

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2015
TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Tom Seley, Janet Hatch, Duane Downing, and Doug Farinholt. Twenty-one others were in attendance. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:19 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Manual P. Souza Jr., of Souza's Bucking Bulls talked about finally receiving the buckles he had been waiting on. They have T-Shirts and other awards to hand out. So far they have done 16 shows this year. They did not know what to expect from Tonopah because this type of show had not been done in this area for over 20 years. There was a tremendous turn out. The sponsoring companies, the contestants and the crowd really enjoyed it.

A North versus South show theme for next year was announced. Tonopah is the area where North Nevada meets South of Nevada so the show will feature Northern Nevada bull riders riding against the Southern Nevada bull riders. He indicated that he was open to ideas on how to promote this next event to make it even better. He would like to get it promoted sooner because he found in small communities like Tonopah, even though placing an ad in the newspaper, hanging posters everywhere and having the radio advertise, people still do not know of some events going on. He is thinking about distributing flyers in the Post Office Boxes.

He reminded everyone that this is a five year project and read a report that said Souza's Bucking Bulls had partnered with the Town of Tonopah with a twofold goal. Goal one is to resurrect an event that has not been held in Tonopah for over twenty years. The second goal was to use the Smackdown Tour to promote the Town. Before and during the event, Northern Nevada gained knowledge that Tonopah was alive and well. Every participant went home with a T-Shirt announcing it and that it was sponsored by Tonopah. Additionally, all the winning contestants who rode in the bull riding event received a sweatshirt with the same logo and information on it. Also, banners were made and hung and over two hundred hats which all were given out.

He handed out a buckle to a winner that drove an hour and a half to receive it that participated in the event then went on with details about the expenditures and the fundraisers he had accomplished to help the various communities and people in extreme circumstances. He also commended the work that was accomplished on the arena to have it ready for the show.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 14, 2015.

This item was tabled.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve Shaw Engineering's revised scope of work regarding WK Mining – Memorandum of Understanding.

Chris Mulkerns said they are stepping back from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process to review the utility report, thus having the \$20,000 become a Town expense. Horace Carlyle spoke up and indicated that it is a continuation to consolidate an agreement with West Kirkland Mining. Certain processes have to be followed.

Duane Downing motioned to approve Shaw Engineering's revised scope of work regarding WK Mining – Memorandum of Understanding. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action regarding updating certain items of the 2015 Water Master Plan, more specifically, the pumping station design criteria for meeting system demands and allowable pumping times.

Paul Winkelman of Shaw Engineering talked specifically about the Master Plan completed in January, indicating inheritance of some historical criteria that Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) had been using. At the time it probably made sense to use that old criteria with the old products they had at hand.

Today there is essentially a new water system with two new production wells and pipe lines. The four existing wells have been rehabbed with new pumps, and in the process of putting in standby power. The existing Water Master Plan gives a good understanding of how much water is being used. On a historical perspective more is known about the system today than known previously. All the projects that have been completed have been done professionally. The system is more robust and reliable than ever.

It is now necessary to refresh the Board's memory about some of the operational criteria; primarily average day and maximum day demand. Average day is how much water the system uses annually, then divided by 365. The result gives the annual average day demand. Maximum day is the one day out of the year that supplies the highest volume of water.

Then he went on to discussing a couple standards that primarily relate to pumping:

The current TPU standard is that the maximum day demand needs to be supplied assuming the largest well is off line, and the pumps can only run 20 hours a day. He then compared this to the State's standard which has all the pumps running to meet the maximum day demand. The State has another clause that says during an average day TPU has to plan on all the wells meeting that average day demand with the largest well off line. If there is a maximum day and one of the wells goes down, TPU cannot meet that maximum day demand. But TPU can meet the average day demand, which means TPU has to go to their system users and tell them to curtail their water use. On the current TPU standard, if a well goes down on that maximum one day of the year, the customers will never know it.

The other operational standard is how long can the pumps run in a given day. TPU standard says they can only rely on the pumps running 20 hours a day. The State has no restrictions on how long the pumps run. The 20 hour pumping requirement is very unique to TPU. Mr. Winkelman has never experienced a utility using that type of standard before. It is not required by any State or other pumping standards. He indicated that the current standard is overly restrictive. The State's standard may be the other extreme. He asked for some direction from the Board on what will be the appropriate Operational Standard for the Town's system.

