

item 8

INFORMATION FOR THE December 6 2017  
TONOPAH TOWN BOARD MEETING

AGENDA ITEM: Request the board to reimburse me for the charges from Tonopah Public Utility - Please see the attached letter for the case.

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

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Please see attached note

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BACKGROUND OF ACTION ITEM REQUESTED:

See attached letter

FISCAL IMPACT: \$70,40

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**NOTE: (The days in parentheses are for regular scheduled Town Board meetings which fall on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month)**

In order to facilitate the review and consideration of an agenda item presented to the Tonopah Town Board, please include all documents or any relevant material or information with your request.

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Signature (required)

November 16 2017  
Date

Request taken by: [Signature]

Date: 11/17/17

Tonopah, November 16 2017

Anne Marie Jeay  
317 Ellis Street  
Tonopah. Nevada

to

Chairman Duane Downing  
Tonopah Town Board

Dear Chairman Downing,

I want to fill a complaint about the following facts that occurred during the summer of 2016. I know it's very late but I waited until I got all elements in hand that is only now.

**The facts:** When I came in November 2016 I found with my mail a very surprising huge bill of water. That was abnormal because leaving in June 2016 I asked to have my account and water temporarily closed and it was. I witnessed your employees doing so. The 6/30/2016 gave me a credit of \$ 2.90, I paid it in advance the first days of June with a meter reading of 1053470.

All a sudden with water closed and account closed came a bill of \$ 73.78 with a meter reading of 1053980 that was **510 gallons of water** I was supposed to have used between July 13 and August 15. That meant that someone had open my water access and took this very huge amount of water. Since nobody went to my house and could have done it, **this water was stolen.** But by whom?

By chance, because I didn't paid this bill and its penalties on time you sent a notice of shut-off September 20 and that stopped the increase of the amount that was \$ 81.16. At that date the meter reading was still 1053980, meaning after the initial theft no water had being taken or used.

When I came in November, I was forced to pay being unable to prove I didn't open the meter and used this water. If these facts were right, I felt forced to begin an investigation on what had happened.

**The results of my investigation:** First, I found that **500 gallon was one of the standard sizes for tanks used to water animals on farms.** This number was too precise to be accidental. And my hypothesis went to be: someone filled a tank using the exterior winter valve that is accessible from the roadside. But who could steel water? It's not so expensive to exhibit a such dishonest behavior.

In November and December 2016, I questioned all my close neighbors asking if someone saw anything. **One person living up my street told me that in August there was a contractor cleaning the sewers who tried to steel water from her property** opening an exterior valve and inundating her garden. And this without permission. She stopped him to do so when she heard noise on her premises. That was a first indication of what could have happened on my own property. But it was no proof.

Later, I learned from an old guy riding a moped and crossing often on Ellis Street who I met accidentally in town, that **he saw someone filling a tank in front of my house during summer.** Since I didn't know his name and he was unable to tell when exactly he saw the fact, it was not a sufficient proof but it was matching the first one he didn't know about. But this was not enough to fill my complaint.

**The final word:** Now there is a contractor in town cleaning the sewer and I saw him. A large tank of the matching capacity is used to store the water that is pressurized and sent in the system to clean it. I observed the process carefully. Now **I'm sure that the contractor who cleaned the sewer on my street during August 2016 was the person who opened my water and stole 510 gallons of water leaving the meter open.**

**My complaint is that I want to be reimbursed of the stolen water and its consequences by the culprit.** I ignore if the one working now is the same who worked in August 2016, but in any case **I urge you to ask the one who worked at the said period to reimburse (to you or me) of the \$70.40 I paid by is fault** because he stole my water and unlawfully broke into my property to open the winter valve to get the water.

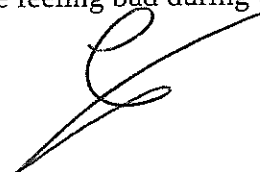
More than a water utility problem, **this is also a trespassing offense** and this is an unacceptable behavior for someone working for the town. You are the Chairman making decisions for the Public Utility, this is your duty to do the police on the hired contractors and take care of what they do and they don't use reckless employees.

I feel being punished twice first by debt and undue payment and second by the shame I felt of being accused of not signaling I opened my water. The second is worst and made me feeling bad during one full year.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards.

Copy of this letter to Joe Westerlund



## NOTE

At the time of the Board meeting I 'll in France. If the Board has any question on the go please send me text message to my french cellphone number that is : **011 336 635 751 68**. ( this number includes the country code and region code). It is the best way to reach me this day, I'll wait for if any question.

For questions before the meeting or answer after it's best to send me an email to: **[laspec@gmail.com](mailto:laspec@gmail.com)**

I'll return to Tonopah not before next May.  
Thank you for your care.