

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order July 23, 2014 at 7:01 p.m. Also present were Duane Downing and Tom Seley. Ron Kipp and Janet Hatch were absent. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were four others in attendance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:36 p.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None.
2. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on July 9, 2014.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on July 9, 2014 as presented. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. **Deliberation, discussion and possible approval/denial of Yesco Maintenance Agreement to maintain and repair the town reader board in the amount of \$325.00 per month plus applicable sales tax, for a term of 60 months beginning the first day of October, 2014.**

Town Manager James Eason explained this is the same agreement they made with Yesco three years ago. They had many problems with the reader board in the beginning but now it works very well. Duane Downing asked if the cost had changed. Mr. Eason explained it is \$50.00 more per month than previously, for the next five years. He also stated that we do not pay sales tax. Yesco comes to Tonopah once or twice a month and when there have been problems with the reader board they have made a special trip out.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the Yesco Maintenance Agreement to maintain and repair the town reader board in the amount of \$325.00 per month for a term of 60 months beginning the first day of October, 2014. Tom Seley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4. **Tonopah Development Corporation**

No action taken by the Board.

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

James Eason stated he has a meeting July 24, 2014 with Andrew the ISO representative. ISO is an insurance organization who will give them a fire rating for insurance purposes. The town of Tonopah currently has a 4 rating, the airport has a 9 rating. A rating of 1 is great; a rating of 9 or

10 has a higher insurance rate. Mr. Eason stated they have been waiting for a year for this review and this is good timing because of the water system updates that have been made. It is a three to six month process and if the rating goes up they have a year to make corrective actions and if the rating goes down it is the same.

Mr. Eason discussed the break in at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. A man jumped the fence, took a couple of items and jumped back over the fence. He was caught by police running down the street with the items and arrested.

The parks are getting cleaned up this week including the Pocket Park for the Tonopah Farmers Market. The maintenance crew will start on the rodeo grounds next week. Alisha Brown has a Trail Challenge at the rodeo grounds in August and the Team Roping Club is eager to get started.

Events coming up in Tonopah are the Tonopah Picnic August 16<sup>th</sup> at Jim Butler Park. The Tonopah Historic Mining Park will be hosting a Civil War reenactment August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. School will begin on August 11<sup>th</sup> however they have not yet set a date for closing the swimming pool.

Mr. Eason explained that last week Chairman Carlyle had been invited to tour with a contractor they had brought in that does line fill in which they basically clean out a line and then insert a plastic sleeve with a special fabric around it they then put heated water or steam in it which heats it up and it creates a new pipe liner inside. This prevents having to tear up streets or going under houses. They are still getting quotes from different contractors.

Mr. Eason explained that he had not heard back from Bonnie Brown and he cannot go into her house without her permission. Mr. Carlyle stated he would like for the town to get her consent for the Town go into the house and get an appraisal of the work that needs to be done. His concern is the longer it takes the more it would cost because of her travel fees such as gas and hotel fees, etc. The incident happened in December of 2013 and he wants to be proactive and show good faith in trying to assist her. Duane Downing stated this should be an agenda item.

Mr. Carlyle asked James Eason if he had heard back from the GSA regarding the vacant buildings the town had looked into obtaining. Mr. Eason stated he had talked to Karen Hoover from the GSA and will be sending them a form. She informed him the buildings can only be used for emergency equipment and not for storage as the Town had wanted.

Mr. Carlyle discussed Slime Wash and said the District Attorney is working on four right-of-ways for patented mining claims that are on the front and if and when that is approved Mr. Fanning is ready to move. Duane Downing stated given the events of the last week it should be a hot topic. Mr. Eason asked Mr. Downing for an update on that. Mr. Downing explained that a vehicle was coming down a dirt path from the other side and the ground was undercut which they couldn't see from the side they were on. Due to the recent rains in the area the earth gave way and the vehicle ended up at the bottom.

Mr. Carlyle asked about the utility report and getting three new VFD's installed if it would be possible to get one more as a back-up? Joe Westerlund explained that if you store them for more than a year they usually don't work. Mr. Carlyle thought if they were getting three then they might be able to get an additional one at a good deal. He also asked how long the radios would last. Joe Westerlund stated he is getting a quote on a new radio system as they have had some issues with the ones they currently have and they are looking ahead to next years budget.

Mr. Eason mentioned the carnival is in town.

Mr. Eason stated the sewer lift station pumps are in. Mr. Carlyle asked what the cost was. Joe Westerlund stated the cost was \$20,000.00 for the whole thing. Mr. Westerlund stated they did a great job.

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

No action taken by the Board.

7. **Closed meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting**

No action taken by the Board.

8. **Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed**

No action taken by the Board.

9. **Correspondence**

- Nye County Planning Department, July 10, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, July 15, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Teleconference, July 16, 2014
- Nye County Water District Governing Board Agenda, July 21, 2014
- Nevada Division of Water Resources, Listening Sessions, August 7, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Workshop, July 23, 2014
- Round Mountain Town Board Agenda, July 22, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, June 27, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, July 1, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, July 15, 2014
- Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, July 16, 2014
- Pahrump Town Board Agenda, July 22, 2014
- Joni Eastley letter, 3 month extension-airport, July 15, 2014

Pahrump Mirror Article, July 17, 2014

Tonopah Public Utilities Report to the Town Board, July 23, 2014

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, July 28, 2014

Mr. Carlyle asked the Board to look at Mr. Kunzi's comments in the Pahrump Mirror article regarding unincorporated town laws.

Mr. Eason discussed the medical marijuana issues on Nye County's agenda. He stated of the applicants one had backed out and the other was denied by Nye County.

10. **Public Comment** None.


11. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motion to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

12. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

  
Arlene Neiderman, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

  
Horace Carlyle, Chairman

Duane Downing, Vice Chairman

  
Ron Kipp, Clerk

  
Janet Hatch, Member

  
Tom Seley, Member