

INFORMATION FOR THE JANUARY 10, 2018
TONOPAH TOWN BOARD MEETING

item #5

AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion, deliberation and possible action to either:

- 1) Terminate the Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc. and authorize Town staff to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP),
- 2) Continue the Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc., or
- 3) Negotiate an amended Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc. in lieu of Termination.

PETITIONER: (Include Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail)

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BACKGROUND OF ACTION ITEM REQUESTED:

Discussion held at the following meetings/workshops:

- August 9, 2017
- September 27, 2017
- November 16, 2017
- November 22, 2017

Please see attached minutes.

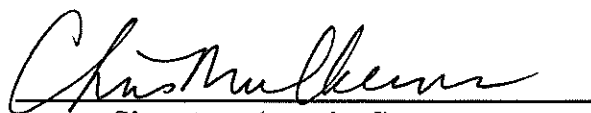
FISCAL IMPACT:

To be determined.

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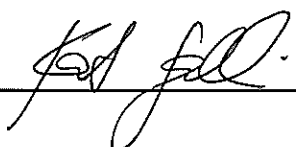
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 Signature (required)

1/4/18

 Date

Request taken by:  Date: 1.4.18

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Thirty-four others were in attendance. Rosa Esquibel of Hoss Disposal was present on the phone for item 7. Chairman Duane Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The items were taken out of order.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 8:07 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle noted that he would like to tell the Town Board what to do about Hoss Disposal (item 7). He stated that he has been a resident of Tonopah since 2005 and that Hoss Disposal was reliable most of the time. He pointed out that there have been interruptions since the ownership change. He asked the Board to continue having professional trash collection so that there will not be any health hazards. He emphasized that Hoss Disposal is the lowest operator and the Town cannot get another one for that price.

Tonopah resident Bonnie Brown stated that she is speaking for Lorenzo Villalobos. She stressed that at the time they moved him onto her lot, they had no idea of the arbitrary date that the Town Board decided for the placement of trailers. She emphasized that Mr. Villalobos is blind and disabled and that he does not mind bringing his home up to par. She pointed out that his lease states that there will be no garbage or inoperable vehicles on the lot. Ms. Brown noted that she would like the Board to make an exception for Mr. Villalobos. Chairman Duane Downing explained to Ms. Brown that the Town Board cannot take action during public comment. Ms. Brown stated that Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) will turn Mr. Villalobos water off on August 17th. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that TPU can postpone this date if an agenda item is submitted to the Town.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski noted that the green lightbulbs available for residents are to support "operation Greenlight" started by Walmart to welcome home the veterans. Changing lights at the house is showing one's support for veterans. Ms. Kaminski pointed out that Tonopah residents Rich and Terra Douglass purchased the lightbulbs to be distributed for free. She added that the free lightbulbs are also available at the Town Office.

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

None.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 26, 2017.

This item was tabled.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to review the franchise agreement with Hoss Disposal and possible remedies going forward based on the continued lack of consistent service.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she and Utility Manager Joe Westerlund had a phone conversation with Rosa Esquibel of Hoss Disposal and suggested she give the Board and public in attendance an update on the Trash service in Tonopah before the Board makes a decision.

Chairman Duane Downing emphasized that the item was placed on the agenda due to the overwhelming amounts of complaints the Town Office received about the lack of service from Hoss Disposal. This item is meant to evaluate if the situation can be rectified.

Rosa Esquibel stated that she understands that the service has been lacking. She noted that people who have called the office, have been given a \$5 credit on their account. She stressed that she was not aware of the problems until she filled in at the office. Ms. Esquibel stated that she hired all new office staff as the former staff did not inform her or her brother, Hoss Disposal owner Miguel Esquibel, of the problems.

Ms. Esquibel stressed that they sent an additional worker to Tonopah to catch all customers up and that a new driver is being trained. She stated that the major issues might have stemmed from the last driver. Hoss hired a new driver, established a new route and is hoping to get Tonopah back on track. She added that the driver training the new driver has a good opinion about the new driver.

Board Member Roni Link asked if a new truck was sent to Tonopah. Ms. Esquibel clarified that the truck is new to Tonopah, but not new. Ms. Link emphasized that a lot of customers were told that their trash was not picked up as the truck was broke down. Ms. Esquibel noted that she heard that customers were told the truck was broke down but saw it driving around Town. Ms. Link asked if the driver has set hours. Ms. Esquibel clarified that the driver has anywhere between 4 a.m. and 10 p.m. to pick up trash, especially during the summer when it gets very hot during the day. Therefore, customers are asked to put their trash cans outside the night before the scheduled pick-up. Ms. Link asked if the drivers are allowed to use the trash truck for personal reasons. Ms. Esquibel explained that their policies do not prohibit this and that they have allowed it on two occasions.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if Hoss only has one truck for Tonopah which Ms. Esquibel confirmed. She clarified that they only send an additional truck if there is construction trash. Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that he knows of some commercial customers who were fined as their dumpsters did not have lids. Ms. Esquibel suggested these customers call the office so a lid can be provided.

Mr. Downing suggested giving all customers the \$5 credit whether they call or not as Hoss is aware that customers did not receive the trash service they paid for. Ms. Esquibel stated that they will issue a \$5 credit for all customers.

Public comments were made by Tonopah residents Lorenzo Villalobos and Pam Heemstra.

Chairman Downing asked Ms. Esquibel what timeframe Hoss Disposal is asking for to fix the issues. Ms. Esquibel stated that she would suggest giving them two months to see how things have improved. She added that she understands they failed. She stressed that she is working in the office with the new employees now so that she can help. Chairman Downing noted that he feels two months is a reasonable timeframe. The public in attendance asked for only one month. Chairman Downing suggested reevaluating the situation at the meeting to be held on September 27th.

Tonopah resident Joeii Thibodeaux suggested having the driver make a list of all missing dumpster lids instead of the customers having to call it in. She added that she appreciates the \$5 credit but believes it is an insult as it cost way more to drive one's trash to the dump. Ms. Esquibel clarified that most customers complained about two weeks of lacking service and were therefore issued a \$5 credit as this is the cost for two weeks.

Tonopah resident Deb Cobb noted that she has called in two or three times about the driver going through their trash. She added that the trash that was not picked up over the last few weeks was blown all over Town and that she believes Hoss should be fined for that.

Tonopah resident Cindy Downing asked how long she is supposed to wait if her trash is not picked up on the scheduled date. Ms. Esquibel noted that if they call the office, they will get a one-time ticket for additional pick-up. Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that if the driver misses a whole area, he should know that he still needs to pick up those streets without everyone having to call it in.

Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that most of those in attendance who were scheduled for a Monday or Wednesday pickup were still not picked up when they left to attend the meeting. He emphasized that this is why the residents of Tonopah are frustrated. Ms. Esquibel stated that she will have to take different measures as she was told by her drivers that they were out picking up trash and getting customers caught up.

Additional public comments were made by Tonopah residents Judy Wilson and Janet Jorgenson.