Duane Downing replied leaning more toward the conservative, but supporting the customer's needs. What TPU has now is "ultra conservative" and should be revised, but the State's standard is much too extreme, leaving things open to "Murphy's Law" where if things go wrong on the maximum peak day it will require speaking to the large consumption customers to restrict water usage.

Janet Hatch concurred with what Mr. Downing said to have the pumps work 24 hours instead of 20. If the Master Plan is kept as is and stayed at 20 hours, then to meet maximum day criteria there would have to have an additional well, which is out of the question. The 24 hours sounds like a good solution that meets the water usage needs of the future.

Horace Carlyle made a statement toward Joe Westerlund and Shaw Engineering. They have been working on projects with West Kirkland Mining and other possible development. Based on historical data, the system has been on average usage instead of maximum peak. Structuring it at peak right now appears to constrain community development. There is a million dollars worth of infrastructure to be replaced. The issue is who is paying for the new infrastructure. The cost needs to be distributed with moderate growth. How can the system be sized for one or two maximum days a year, thus preventing potential and economic development in the community. There is always a risk. Equipment can fail.

Duane Downing described the maximum day demand. It is the most water pumped in one day. Historically end of June through September are peak months and are very close to maximum day demand. The one day in those months is the peak. Paul Winkelman added by looking at August's data which was a peak month. Peak day was 26 million gallons, divided by 31 days. The system equals less than, on a 30 day average during a peak month, a million gallons a day. The minimum standard that every water system lives by is the one day out of the year that has the highest demand. Every water system by law has to have enough source capacity to handle the one peak day that occurs. Redundancy must be in place to hit that one day with one well off line. There is enough operational, emergency and fire storage available. On the maximum day, if the source capacity does not keep up with it all, the tanks may go a bit further down in their levels, but the next day they will come back up again because the facilities were sized for that big day.

Duane Downing asked Utility Manager Joe Westerlund if he was comfortable with going with the State's standard. Joe Westerlund affirmed and added that the State's standard would work and there is plenty of pumping capacity and storage for growth in the future.

Duane Downing motioned to update the 2015 Water Master Plan pumping station design criteria for meeting the State standards of pumping time demands. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to donate six (6) surplus picnic tables to the Tonopah High School Booster Club.

Booster member Jeff Galli spoke about acquiring the excess tables stored at the Mining Park for the benefit of the Booster Club to use at the schools for events. They have volunteers available to repair the tables if needed.

Duane Downing motioned to donate six picnic tables to the Tonopah High School Booster Club. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve request to adjust water charges in the amount of \$97.35 for TPU Account 15272630.

Horace Carlyle asked Joe Westerlund if he had established any leak in that area. Joe Westerlund replied that water had gone through the meter but none had surfaced anywhere. Out of the fifteen times in the month checking the meter he has not witnessed a leak. Mr. Carlyle went on to say

that based on historical usage and the customer's medical condition he favored not charging the customer.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the request to adjust the water charges in the amount of \$97.35 for TPU Account 15272630, with the consideration that it is a special circumstance and a one-time deal. If the account goes over, this will not be done again. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to open bids received regarding advertisement to surplus and dispose of inventory deemed to be incapacitated or out of service by staff; may also award bid to lowest, qualified bidder.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that one bid was received from Scrap Metal Recycling, LLC, based out of Fernley. The bid was \$50.00 for the 1994 Ford and \$50.00 for the 2004 Ford.

Duane Downing motioned to award the bid to the sole company bidding. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Christy Perry of the Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Historic Mining Park gave an update about the Tonopah Wine Walk and information about future events. Everyone had a wonderful time at the Wine Walk. It was a huge success with proceeds of \$890.74 for the Tourism account. The future event is going to be the Tonopah Santa Crawl, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday December 12. Eight confirmed businesses are participating so far. A Santa Crawl is where participants dress up in festive Christmas costumes, visit local businesses who will provide a delicious morsel to eat and a special warm winter cocktail to drink. There will be glass mugs that say Tonopah Santa Crawl on them. Pre-sale tickets are available at the Mining Park for \$15.00. There will be an after-party at the Mizpah Hotel.

