

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2012

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Jon Zane called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. Also present were Horace Carlyle and Duane Downing. Javier Gonzalez and Ron Kipp were absent. There were six other people in attendance.

1. Public Comment

No action taken by the Board.

2(a). Review and approval of minutes from regular meeting held on September 26, 2012.

This item was tabled.

(b). Review and approval of minutes from regular meeting held on October 10, 2012.

This item was tabled.

(c). Review and approval of minutes from special meeting held on October 16, 2012.

This item was tabled.

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library Board of Trustees at 7:38 pm.
The Tonopah Town Board returned at 7:42 pm.

3. Discussion and possible decision relating to Town of Tonopah Personnel Policy, Section 7 – Benefits

Duane Downing noted that this is a direct result of the workshop held previously. There were a lot of ideas tossed out and he feels it would be premature to come to a decision. He feels Town staff should review all of the different ideas on the table and let them come back at the next meeting with a recommendation.

Horace Carlyle feels the Board should be more specific in directing staff for what might be considered. He feels the Board should be very clear in what it is not looking at. James Eason explained that staff would review the minutes and go through every suggestion and determine which sections each recommendation is applicable to. Horace Carlyle suggested that staff include any ideas the Board may have missed.

Duane Downing explained that with PERS, if the individual is a regular employee, not classified under Police/Fire, that employee has to be in PERS for thirty years before they retire or be 65

years old and vested in PERS, at least five years. Jon Zane feels there should be a minimum amount of years an employee should have to serve with the Town. Duane Downing explained that most entities look at ten years. James Eason asked that the Board submit any other suggestions or recommendations to staff at any time.

Horace Carlyle feels the Board needs to be punitive to the current retirees and current employees. He feels that the absolute payment on all benefits has to be capped.

Diane Perchetti wanted to know if the benefits included health, eye, dental, and life insurance. James Eason explained that life insurance is only for active employees. Duane Downing explained that after an employee dies, their designee would be eligible for the money banked up in PERS.

James Eason explained that the Town currently pays \$6,274 annually for benefits. The projection is for it to go up by \$500 next year. One plan on the table would be to cap it at the \$6,274. Anything over that would be split equally between the Town and the employee.

This item was tabled.

4. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

5. Public Comment

Diane Perchetti explained that bricks are being placed on Main Street where the dirt was in front of the bookstore. There has been great cooperation from several different sources, including the hardware store getting the bricks, the Town, Rotary and the prisoners being very creative and artistic. The hope is to inspire more people to look at the sidewalks in a different way and continue on with the creative fixing of the sidewalks. She explained that shop owners were complaining about the dust and they were going to put in cold patch.

No action taken by the Board.

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

James Eason explained that the water project and effluent project are moving along. Tomorrow will be the monthly progress meeting. The water project is moving along rather quickly. The vaults for the effluent are being poured and the pipe is being laid. There was an adjustment on alignment for the effluent but that has been resolved. B & H submitted their insurance to the Town Office today.

James Eason explained that he asked Diane Perchetti and Suzie Lieseke to take a look at Jim Butler Park. The water is a big issue with the parks. The parks were watered a tremendous amount this year trying to spruce everything up and there are still some areas where they look

rough. The Town has the grant and the funding from Elise Salisbury for the exercise equipment. That should be here in December. He asked Mrs. Perchetti to look at how to do the pavers at Jim Butler Park. Diane Perchetti explained that a little more than 1/3 of the park would be brick and the majority of the area does not have grass because there are tree roots and shade. The brick would extend to and beyond the tables and the overhang. Beyond where the picnic tables are, the pavers would stop and the back part of the park would be grass. Because it will be solid brick, the design should be broken up with different designs and different colored bricks. The trees and some of the bushes would remain. She feels the tops of the trees should be trimmed to allow them to fill in in the bottom. James Eason explained that this would eliminate the watering of those areas where nothing is growing. The drip system will still need to stay in for the trees.

Duane Downing wanted to know if staff had heard anything regarding the lighting issue at the entrance to Tonopah Apartments. James Eason explained that the only thing was the grant. Horace Carlyle feels the Board should look at solar lighting to illuminate the area. James Eason explained that the Town pays a per light fee. Jon Zane noted that the Town is paying for lights that are not back up yet. He suggested that since those lights have not been used and it has not been a cost to NV Energy maybe they could light up another area. James Eason explained that NV Energy is getting away from those lights because they make no money from them.

Horace Carlyle explained that he contacted Commissioner Eastley and reminded her of her issues with the Treasurer. She is supposed to be looking into it. He feels the Board should look at approving a letter to the District Attorney asking for a legal opinion on non-reporting of revenue and what can be done about it. He also feels the Board should send a letter to the Commissioners regarding the non-reporting of Town revenue by the Treasurer.

7. 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.

This item was tabled.

8. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues

This item was tabled.

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

This item was tabled.

10. Closure of meeting pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation

This item was tabled.

11. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation

This item was tabled.

12. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in the closed meeting

This item was tabled.

13. Correspondence

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Minutes – 10/09/2012

EM News Flash: NNSS Community's One Voice – 10/15/2012

Nye County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/16/2012

Nye County Airports: September 2012 Status Report – 10/18/2012

Nye County Animal Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/18/2012

Pahrump Town Board Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/23/2012

Round Mountain Town Board Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/23/2012

Beatty Town Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/24/2012

Pahrump Town Board Special Meeting Agenda – 10/25/2012

Nye County Water District Governing Board Regular Meeting Agenda – 10/29/2012

14. Approval of Vouchers for Payment

The vouchers were reviewed and all were signed by Board members. Duane Downing made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion passed 3-0-2 (Javier Gonzalez and Ron Kipp were absent).

15. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

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Approved:

Jon Zane, Chairman

Horace Carlyle, Vice Chairman

Javier Gonzalez, Clerk

Duane Downing, Member

Ronald Kipp, Member