Tonopah resident Alice Stubbs stressed that there have been issues with the trash pickup for more than a year and a half. She added that she has been threatened in the past by Hoss Disposal's office staff to be charged extra fees and to drive her trash to the dump. She emphasized that this is not good business and that she does not understand how a company can ethically or morally take money from customers and not give the service. She noted that the residents of Tonopah should start a class action lawsuit to have Hoss Disposal pay everyone back. She stressed that Tonopah deserves better and that Hoss owes the residents. Ms. Stubbs noted that if this is how Hoss does business, then she thinks the Town should not do business with them anymore.

Chairman Duane Downing stated that he will ask staff to put this matter back on the agenda for the September 27th meeting. He stressed that he has no issues with reviewing the agreement or putting it out to bid, but wants to make sure the Board does everything possible first to rectify the situation. He emphasized that checks into other companies showed that everyone would be paying three to four times more than what they are paying now. He added that this is Hoss Disposal's last chance.

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to contribute funds to help purchase fireworks for the Annual 4 R Kids 4th of July Fireworks Display held at Joe Friel Sports Complex.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that she was asked to place this item on the agenda as 4 R Kids has to fundraise every year to put on the fireworks held during the 4th of July celebrations. 4 R Kids member Dana Friel added that the fireworks display costs \$6,700 if purchased in advance. Ms. Mulkerns noted that the Town was asked to contribute to the fireworks so that it can continue to be good or maybe grow. Ms. Friel clarified that the fireworks are paid for through donations by community members and businesses. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked what fund this expense would come out of. Ms. Mulkerns suggested Town Administration. Mr. Elliston asked if the Town has the money to pay for this expense which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed.

Chairman Duane Downing suggested fund matching. Jerry Elliston agreed but suggested having a cap. Ms. Friel pointed out that 4 R Kids has not received enough money in donations every year and has had to use money from their savings account.

Mr. Downing suggested a cap at \$7,500 with a review every year. He added that he would like the 4th of July events to be bigger. Ms. Friel emphasized that the organization does not have enough volunteers anymore. Don Kaminski noted that the fireworks might attract more visitors to come to Tonopah.

Don Kaminski motioned to contribute matching funds up to \$7,500.00 to purchase fireworks for the Annual 4 R Kids 4th of July Fireworks Display held at Joe Friel Sports Complex. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve or deny the request from Central Nevada Grange Rodeo Club for a reduction of the water bill for June and July 2017.

Mike Newton stated that the water bill and power bill at the arena is paid by the rodeo club per Use & Maintenance Agreement. He noted that the club has more participants now and that they want to host more events. He clarified that there is a broken pipe at the arena that is leaking underground. The club has to shut the water off after each use.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli clarified that users only get billed the difference between the actual bill and the minimum bill which is still paid by the Town. She pointed out that one of the bills for the Rodeo Club had to be corrected.

Mr. Newton explained that there was a misunderstanding on what was fixed at the arena. He was under the impression that there was no leak anymore and therefore the water was not shut-off anymore and the club received a high bill. He added that he spoke with Joe Westerlund who told him that the arena will be dug up to find the leak and repair it. He emphasized that the club does not mind paying the bill, but would like to pay an average bill. Mr. Westerlund clarified that the valve has been changed out already and that it could be a 1,000-foot dig to find the leak as no water has been surfacing.

Duane Downing asked what the normal bill would be for the rodeo grounds. Kat Galli explained that the average for 2016 was about \$60.00 a month. She stressed that the only reason May of 2017 was high was that the prior months were averaged as TPU's equipment was out and actual reads could not be conducted. Therefore, she only placed June and July on the agenda to be discussed. Chris Mulkerns asked how much the bills were for June and July of 2016. Ms. Galli clarified that the average for the whole year was \$59.47. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked Mr. Newton if he would agree to pay the annual average for 2016 which Mr. Newton agreed to.

Mr. Westerlund stated that TPU will fix everything after the Trail Challenge this weekend. He added that he hopes to have the least amount of interruption for users of the arena. Tonopah resident Deb Cobb noted that it was discussed before that a meter will be put in so that the arena is separate from the corrals. Mr. Westerlund noted that they will add the meter.

Don Kaminski motioned to leave May's water bill as it is and reduce the water bill for June and July to \$59.47 a month, and the Town will get the water leaks fixed. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax Grant Funds in the amount of \$900.00 from Derek Eason & Kade Bunker to advertise and promote "Battle Born Basketball".

Derek Eason clarified that when they placed the item on the agenda, they were hoping that the Board could sponsor their jerseys. He stressed that they found another way to pay for those and would like to ask the Board for a donation for their team instead. Board Member Mike Sain asked how much money they are asking for. Mr. Eason noted that any donation would be appreciated. Board Member Roni Link asked if they had a schedule yet. Kade Bunker explained that they are still waiting for the schedule and are hoping to be able to host a tournament in Tonopah.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns clarified that room tax money is meant for an event hosted in Tonopah and to attract people to stay in Tonopah. She explained that the Town can only grant them room tax funds if there is a specific event to be held in Tonopah.

Duane Downing asked if the Town had money in the Town Administration fund to sponsor the team. Ms. Mulkerns explained that such an expense was never budgeted for. Mr. Downing suggested to Mr. Eason and Mr. Bunker to talk to Town staff to figure out how the Town can help them. Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski added that they should contact local businesses to ask them for donations.

This item was tabled.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex for the Fall 2017 Grange Youth Soccer.

Shari Bombard explained that this is the third year of soccer. It has been very successful in the past. They would host practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays so they do not interfere with the Co-Ed Softball practices.

Kat Galli pointed out that she needs a few decisions from the Board in order to complete the Use and Maintenance Agreement. She noted that the agreement is for August 15th through November 3, 2017. She added that she needs a decision on whether the Board wants to charge for the usage of the fields. Jerry Elliston asked if the Town charged the group last year which Ms. Galli denied. She pointed out that a new section of the Use and Maintenance Agreement that she already discussed with Ms. Bombard is that the Town will charge for replacement of all locks and keys from now on. She added that the Board needs to make a decision as to how high they want to set the liability insurance requirement.

Duane Downing suggested that the Town does not charge for the usage and requiring \$1 million liability insurance.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the use of the Joe Friel Sports Complex for Fall 2017 Grange Youth Soccer from August 15th to November 3rd at no charge with a minimum of \$1 million liability insurance. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the purchase of a camera to take professional photos for tourism, print, and social media.

Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard noted that it is very difficult to get high quality photographs. She is currently using her iPhone to take pictures to be used for brochures or advertising. She emphasized that the quality is oftentimes not good enough for what is needed and that she cannot take nighttime pictures of stars.

Ms. Bombard explained that she did some research about cameras. She also received a top of the line recommendation by Sydney Martinez of TravelNevada. Ms. Bombard showed the Board the Annual Tourism Guide with the cover picture by Ms. Martinez. She noted that it is difficult to find a camera suitable for star photography.

Duane Downing stated that one should not scrimp on camera or lenses. He stressed that if you want good quality pictures, you need to spend money. He recommended looking into Nikon cameras.

