sheriff Wehrly explained that they are in the process of moving the substation and it will be more reliant. Sheriff Wehrly emphasized that she is working with a system that was in place when she started. She stressed that she is trying to fix the problems. They are waiting for fiber optics to be installed.

Janet Hatch inquired about the vacant Juvenile Probation Officer position in Tonopah that has not been filled in years. Sheriff Wehrly clarified that this position belongs to the Court, not the Sheriff Department.

Chairman Seley asked the Sheriff to come back to the Town Board with a wish list. Sheriff Wehrly answered that she will have a list with possible cost.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

No action taken by the Board.

9. Correspondence

E-mail re: Letter of Support Request, December 14, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, December 20, 2016

State Service Plan, Nevada Volunteers, 2016-2019

Las Vegas Review Journal News Article "Third-generation machinist keeps wheels turning for Tonopah's mining-centric economy", December 18, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, December 28, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, January 3, 2017

E-mail from Chuck Slavin re: flag/monument, December 28, 2016

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out the article about John Campbell.

Chairman Tom Seley referred to the e-mail from Slavin and noted that this may be a possibility for VFW or Rotary as a community project.

10. Approval of vouchers for payment

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

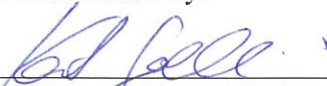
11. Public Comment

None.

12. Adjourn

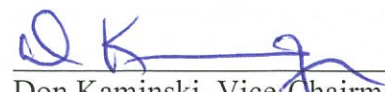
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


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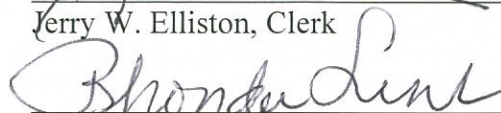
  
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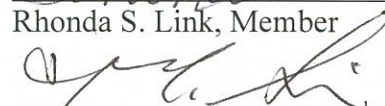
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Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman

  
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Rhonda S. Link, Member

  
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Michael Sain, Member



TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Seley called the meeting to order on December 28, 2016 at 7:18 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch and Trustee Don Kaminski. Clerk Duane Downing and Trustee Jerry Elliston were absent. Nine others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 14, 2016.

This item was tabled.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize and approve the Tonopah Public Library Five Year Master Plan and authorize Tonopah Library District Board Chairman to execute Minimum Public Library Standards for Nevada Checklist and Nevada Minimum Public Library Standards Request for Waiver.

Chairman Tom Seley explained that the State Library says the Tonopah Public Library does not need to submit all the forms (see backup). He emphasized that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals is getting certified as a Librarian. Therefore, the waiver is necessary.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the Tonopah Public Library Five Year Master Plan and authorize Tonopah Library District Board Chairman to execute Minimum Public Library Standards for Nevada Checklist and Nevada Minimum Public Library Standards Request for Waiver. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Chairman Tom Seley pointed out that there is limited space at the Library for books which makes it hard to spend the amount of money the Library is required to spend.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment

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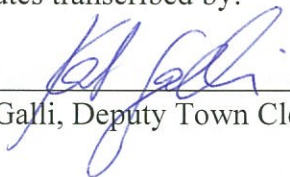
7. Public Comment

None.

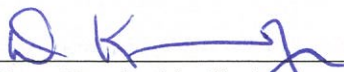
8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

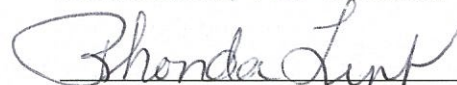
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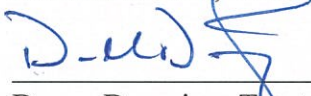
  
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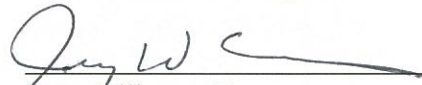
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Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman

  
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Rhonda S. Link, Clerk

  
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Duane Downing, Trustee

  
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Jerry Elliston, Trustee