

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Ten others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:25 p.m.

The items were taken out of order to accommodate petitioners.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 14, 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 28, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 28, 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 11, 2017.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 11, 2017. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the public hearing held January 12, 2017.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the public hearing held January 12, 2017. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to review, approve, and execute Tonopah Town Resolution 2017-01, a resolution establishing customer service applications for Tonopah Public Utilities.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that a resolution is necessary whenever there are amendments to any of the applications. She added that this is the final step in getting all paperwork consistent.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve and execute Tonopah Town Resolution 2017-01, a resolution establishing customer service applications for Tonopah Public Utilities. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to appoint board and staff members to an Outstanding Citizen Award Committee.

This item was tabled.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Workshop(s).

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that it was discussed before to hold the first budget workshop on February 24, 2017 starting at 8 or 9 a.m. She stressed that the first one will take longer and the Board will possibly take a break for lunch.

Chairman Duane Downing asked if the second budget workshop will be in March. Chris Mulkerns suggested having it on March 31, 2017 as she will have the final numbers from the Department of Taxation.

Board Member Mike Sain noted that Fridays are not good for him. Duane Downing proposed having the first budget workshop on February 23, 2017.

Don Kaminski motioned to set the date, time and place for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Workshops to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Tonopah Convention Center starting at 8:00 a.m. and Friday, March 31, 2017 at the Tonopah Convention Center starting at 8:00 a.m. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Chris Mulkerns stated that staff and some of the Board Members attended the Open Meeting Law training in the morning. She stressed that the instructor from the Attorney General's Office made a point that there cannot be any discussion under "staff reports/comments" as an agenda item. He had explained that this would have to be agendaized for a future meeting. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if it was possible to change the wording for the items. Ms. Mulkerns answered that she will contact the instructor to have a few questions answered. She noted that it is a possibility to have a written report on

what usually is presented verbally. She will ask if discussion is allowed if the items are available in writing before the meeting.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund pointed out that he asked during the training about the time limit of public comment and whether anybody can give up their 3 minutes to someone else. The instructor clearly stated that this is not possible. Chris Mulkerns added that the Board Members cannot say anything during public comments, but can recommend to put it on a future agenda.

Duane Downing suggested that if there are “larger” items to place those separately on the agenda and to remove the current item.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for a TravelNevada Grant for a brochure/map of the Old Tonopah Cemetery and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Tonopah High School students Bryan Fossett and Shelby Jones presented on behalf of the Leadership class. Town employee Shari Bombard explained that she had done a lot of research about the people buried in the old cemetery for the ghost walk. She pointed out that none of the information is available for tourists. Ms. Bombard noted that it is a Town project in cooperation with the High School to have a brochure for the cemetery illustrating the stories of the people buried in the cemetery.

Bryan Fossett pointed out that they want people to be able to look up a website so that they can select a video and look up the history of the person in detail. Shelby Jones added that about 11-12 students are combining their work to produce YouTube videos about the people and they also want to develop an app for smart phones.

Board Member Roni Link noted that she thinks this project is marvelous. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked how much the brochure will cost. Shari Bombard clarified that she and the students will produce and design the brochure. She pointed out that the design is what is costly. As the students are doing that work, it will save the Town a lot of money. She added that the cost for the printing will be between \$500-\$1,000 for 5,000 brochures.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if the students will get recognized which Shari Bombard confirmed. Mr. Kaminski inquired where the brochures will be available for tourists. Ms. Bombard explained that they will be available at the cemetery, everywhere in Town and on the website. The app could possibly lead visitors to other sights.

Chairman Duane Downing inquired whether Ms. Bombard had considered the possibility of surviving family members having a problem with their relative’s life being described in a brochure. Ms. Bombard noted that the group could track relatives down and ask them. She emphasized that all the information used is in historical records such as newspapers. Jerry Elliston suggested listing the sources on the brochure. Ms. Bombard pointed out that it is difficult to find living relatives as people moved so often. Don Kaminski proposed having an ad in the paper asking for family members to contact the Town.

Don Kaminski asked how much the total cost for the project is to which Ms. Bombard replied that it will be about \$1,100.00. She stressed that she is asking for approval of all funds in case the grant is not awarded. She emphasized that there will be no cost for videos, apps, etc.

Jerry Elliston inquired about the timeline for the project. Shari Bombard explained that the grant application is due at the end of April and that the goal is to finish the brochure before the end of the school year.

Roni Link stated that it is nice to see young people get involved and attend the Board Meeting. Duane Downing added that they did an excellent job.

Don Kaminski motioned approve applying for a TravelNevada Grant for a brochure/map of the Old Tonopah Cemetery and to approve grant matching expenditure up to \$1,100.00. Jerry Elliston seconded. Roni Link asked if Shari Bombard had contacted Allen Metscher about the cemetery plot map. Shari Bombard explained that all students have access to it and that they will have a field trip to the cemetery once the weather gets better. Shelby Jones added that the students will take their own videos and photos to use for the videos and brochure. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

No action taken by the Board.

14. Correspondence

Letter to Governor Brian Sandoval re: Letter of Support to Study the Silver Bullet Nevada Rail System, January 12, 2017

Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda, January 19, 2017

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, January 23, 2017

Letter from BLM re: Wild Horse Gather, January 6, 2017

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, December 20 and December 28, 2017

Letter to hotel/motel/gas stations/restaurants/fast food places re: invitation to visit the
Tonopah Historic Mining Park, January 26, 2017
Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, January 30, 2017
Room Tax Grant Project Completion Report Nevada State Mining Championships Video,
January 17, 2017
Open Meeting Law Training Material
Room Tax Collections for the Month of December 2016, Collected January 2017

Jerry Elliston referred to the letter inviting hotel staff and businesses to visit the Tonopah
Historic Mining Park and noted that it is a great idea.

15. Approval of vouchers for payment

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

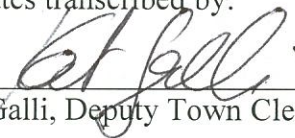
16. Public Comment

Roni Link noted that she spoke to someone who had concerns about senior citizens when
there are long power outages. She noted that she will bring this back for a future agenda.

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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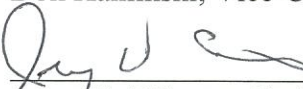
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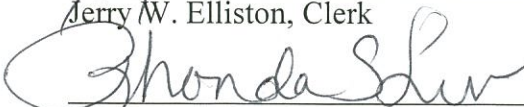
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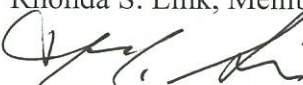
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Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

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5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place for the Library District Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Workshop(s).

Chairman Don Kaminski noted that the budget workshops will be held the same day as the Town's.

Duane Downing motioned to set the date, time and place for the Library District Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Workshops, first one for February 23 at 8:05 a.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center and the second meeting to be on March 31 at 8:05 a.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

None.

7. Correspondence

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9. Public Comment

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10. Adjourn

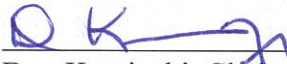
The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Approved:



Don Kaminski, Chairman

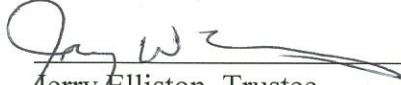


Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk

Duane Downing, Trustee



Jerry Elliston, Trustee