Jerry Elliston asked what fund the money would come from. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the camera could be paid for out of capital projects. Mr. Elliston suggested approving a certain \$ value. Mr. Downing proposed approving a cost of up to \$5,000. Mike Sain noted that one does not need to spend that much money. Mr. Downing stressed that Ms. Bombard needs to make sure to buy additional lenses and all the necessary accessories. Mr. Elliston recommended not buying from Amazon, but from a professional camera store as they can tell you what you need.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a camera and peripherals to take professional photos for tourism, print, and social media. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-1.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Kat Galli explained that this item is the usual request so that staff can apply for grants through TravelNevada. She noted that the grant award will take place in December of 2017. She stressed that she knows she is asking for a lot of money, but the amount listed in the backup is the expenditure if the Board decides to move forward with all advertising efforts and the Town does not receive any grant funding. She emphasized that the Town has been awarded all grant requests so far. Ms. Galli explained the different applications as listed in the backup. She pointed out that she would like to have half page ads in the Nevada Magazine twice a year to advertise the biggest events in Town such as Jim Butler Days, the summer rodeo, and the Starry Nights Arts Festival. She explained that the half page ads stand out more to readers. She noted that the website has not been redesigned in eight years so it is necessary to make it more user and mobile friendly.

Ms. Galli noted that she made a list of the room tax grant expenditures she expects for the fiscal year and stressed that the Town will stay within what they will collect. She added that staff is planning projects accordingly so that there will not be a large project every year.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve up to \$24,720 to apply for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditures. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to consider three (3) items proposed by Ford AV after discussions during the initial training given for the new equipment installed at the Convention Center, and specify what items, if any, will be purchased and installed as described in said proposal.

Chris Mulkerns explained that she was contacted by Kevin Conboy of Ford AV after the training was completed as these were items mentioned by Board Members. She clarified that the company has to come back anyway to connect the recording system to the AV system as this was part of the original job. They could add the new features at the same time. Jerry Elliston asked if this would be paid out of the capital projects fund which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed.

Ms. Mulkerns noted that the possibility to show movies at the Convention Center was discussed. She explained that she looked into the licensing and the Town could have a license where they pay per event.

Mr. Downing noted that a public comment was made during the Library Board meeting about the teleconference system. Ms. Mulkerns stated that she will ask the company about it.

Don Kaminski motioned to authorize \$7,630.00 to purchase all three (3) items proposed by Ford AV after discussions during the initial training for the Convention Center equipment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Budget Reports.

No questions or comments.

13. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, August 1, 2017

Letter to Nye County Planning Department, July 27, 2017

NyE Communities Coalition Newsletter, August 2017

Letter from BLM re: Piper Peak radio repeater, July 24, 2017

Community Foundation of Western Nevada Report, January 1-June 30, 2017

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, August 1, 2017

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, August 8, 2017

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, August 14, 2017

Compliance Monitor Instrument Positive Actions/Project Magic, July 1, 2016-
June 30, 2017

Letter from BLM re: Vegas to Reno OHV Race, August 3, 2017

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that Positive Actions/Project Magic served triple the amount of kids as planned and was a very successful program.

14. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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

15. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski commented on how the microphones should be set up so everyone can hear.

Horace Carlyle referred to articles in the local newspaper about the police presence during Jim Butler Days. He noted that he would love the Board to consider sending a letter thanking the local police for their service. Ms. Kaminski emphasized that there are a lot of people who put in a lot of hours to put the events on and that the local officers understand that. She stressed that it was the officers from the other areas who were a little bit overzealous.

Jerry Elliston stated that he would like to introduce Glen White who works for him and moved here from Texas. He added that he hopes he will get involved in the community.

16. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Gallj, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Duane Downing, Chairman

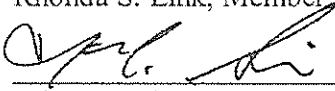


Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman

Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski was absent. Fourteen others were in attendance. Rosa Esquibel was present telephonically for item 5. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Glen White stated that he was new to Tonopah. He added that he works at the test site as an electrician and that he has a business in the Town of Tonopah for handyman services. Mr. White stressed that he wants to do his part for the community and would like to be included in mailing list for board meetings. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that he can give her his e-mail address and she will add him to the distribution lists.

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

Board Member Jerry Elliston noted that he would like to have an item on the next agenda to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held September 13, 2017.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held September 13, 2017. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Presentation by Comfort Hospice Care and Q&A on how care is provided for seniors in the community.

Patrick Utley and Jessica Hutchinson introduces themselves. Mr. Utley stated that he appreciates that the Board says the Pledge of Allegiance. He added that he came from Las Vegas to support the local team with the presentation. Mr. Utley and Ms. Hutchinson gave a power point presentation for the Board and members of the public. Ms. Hutchinson explained that Comfort Hospice Care provides services and care to the patient as well as the patient's family. She clarified that hospice care is care for terminally ill patients who usually have about six months or less to live. She added that they provide physical, emotional and spiritual support for the patient and the family. She emphasized that the care and support continue for the family after the patient's death. Ms. Hutchinson stressed that they want to maximize the quality of life for the patients and families. Mr. Utley added that his mother received hospice care before she passed away and had a better quality of life due to hospice care.

Board Member Roni Link asked if the service is provided in the patient's home which Ms. Hutchinson confirmed. Mr. Utley added that it can also be provided in assisted living facilities, but this does not exist in Tonopah.

Mr. Utley pointed out that Comfort Hospice Care currently pays about \$300,000 in annual salaries to Tonopah employees. He stressed that they would like to increase their staff of five. He noted that they spent about \$30,000 at Scolari's pharmacy. Comfort Hospice Care has had up to 26 patients at one time and is currently at 17 patients. He explained that they are staffed to care for up to 30 patients.

Roni Link inquired if there is staff at the local office to answer questions. Ms. Hutchinson clarified that there is always someone on call and the Las Vegas office will answer calls anytime. Ms. Link asked if the number was posted which Ms. Hutchinson confirmed. Chairman Duane Downing stated that he works for the Sheriff's Office and has therefore worked with Comfort Hospice Care. He added that they provide a great service.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to review the franchise agreement with Hoss disposal and possible remedies going forward based on the continued lack of consistent service.

Rosa Esquibel was present telephonically for this item. Chairman Duane Downing explained that this item was placed on the agenda because problems with the service provided by Hoss Disposal were discussed at the Board Meeting 6 weeks ago. He noted that the Town Board gave Hoss the chance to improve their service in these weeks so that the Board could discuss this item again.

Rosa Esquibel stated that Hoss Disposal has a new driver and that they have improved their service. She added that they have given everyone a \$5 credit on their accounts. She emphasized that per agreement, they are required to pick up trash once a week, but not the extra trash that is left next to the containers. She pointed out that they have done so in the past as a courtesy, but this will put the driver behind schedule. Therefore, they cannot continue picking up additional trash unless the customers notifies them. She stressed that customers have to put their bins out the night before as the driver will not get it from the property.

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated that his service has been reliable since the last meeting. He added that he believes his neighbors are all being picked up. He stressed that he thinks Hoss Disposal's prices are a bargain and that they provide a valuable service. He pointed out that anytime you deal with a company, there will be problems. He noted that Hoss Disposal has tried to respond to complaints in a professional manner.

Duane Downing noted that Hoss Disposal has definitely improved and that the Town has only received one complaint. He added that he believes the Board does not need to review the franchise agreement.