Movie nights continue to sell out at the Mining Park. The last movie "Hocus Pocus" was over sold with three tickets. The next movie night playing "Wizard of Oz" is going to be postponed until November 6 due to an illness. Tickets currently are on sale. Christy Perry is communicating with the Mizpah Hotel about setting up a dinner and movie night for adults.

Chris Mulkerns stated National Nine has paid up all of its back taxes. They also learned that payment was necessary every month to keep up with the taxes.

Joni Eastley brought up how gross revenues for the motels/hotels was high for September, \$660,000.00, it even surpassed Pahrump, which is exciting. Rooms stay filled up even when there are no conventions or events.

Horace Carlyle referred to the correspondence and indicated they received a great comment on the Central Nevada Historical Society from a tourist about how Allen Metscher went the extra mile.

Duane Downing replied that the Conservation Camp crews came and white washed the Tonopah Mining Park sign on the mountain. It looks really good. Next time the crews will go up and finish it with paint.

Joe Westerlund said because of heavy rains they had a flooding problem around Mr. Puckett's property. The many previous storms slowly filled up the ditch that was redirecting water elsewhere. The crews deepened the ditches then placed timbers to divert the water so his yard would not flood.

Tom Seley spoke about how the Conservation Camp crews were out at the corral area cleaning it up. They did a nice job. Joe Westerlund added that something cancelled for them so there were four crews available cleaning and repairing around the courthouse, the trails at the Mining Park and other places. The crews have done great work.

9. 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.

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No action taken by the Board.

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

No action taken by the Board.

12. Correspondence

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, October 20, 2015

Letter from Louise Doherty to Nevada Magazine

Project Completion Report, Central Nevada Racing, Tonopah Speedway, October 13, 2015

Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, October 26, 2015

Round Mountain Town Board Regular Meeting Agenda, October 27, 2015

Update Report for Tonopah Wine Walk, October, 2015

Tonopah Room Tax Report, September, 2015

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, November 3, 2015

Nye County Planning Department Report, October 27, 2015

Nye County Airports October Status Report, October 27, 2015

United States Department of the Interior, BLM letter, October 19, 2015

Town of Tonopah letter to BLM, Re: Proposed Three Hills Mine Project, October 27, 2015

13. Approval of vouchers for Payment.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Public Comment

Manual Souza spoke up and showed what the banner looked like that was hanging in multiple spots at the Nevada Fair and other events. It has the dates on it for the rodeo event occurring next year. He then thanked everyone for their trust and support.

15. Adjourn

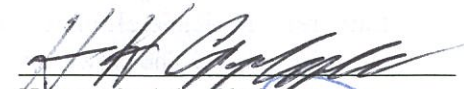
The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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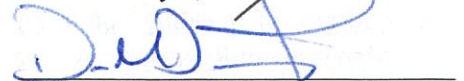


Marlena Dufour, Deputy Town Clerk


Approved:



Horace Carlyle, Chairman




Duane Downing, Vice-Chairman



Tom Seley, Clerk



Janet Hatch, Member



Doug Farinholt, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
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1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes. in context. from the regular meeting held October 14, 2015.

This item was tabled.

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

Horace Carlyle mentioned the renovation of the Historical Library was still progressing. The Conservation Crew was there today stripping the wood, painting and cleaning up. It is slowly becoming an optional community center for education and Library use. Tom Seley added that there are a lot of improvements happening; they are removing the plywood screen door from the original entrance and taking some of that wood apart. The crews have done a great job painting.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Approval of vouchers for payment

Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Horace Carlyle seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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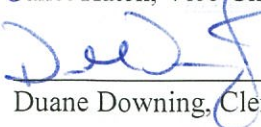
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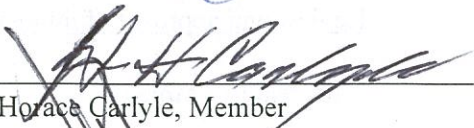
Tom Seley, Chairman



Janet Hatch, Vice-Chairman



Duane Downing, Clerk



Horace Carlyle, Member



Doug Farinholt, Member