Ms. Esquibel pointed out that they are more than happy to get the bin from the property if the customer is an elderly person, but they need to let them know ahead of time. Town employee Becky Braska noted that she will get that information on the Town website. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli stressed that the Town Office has not had any complaints in the past few weeks other than the letter that was sent to the Board (see backup).

Board Member Roni Link asked if Hoss Disposal got a new truck for Tonopah. Ms. Esquibel clarified that they will buy a used, newer truck.

Duane Downing thanked Rosa Esquibel for calling in for the meeting.

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of the Tonopah Convention Center to distribute Plentiful Produce from October 2017 through April 2018.

Kat Galli stated that petitioner Jess Rosner was not able to attend the meeting in person but that he is available to be called. Duane Downing noted that there is no need to call Mr. Rosner as the item is pretty clear. He asked if the Convention Center was used free of charge in the past which Ms. Galli confirmed. She added that Mr. Rosner already cleared the calendar with Ms. Perchetti and that they are flexible to use a different room if necessary.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the use of the Tonopah Convention Center to distribute Plentiful Produce from October 2017 through April 2018. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve APTUS Architecture's proposal for a scope of work in connection with the Bathroom Renovation proposed at the Tonopah Convention Center.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained that once the Town receives the scope of work, the Town can advertise to bid to have the bathrooms renovated. He stated that the main room bathrooms have water damage underneath and that a structural engineer will have to inspect these. He stressed that he hopes this will not cause a delay for the renovations as they need to be completed before the Rural Roundup to be held in April of 2018.

Board Member Roni Link asked if the bathrooms are ADA compliant which Mr. Westerlund confirmed. Chairman Duane Downing inquired if all bathrooms will be renovated. Mr. Westerlund clarified that the bathrooms in the main and buckboard room will be renovated. The bathrooms at the entrance will be renovated later. He pointed out that APTUS has already done some preliminary work and has given the Town a break on the cost for the scope of work.

Jerry Elliston motioned approve APTUS Architecture's proposal for a scope of work in connection with the Bathroom Renovation proposed at the Tonopah Convention Center. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve surplus, and advertisement to bid for scrap, Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Public Utilities unused vehicles and equipment that is no longer in use.

Joe Westerlund pointed out that the backup for the item provided a list of the vehicles that are no longer in use. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if the bidders are required to scrap the equipment which Mr. Westerlund confirmed. Mr. Westerlund added that TPU (Tonopah Public Utilities) is in the process of replacing the cable truck. Chairman Downing inquired what other equipment is no longer in use. Mr. Westerlund noted that it is equipment such as old meters, old air conditioners, etc.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve surplus, and advertisement to bid for scrap, Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Public Utilities unused vehicles and equipment that is no longer in use. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to direct staff to surplus and remove from Town inventory certain unused office furniture and authorize donation of same to certain governmental entity.

Joe Westerlund explained that the office furniture was passed down to the Town from Nye County. He noted that the Nye County School District wants about 70% of the furniture and are able to pick it up the following day if the donation is approved by the Board. Board Member Mike Sain asked what will happen to the items they do not want. Mr. Westerlund stated that the Town will either use it, give it away or have it scrapped.

Jerry Elliston motioned to direct staff to surplus and remove from Town inventory certain unused office furniture and authorize donation of same to certain governmental entity. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve amendments to the Town of Tonopah business license application and points calculation form.

Kat Galli explained that she placed this item on the agenda because she noticed over the years that certain areas of the application always bring the same questions from applicants and that she has to explain the payment options to the applicants. She added that she might find out in the future that these changes are not sufficient but she hopes that this will make it more convenient for everybody. She pointed out that she added the section of the Town Ordinance that refers to the applicability of other laws. Ms. Galli explained that she informs applicants of these laws and checks most certifications, but she wants to ensure applicants know it is their responsibility to comply with all laws, whether this is checks by the Town Office or not. Duane Downing asked if this is to

make the process easier for everyone which Ms. Galli confirmed. She stressed that the reason she placed this on the agenda at this point is that an applicant made the incorrect payment twice despite the form and additional information from Ms. Galli. She noted that she anticipates that one day, all applications will be going through the State website.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve amendments to the Town of Tonopah business license application and points calculation form. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the date, time and location for the second Town Board Meeting in November and December of 2017.

Duane Downing suggested changing the November 22, 2017 meeting time to 6 p.m. and not changing the December meeting until the next meeting as the items will be agendized differently.

Jerry Elliston motioned to change the date and time of the second Town Board meeting in November to November 22 at 6 p.m. and table the decision on the December meeting. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0

12. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Staff Reports:

- a) Town Administration:
 - Town Collections for the Month of August 2017
 - 5/8ths Room Tax Grants FY 17/18
- b) Convention Center:
 - Usage for the Month of August 2017
 - Carpet/hard floor installation
 - AC Unit
 - Bathroom renovations
 - AV System, additional installations
- c) Tonopah Historic Mining Park:
- d) Tourism/Events:
 - Visitor Center at Pocket Park: bid opening on October 13, 2017
 - Grant applications being submitted to TravelNevada (due on September 29, 2017)
 - Starry Nights Arts Festival
 - New camera
 - Cemetery brochure
 - Great Basin Astronomical Festival
 - Nevada Museums Association Conference in October
 - Nevada Arts Council Conference in November
- e) Pool:
 - Advertising
 - Closed
- f) Parks:
 - Shade structures at Sportsman's Park
 - Signage for Stargazing Park

- g) Rodeo Grounds:
- h) Joe Friel Sports Complex:
- i) Tonopah Public Utilities: • System update

Kat Galli noted that Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard apologizes for not attending. Ms. Bombard is not feeling well.

Joe Westerlund stated that the signage arrived for the Stargazing Park and the park will have coordinates available for users.

Mr. Westerlund stated that the hard flooring at the Convention Center will be replaced soon. The carpet will be replaced afterwards. He added that FORD AV changed out the projector in the blue room as it was not functioning properly. Bishop Heating checked the AC system the day before. They hope they can fix the problem for good. Mike Sain asked how old the air conditioners are. Mr. Westerlund clarified that the ones in the main room are about three years old, but the ones on the backside of the building are about 15 years old and are not efficient.

Duane Downing asked when the bids for the Visitor Center will be opened. Kat Galli stated that they will be opened on October 13th.

Roni Link inquired whether the Town can pursue getting a bathroom for the visitor center. Joe Westerlund pointed out that the intent is not for visitors to hang out at Pocket Park, but to find out what Tonopah has to offer and to visit different businesses and attractions. Jerry Elliston stated that he is impressed with the plans by APTUS. Mike Sain inquired how the new visitor center would be linked to the Silver Trails visitor center. Joe Westerlund clarified that the territory had suggested donating it to the Town at one point. Duane Downing stressed that the cost to move the building would be very high and he does not think it would be a good idea. Mr. Westerlund added that the new building's look will complement the look of the Fire Station. Kat Galli pointed out that it will benefit the Town to have two visitor centers. She emphasized that the territory supports advertising the Town's sights.

Mr. Westerlund noted that the shade structures at Sportsman's Park will be set up the following week. He pointed out that staff has not started searching for the leak at the Rodeo Grounds yet, but he hopes to get it done the following month.

Duane Downing asked Mr. Westerlund how the Town/TPU are doing personnel wise. Mr. Westerlund stated that he has enough staff members on the TPU side. Mr. Downing emphasized that management needs to let the Board know if there is a need.

Jerry Elliston noted that he likes written staff reports.

Joe Westerlund pointed out that there was a water leak due to the digging that was conducted to put in high speed internet. He explained that everything was fixed and the company that caused the leak paid for everything.

Roni Link stated that she visited Liberty Park recently and had a great time. She pointed out that it is very toddler-friendly.

Kat Galli asked if there were any questions regarding Ms. Bombard's items. Duane Downing asked if she received the camera which Ms. Galli confirmed. She pointed out that Ms. Bombard has been writing multiple grants. Ms. Westerlund added that Ms. Bombard attended a stargazing convention.

Duane Downing asked if the pool is winterized yet. Mr. Westerlund stated that everything is winterized and it is closed for the year. There is only a little maintenance left to do.

13. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, September 19, 2017
E-mail from Nevada Department of Transportation re: One Nevada Transportation Plan,
September 15, 2017

Northern Nye County Hospital District Meeting Agenda, September 21, 2017
Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, September 25, 2017
Kinross News Release, September 2017

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, September 26, 2017
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary, September 19, 2017
Letter from the Bureau of Land Management re: Environmental Assessment,
September 20, 2017

Letter from Kinross re: public meeting, September 2017
Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of August 2017, Collected September 2017
Room Tax Grant Project Completion Report: Tonopah Smackdown 2017, July 27, 2017

Kat Galli noted that the final report from the summer rodeo was submitted. She explained that she could not reimburse the applicant for the full amount according to the guidelines. Jerry Elliston asked if the applicant was okay with this decision. Ms. Galli clarified that the applicant disagreed, but that she informed him he would have to bring this matter before the Town Board.

Mr. Elliston pointed out that the Kinross public meeting will be held October 18th. Some of the Board Members voiced that they plan on attending. Ms. Galli stated that she will post a notice of possible quorum.

14. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

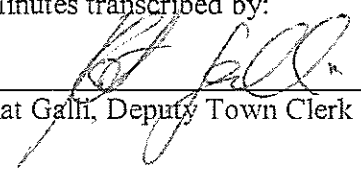
15. Public Comment

Horace Carlyle voiced concerns about Nye County renegotiating the contract with Renown. He thinks the deficit is not included in this contract. He pointed out that he supports the clinic and that Renown is coming to the next hospital district meeting about paramedic care. He stressed that the rumor that the hospital can reopen with the drop of a hat is false. Roni Link added that she would like to make sure everyone is aware that next hospital district meeting will be held on October 18th at 7 p.m. at the Board of County Commissioners chambers.

16. Adjourn

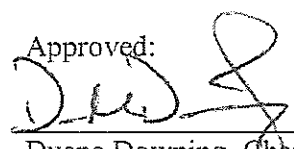
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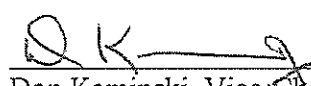


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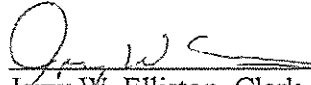
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Duane Downing, Chairman



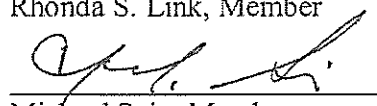
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Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the public workshop to order on November 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Thirty-four others were in attendance. Chairman Duane Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comment

Jay Silas, President of Tonopah Speedway, stated that they did not have the help from the Tonopah ambulance service this year like in prior years and that they had more help from Esmeralda. He added that he is hoping for solutions.

2. Discussion and deliberation regarding emergency services in the Town of Tonopah.

Chairman Duane Downing stated that the workshop was scheduled the week before in order to discuss what is going on with the local ambulance service. He added that he has done some research since then and has found that there is not a lot the Town of Tonopah can do. He emphasized that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is provided through Nye County and therefore is a County issue. Chairman Downing pointed out that Tonopah has not been without service as the County paid a staffed ambulance through REMSA for two weeks. He noted that he is not sure what will happen after those two weeks as it is Nye County, not the Town, who is in charge of the ambulance services.

Chairman Downing asked Assistant County Manager Lorina Dellinger to answer some questions. He pointed out that the Town was blindsided by this. EMS Volunteer Dawn Gudmunson stated that she has been asking for help for a long time. She pointed out that two EMS staff members are gone which is why she sent the e-mail the week before. She added that EMS Director Vance Payne had contacted her to find out when the last day would be that there would be enough volunteers to run the ambulance service. Ms. Gudmunson stressed that the scheduling has been a problem for a long time and that they usually could not even schedule more than a day or two in advance due to the lack of volunteers. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked why the ambulance is run by volunteers when it is a service that is under Nye County. Ms. Gudmunson clarified that EMS employee Mike Klein is a training officer who has been utilized as an EMT because they did not have enough people. She stressed that EMS is a Nye County service, but volunteers do the runs.

Don Kaminski asked if REMSA was providing its own staff which Lorina Dellinger confirmed. Ms. Dellinger explained that Nye County was notified of the lack of volunteers on November 7th and came to an agreement with REMSA on Monday, November 13th. She added that this was within the authority of the County Manager and within the budget. She pointed out that REMSA brought their own staff and ambulances as they are not familiar with Nye County protocols or licensed on the County

ambulances. She emphasized that the first priority was to get a guaranteed service while the team is down.

Don Kaminski noted that he saw an e-mail chain that was telling another ambulance service that they are no longer needed and to turn their equipment in. Ms. Dellinger stated that she is not aware of that e-mail. Dawn Gudmunson clarified that EMS Director Vance Payne had e-mailed Flying ICU to turn in all Nye County equipment and to not respond to any Nye County calls. Vice-Chairman Kaminski asked why anyone would turn away another service that is here to help. Ms. Dellinger explained that this is only for the period between November 13th and 27th as the County did not work in any integration into the contract with REMSA. Chairman Downing pointed out that Flying ICU has been helping with calls to supplement the ambulance. Ms. Gudmunson added that they can provide a higher level of care and have been very helpful. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked how many crews REMSA is providing. Ms. Dellinger clarified that there are two paramedics on one crew. She stressed that these were unforeseen circumstances and that the County wanted to make sure there is a service. Mr. Elliston asked why Nye County would not want to have a secondary team. Ms. Dellinger emphasized that this is only a temporary solution. Chairman Downing asked what the plan was going forward. Ms. Dellinger answered that the County is working on a plan and is putting classes on as soon as possible. She added that the long-term goal is to be sustainable with what the Northern Nye County Hospital District is working on. Mr. Downing inquired whether the County has considered hiring a full-time staff member. He added that he has seen the numbers and thinks it is doable. Ms. Dellinger noted that this cannot be sustained on the budget to have a staff member for all communities. Mr. Downing stressed that he is only interested in Tonopah.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that she and Utility Manager Joe Westerlund have been talking about this matter, as well as with Ms. Dellinger. She pointed out that the Town could help out financially up to a certain amount the way the Town Board has agreed to pay expenses for the Senior Center and Central Nevada Museum (both Nye County entities). The County would have to provide the Town with invoices to be reimbursed by the Town. She added that this can be done within the Town budget.

Jerry Elliston stressed that the Tonopah ambulance service does over 400 runs a year, more than any other entity.

Chris Mulkerns showed an overview of revenues and expenses for Nye County EMS (see backup) and noted that while they are currently in the black, it will not be sustainable going forward. She pointed out that the only paid EMS employee is Mike Klein. She stressed that there is not enough money in the current budget to pay another employee.

Board Member and EMS volunteer Roni Link stressed that Tonopah is not the only community that lacks volunteers. She pointed out that they had 41 people sign up for classes in January and February after Ms. Gudmunson's plea for help. She explained that usually only a third passes the classes. Ms. Gudmunson added that 24 people have seen

the training schedule and have signed up for the classes. She noted that volunteers can be drivers which requires different training, only about one day; EMR's can help on scene but cannot be on the ambulance; EMT's can help on scene and in the ambulance. Volunteers need to pass a drug screening, background check, and DMV check. She pointed out that it usually takes about 3.5 months to go through the class, then about a month for paperwork, then they need to go on runs with experienced volunteers before they can go on runs alone. She emphasized that they are probably nine months away until they can utilize the new volunteers.

Duane Downing stated that he supports having paid staff. He stressed that volunteers are great, but thinks they are overworked and not everyone has supportive employers. Lorina Dellinger noted that having a paid position is an excellent solution if Nye County and the Town of Tonopah can collaborate on the funding. Mr. Downing said that he would appreciate the County working with the Town on having a paid position.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund asked whether there was a backup plan to continue the contract with REMSA after November 27th if the situation is still the same. Ms. Dellinger stressed that the County does not want to wait until the last minute and is trying to set up a timeline with the volunteers and REMSA. She added that it might be a possibility to have an EMT work with the volunteers. Board Member Roni Link asked if the agreement is extendable which Ms. Dellinger confirmed.

Clerk Jerry Elliston thanked Ms. Dellinger for attending the meeting and answering questions. He stated that he is frustrated that Nye County did not talk to anybody until the last minute and that there was no communication with the community.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if REMSA was the only entity that was willing to help. Ms. Dellinger clarified that Nye County reached out to them as they know the area. Mr. Kaminski asked why Flying ICU was not involved and who made the decision to contact REMSA. Ms. Dellinger stated that she was not sure who did, but that she assumes it was Vance Payne. Mr. Kaminski pointed out that he is afraid volunteers will be driven out because they are told they are not needed.

Mr. Kaminski asked Ms. Gudmunson what volunteers are being paid for ambulance runs. Ms. Gudmunson clarified that volunteers get a stipend of \$20 per run with an additional \$10 bonus if the run is over 20 miles. Volunteers generally receive \$30 for a 6-hour run. She added that she does not see how one paid staff member would help the situation. Mr. Kaminski stressed that if Tonopah had a hospital, this would not be a problem. Mr. Elliston asked who pays the stipend. Ms. Gudmunson clarified that it is paid by Nye County and that the volunteers have to pay taxes on this. She added that it is very difficult to volunteer when you have a full-time job. Most small business employers cannot allow their employees to go on such long runs, even if it is required to allow it by NRS. Lorina Dellinger stressed that Nye County has been working with the volunteers on a solution and that she is confident that they feel okay with the temporary solution, but that a long-term one is needed.

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated that the lack of volunteers was announced to the community over a year ago by EMS Director Vance Payne and Commissioner Lorinda Wichman. He added that the Town supported the creation of the Northern Nye County Hospital District and gave up a portion of their tax revenue for it. He pointed out that the District is currently negotiating with REMSA/Renown. He asked how the Town can collaborate with Nye County and the Hospital District to fund emergency services. He suggested an additional property tax like for the Water District as a long-term solution. He noted that there needs to be solution for the meantime. Mr. Carlyle proposed the Town Board and staff to meet with Vance Payne to work on a more effective solution. He stressed that the long-distance transportation has to be eliminated and that there will have to be more flights. He pointed out that REMSA will be able to assess who has to be transported. He added that as there is not an emergency room in Tonopah, it has to be prioritized who gets transported.

Donna Miller, introduced herself. She noted that she used to be the owner of Lifeguard International, known as Flying ICU. She explained that she sold the company and it is therefore under different ownership. Ms. Miller stated that when the hospital closed, Flying ICU made the decision to stay in Tonopah to help the community. She added that they allowed their paramedics to respond to calls in Tonopah. They helped on the ground and by flying patients out. She stressed that they have made a lot of suggestions to Nye County over the years about possible solutions, but were repeatedly turned down. Ms. Miller emphasized that they even presented a plan when they heard the ambulance service would not be able to run, but they were turned down again. She explained that the long-term plan was to cooperate with the volunteers or even hire volunteers and train them. They would continue to maintain a paramedic in Tonopah and could respond to advance level care calls. Ms. Miller explained that they have been in contact with Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas to take patients from Tonopah faster so the crew can turn around faster. There is also a nurse line available to call. Ms. Miller emphasized that this is not a cheap proposition as they have to have staff, housing, etc., but it is also not as expensive as said earlier. She added that the proposal includes a multitude of partners.

Roni Link thanked Ms. Miller and her team for supporting the community. She stressed that their crews are awesome and are not thanked enough. The audience applauded. Ms. Link stressed that the community needs an emergency room. She asked Ms. Miller if her proposal would encompass that. Ms. Miller agreed that it is an ER that is needed and noted that they might be able to facilitate that.

Duane Downing asked Ms. Miller if Nye County did not ask for their help. Ms. Miller clarified that she heard about the challenges from Fire Chief Elliott, not from EMS Director Vance Payne. She added that they used to have a mutual aid agreement with Nye County, but that was withdrawn by the County. She noted that they still have a mutual aid agreement with Esmeralda County. Mr. Downing stated that he wishes he could help with this but stressed that the Town has no say in this matter. He suggested Ms. Miller attend a Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting to voice her concerns. Jerry Elliston asked Ms. Miller how many times she has done so already. Ms. Miller noted that she has

attended and spoke at BOCC meetings many times. She stressed that their goal was to help the community and stay out of the politics. She added that they are able to provide more help than before due to the new ownership. Roni Link explained that she is also a member of the Hospital District Board and stressed that this Board is working in conjunction with Nye County and REMSA on a solution. She emphasized that it is a challenging situation. Ms. Miller suggested the County putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) so that organizations can turn in their proposals.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund asked Ms. Miller whether their plane is currently in Tonopah. Ms. Miller clarified that the plane has not been in Tonopah for about a year, but that they have a paramedic in Town so that the paramedic can take care of the patient while the plane is being dispatched. It takes about an hour and a half for the plane to arrive in Tonopah. Carl Bottorf, Chief Nurse with Flying ICU, stated that he is disappointed about what Nye County has done. He added that he believes Nye County is a County with planners who do not have a plan. He pointed out that the numbers speak for themselves. Mr. Bottorf clarified that their paramedics work directly with the volunteers in Town. He emphasized that when the volunteers were understaffed, he has given his paramedics permission to go on the ambulance ride to Bishop or Hawthorne with them. Mr. Bottorf stated that he is returning the County radio equipment because they have demanded it back. He added that they will have to figure out how to move forward and continue to help and honor their mutual aid agreements. Ms. Miller noted that they had developed a plan with the Nye County volunteers and Esmeralda County so that Flying ICU was only called when an advance level of care was needed. Roni Link pointed out that Flying ICU has a "QRV" which is a quick response vehicle. She explained that there have been a lot of times where the QRV has come to their calls and has helped out.

Duane Downing asked Assistant County Manager Lorina Dellinger to look into whether there was any reason why Flying ICU was not included in negotiating solutions and why EMS staff would say they do not need them.

Mr. Bottorf noted that he is curious to know how much the County is paying REMSA. Ms. Dellinger pointed out that Mr. Bottorf can request a copy of the contract. She added that the contract is not to exceed \$50,000.

Roni Link pointed out that when Flying ICU responds to a call along with the volunteers, they do not get paid. Donna Miller clarified that they offered Nye County the opportunity to charge the patients the higher level of care. Flying ICU does not charge Nye County for their services.

Mathew Kirkland stated that he is the Esmeralda County DEM (Department of Emergency Management) Coordinator, but is also a concerned citizen of Tonopah. He noted that Flying ICU has been outstanding in this community and has saved lives. He added that he believes EMS Director Vance Payne has an issue with Flying ICU. He stressed that he does not understand why a free service is turned down. Mr. Kirkland

suggested the Town get on the BOCC agenda and request to be told why Flying ICU is being turned down by the EMS Director. He emphasized that Flying ICU supported the community without asking for anything, but they have been thrown under the bus. Mr. Kirkland questioned how REMSA was contracted without going out to bid, even in an emergency situation. He pointed out that Flying ICU has a contract with Esmeralda County and that they will continue using them. Mr. Kirkland emphasized that he as the DEM Coordinator was never notified by Nye County that the ambulance service in Tonopah was crashing. He added that they later heard that Esmeralda County would be called as the secondary ambulance. He pointed out that Goldfield only has a crew of 4 to 6 people. Mr. Kirkland stated that he is disappointed that Nye County did not contact Esmeralda County to seek a solution. Roni Link explained that Nye County has mutual aid agreements with Goldfield, Round Mountain, and Silver Peak. If additional help is needed, they contact these entities. Ms. Link stressed that if Goldfield is the secondary ambulance, it takes an additional 30 minutes to have a response. Don Kaminski asked if Esmeralda County has an agreement with Flying ICU which Mr. Kirkland confirmed. Mr. Kirkland clarified that Flying ICU does not get paid for their aid. He added that he thinks there is a group of people in Nye County that does not like Flying ICU. Mr. Kirkland asked why the Hospital District money is not used to open an emergency room. Ms. Link clarified that a lot of negotiations have taken place before the Hospital District Board was formed. Mr. Kirkland stressed that this needs to be a group effort with all entities involved. He pointed out that the Tonopah Fire Department has spent a lot of money to set up the rescue truck to help, but they cannot use it because it is not licensed. He noted that Mr. Payne said a year ago that they were going to license it, but it still has not happened. Jerry Elliston asked Mr. Kirkland if Nye County contacted him when they became aware of the situation. Mr. Kirkland clarified that the Sheriff who is in charge was not contacted.

Don Kaminski asked Ms. Miller if they are licensed to operate in Tonopah if they had the support of the Town which Ms. Miller confirmed. Mr. Kaminski stated that he heard only Nye County can authorize another ambulance service to run in the County. Ms. Miller stressed that they have a state license to practice. Mr. Elliston asked how long it would take Flying ICU to get an ambulance to Tonopah. Mr. Bottorf stated that it would take them about 3.5 hours and they could do it for less than \$50,000.

Horace Carlyle pointed out that public comment during BOCC meetings will only be transcribed if the person asks to be included in the minutes. He added that more public participation is needed so the complaints are public record forever.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski stressed that there is a problem and a certain name that keeps coming up. She added that there was an incident when someone had to fight with EMS personnel to be flown out by Flying ICU because they had a membership but staff wanted them to be flown with REMSA. She stated that the public needs to ask why Nye County keeps pushing for REMSA and a part-time clinic when Tonopah really needs an emergency room.

Tonopah resident Kirk Greber stated that he is disturbed that Nye County has not considered Flying ICU and that he feels that something shady is going on. He added that he has lived in Tonopah for 33 years and usually does not like the political arena. He pointed out that he does not have a good feeling about what is going on.

Chairman Duane Downing emphasized that the Town Board looks out for the welfare of the Town and that they will attempt to put an item on the BOCC agenda. He noted that if the Town Board gets answers, they will make them public.

April Ramirez stated that she has been a volunteer with the Tonopah Fire Department for a while and recently her son had to be transported due to an injury. She pointed out that she was billed for Flying ICU being on the ambulance, yet Flying ICU does not receive any of the money from the Nye County billing. Ms. Ramirez stressed that the reason why volunteers for the Fire Department are lost is because they are run off by Vance Payne and Mike Klein. Mr. Downing asked for clarification on the billing. Ms. Ramirez stated that she had to fight to have her son transported on ground and was billed \$7,000 for the transport by Nye County due to the higher level of care provided by Flying ICU.

Fire Chief Robert Elliott stated that Flying ICU has supported the community for many years. He emphasized that they "had our backs" when the hospital closed. He pointed out that Simons Ambulance was briefly in Tonopah, but walked away. Mr. Elliott added that when this happened, EMS paid part-timers to come to Tonopah from Pahrump, etc. to run on the Tonopah ambulance service. He noted that it is his opinion that a lot of the issues are personality issues and some of them are administrative issues. He stated that he has been a volunteer for 34 years and pointed out that they have lost a lot of good people because of the attitude of EMS administration. Roni Link asked what it would take to bring these volunteers back. Chief Elliott suggested Ms. Link talked to the volunteers but speculated that they would probably come back if "that person went away". He stated that he believes the expenditures presented for EMS are askew because ambulances were paid to come from other entities.

3. Discussion and deliberation regarding garbage collection services in the Town of Tonopah.

Chairman Duane Downing explained that this item was brought up because of the lack of trash service over the last month or two.

Mathew Kirkland stated that he thinks Hoss Disposal needs to go away. Mr. Downing asked him what his solution would be to which Mr. Kirkland replied that he thinks the Town should put the contract out for bid. Chairman Downing clarified that per franchise agreement, Hoss Disposal would have to be put on notice that they are in violation of the agreement and they would have 30 days to rectify the situation. He stressed that they are currently working and picking up trash. Mr. Kirkland emphasized that the trash service has been a problem for years, not just recently. He suggested the Board find out what

other entities might be interested. He added that he is afraid of what will happen if they fix the problem within the 30 days, but then problems start again afterwards.

Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that the Board needs to make sure Hoss Disposal credits everyone when they do not pick up the garbage. Board Member Roni Link pointed out that Hoss Disposal has been telling customers that they will drop them because they complain too much.

Christie Amato explained that the driver John was gone for 25 days and that it was not his fault that Hoss Disposal did not send a replacement. She added that John's current partner is getting CDL-licensed. Ms. Amato stressed that they take pride in their jobs and that she hopes they can continue to do their job. She stated that they have had problems with the garbage truck because it takes a long time to have it fixed when it breaks down. Ms. Link asked if a new truck has been sent to Tonopah which Ms. Amato denied. Chairman Downing pointed out that Hoss Disposal told the Board they would send a new truck. Ms. Amato noted that she does not think the office staff was rude to anybody. Mr. Downing stated that he did a test call and was told that if he wants to complain, they will cut his service off. Ms. Amato pointed out that she hopes they can put a business proposal together if the franchise agreement is terminated.

Chairman Downing pointed out that Town staff is cleaning up where trash was blown.

Chairman Downing noted that an action item will be placed on the agenda for the next week so that the Board can make a decision at that time. Clerk Elliston asked what the process is. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns clarified that, at the end of the 30 days, the Board can decide whether Hoss Disposal has cured the problem. If the Board finds they have cured it and then there is a problem again, the process starts all over again.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the franchise agreement renews every 5 years and that the Board could decide not to renew it in 2020.

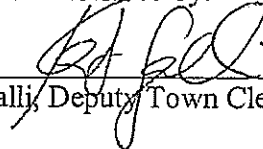
4. Public Comment

None.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

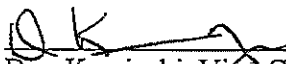
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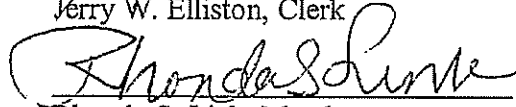
Duane Downing, Chairman



Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman



Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member

Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on November 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Member Mike Sain. Board Member Roni Link was absent. Two others were in attendance. Chairman Duane Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:28 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

None.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 25, 2017.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 25, 2017. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 8, 2017.

This item was tabled.

5. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the public workshop held November 16, 2017.

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to send Notice of Default to Hoss Disposal pursuant to Section 12 of Franchise Agreement with Town of Tonopah.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that this item was placed on the agenda as a result of the discussions that were had at the public workshop on November 16, 2017. She added that, per Franchise Agreement, the Town has to send a Notice of Default via certified mail notifying them that the Town finds them in default due to the lack of consistent service. Per Agreement, Hoss Disposal has 30 days from receipt of the letter to cure the default. After 30 days, the Town would have this item back on an agenda to either terminate the Agreement or to continue it.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked what the letter to Hoss Disposal will say. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that it will notify them that the Town finds them in default due to the continued lack of consistent service for both commercial and residential customers in Tonopah. Mr. Elliston stated that he believes that it is not proper to bill the community for a service that they are not providing. He added that he thinks that the letter should ask them to automatically not bill Tonopah customers for the period that their trash was not picked up. He stressed that if Hoss Disposal is not collecting revenue, they might fix the problems faster. He emphasized that he is of the opinion that if they cannot implement a process where they do not bill customers for the weeks they did not provide service, the Town should not continue the Agreement with them. He pointed out that he thinks it is illegal to bill someone for a service they know they are not providing. Chairman Duane Downing noted that he thinks the billing issues should be separate from the Notice as they are not part of the Agreement. Ms. Mulkerns suggested drafting a new Franchise Agreement with an attorney to include such matters and to have whoever will have the Agreement with the Town sign the new Agreement. Mike Sain added that something is needed to protect the Town and the customers. He pointed out that he knows that Hoss Disposal does not accept certified letters and they are returned to the sender. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski noted that the Town might have to pay the Sheriff's Office to hand-deliver the letter. Mr. Elliston emphasized that he feels it is not right that Hoss Disposal staff tells Tonopah customers they will be dropped from their service if they complain. He added that he thinks the Agreement should be dropped if they treat customers that way. Jess Rosner of the NyE Communities Coalition pointed out that when he called them twice trying to help them find drivers as the Coalition has a job board and training opportunities, they did not return any of his calls.

Don Kaminski motioned to send Notice of Default to Hoss Disposal pursuant to Section 12 of the Franchise Agreement with the Town of Tonopah. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to award bid for Tonopah Visitor Center Project: Authorize Town Board Chairman to execute the Notice of Award, Agreement, and Notice to Proceed.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that staff recommends awarding the bid to Perchetti Roofing & Construction due to the obvious difference in price. She explained that staff met with the contractor and that the reason his bid was so much less is due to the type of contractor's license he has that allows him to hire subcontractors under his license and the fact that he is local, not having to pay for travel time, hotels, etc. She added that the Notice to Proceed is asking them to start on or before December 15th. They have 60 days to complete the project, weather permitting, as long as the Town is notified if they cannot work due to the weather.

Don Kaminski motioned to award bid for the Tonopah Visitor Center Project to Perchetti Roofing & Construction; Authorize Town Board Chairman to execute the Notice of Award, Agreement, and Notice to Proceed. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Staff Reports:

- a) Town Administration:
 - Town Collections for the Month of October 2017
 - 5/8ths Room Tax Grants FY 17/18
 - Tonopah Business License Renewal Update
- b) Convention Center:
 - Usage for the Month of October 2017
 - Carpet/hard floor installation
 - AC Units
 - Bathroom renovations
 - Wainscoting replacement
- c) Tonopah Historic Mining Park:
 - Collections/Visitor Count September 2017
 - Collections/Visitor Count October 2017
- d) Tourism/Events:
 - Past/current/future events (i.e. Ghost Walk, Santa Crawl, etc.)
 - Training/conferences attended by Shari Bombard
 - Tonopah High School Outreach
 - Grant Application for Silver Top Head Frame
 - Visitor Center at Pocket Park
 - Cemetery brochure/Town brochure
 - Tonopah Website
 - NevadaGram
 - Muni Arts Leaders Group
- e) Pool:
 - Closed
- f) Parks:
 - Shade structures at Sportsman's Park
- g) Rodeo Grounds:
- h) Joe Friel Sports Complex:
- i) Tonopah Public Utilities:
 - System Update
 - Radio Meter Read Grant
 - Online Account Access Update

Clerk Jerry Elliston stated that he really likes the written staff reports as they are very interesting. He added that he likes what Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard is doing. He stressed that he believes people do not understand the amount of work she is taking on. He suggested putting that in the newspaper as he feels she is doing amazing work.

9. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary, November 7, 2017
Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda,
November 16, 2017
USDA Free Non-Profit Workshop Flyer, November 15, 2017
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, November 20, 2017
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, November 21, 2017
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, November 28, 2017

10. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Don Kaminski motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Announcements

None.

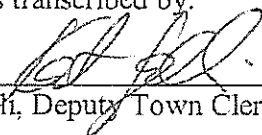
12. Public Comment

None.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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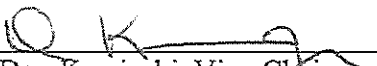


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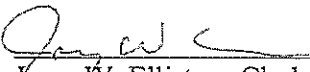
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Duane Downing, Chairman



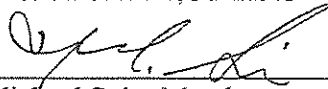
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