

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2015  
TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER  
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order August 12, 2015 at 6:12 p.m. Also present were Tom Seley, Janet Hatch, Duane Downing, and Doug Farinholt. Twenty others were in attendance. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Duane Downing had to leave the meeting at 7:52 due to work.

The Town Board recessed to the Workshop at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:37 p.m.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 8:01 p.m.

The order of the items was changed to accommodate attendees traveling from out of Town for the meeting.

1. Public Comment

None.

Timed item: Workshop: Review and discussion of the West Kirkland Mining water project.

- **Presentation by engineer Paul Winkelman**

Paul Winkelman introduced himself and noted that he has provided everyone in attendance with copies of his presentation (see backup). He asked to save questions to the end of his presentation.

Remarks noted under the listed pages are comments made by Mr. Winkelman that were not included in the printed presentation.

Page 3 Water Master Plan, average day, maximum day:

Paul Winkelman explained that the Water Master Plan evaluates current and projected flow. Administrative Supervisor Chris Mulkerns noted that Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) currently has about 1,300 customers.

Page 4: West Kirkland requested water service:

Paul Winkelman noted that West Kirkland Mining (WKM) had requested water service and that different gallons per minute (GPM) scenarios were evaluated. He added that WKM said they can make their project work with 500 GPM.

Page 5: Figure 1:

Paul Winkelman explained that the proposed point of connection for WKM is across from the Chevron gas station. He noted that everything upstream from that point on is TPU's responsibility and everything downstream from that point is on WKM. He stressed that WKM is responsible from taking water to their project.

Page 6: TPU + West Kirkland estimated water usage:

Paul Winkelman pointed out that WKM only wants water service for 10 years and that the master plan looks at the projected water usage for the next 20 years. He noted that he calculated how many more customers TPU might have in the next 10 years which allows for 548 additional ERU's besides the ones for WKM.

Page 7: Water capacity study looked at the following infrastructure:

Paul Winkelman explained that this has been evaluated in the master plan, but had to be reevaluated as the daily flow would be doubling with WKM.

Page 8: Does the existing water infrastructure have the capacity to meet the mine's water needs?

Paul Winkelman stated that the infrastructure does not have the capacity and that this fact was not a surprise. He noted that the question is what needs to be done to meet the demands of WKM.

Page 9: Wellfield capacity:

Paul Winkelman emphasized that TPU is pumping substantially below the water rights. He added that TPU does have the aquifer capacity as they do not even pump half of what they are allowed to. He stressed that based on the testing of the well pumps, TPU does not have enough capacity to meet the demand with WKM.

Page 12: State standard:

Paul Winkelman pointed out that if the Board wants to go with the State standard, TPU would not have to drill a new well, but they would have to reequip the existing wells.

Page 14: Storage:

Paul Winkelman stated that a new 1 million gallon tank would be needed. Town Manager James Eason noted that this tank would be located behind Mount Brougner ("T" Mountain). Tom Seley asked whether the cost to purchase the land was calculated into the cost which Mr. Eason denied.

Page 16: Estimated total project cost to construct the improvements:

Paul Winkelman emphasized that the estimates do not include cost for land acquisition, TPU connection fees and NV Energy upgrades. He noted that there usually is a charge for the NV Energy upgrades. Mr. Winkelman stressed that these cost would be WKM's responsibility.

Pages 17 and 18: Additional comments:

Paul Winkelman pointed out that the facilities will still have to be taken care of in the years when they are not needed any longer by WKM. Projects should not be oversized. He noted on number 5 that WKM needs to determine whether they can accept the low redundancy. One option to alleviate this would be to run the main down Radar Road or another option would be for WKM to have additional storage on their property.

- **West Kirkland Mining Comments**

Sandy McVey, Chief Operating Officer at WKM, introduced himself. He noted that WKM is a single asset company based in Vancouver, Canada. He explained that WKM had bought the Hasbrouck Project in 2014 and that WKM has experience with this kind of project. He noted that WKM would like to move forward with the project to bring into construction as fast as possible. He stated that in order to move forward, WKM has to do three things. They have to do all the engineering, they have to get all the required permits, and they have to “persuade somebody to give them the \$60 odd million that it is going to take to build this project”. Mr. McVey pointed out that the engineering proceeded well and that they published a prefeasibility study of the mine.

Mr. McVey stated that there is urgency to start the project “as time is money”. He stressed that the permitting is very important and that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) needs to know where WKM will get their water from and that it will not negatively impact anybody. He emphasized that WKM would like to get water from Tonopah and that the BLM would be satisfied with a letter from Tonopah saying they would like to provide water. He added that it does not have to be a firm commitment.

Sandy McVey explained that their project is a 10 year project with a little over half a million ounces of gold. He noted that it is not a big project compared to Round Mountain Gold that mines this amount of gold every 15 months. Mr. McVey stated that WKM has to look at alternatives of getting water to their project. He explained that their Plan B would be to put a ground water well in at both project locations. He noted that WKM has already applied for the water rights. Mr. McVey added that WKM did an analysis of the cost and risk and that the numbers are close. He pointed out that WKM would prefer getting water from TPU because it brings money to the community.

Sandy McVey explained that WKM has a lot more flexibility than needed by the Town/TPU Ordinance. He stated that WKM does not have to have that level of certainty of supply like residents do. He noted that the main use of the water would be for the heap leach and that WKM can keep the process going with water in storage. Mr. McVey pointed out that WKM can accept short periods, 12 to 24 hours, without water. He added that they would also accept TPU saying WKM cannot have 100% supply.

Sandy McVey stated that WKM has \$60 million to make the project work. And that if it costed a little more, they would be willing to accept that. He noted that they understand that it will take months to work this out, but that they are asking to get a non-binding letter of intent from the Board for the BLM stating that TPU might consider supplying water to WKM. Sandy McVey added that they understand the possibility of surprises. He noted that if things do not work out after an agreement has been entered, WKM would understand that risk and they would be able to live with an agreement that the mine comes second after the Town, as long as they get advance notice of this event.

Sandy McVey noted that steps 1 and 2 outlined in their letter have been taken. He added that the next step would be to have the Board provide WKM with a non-binding letter of intent stating that TPU is willing to supply WKM with 500 gallons of water per minute if it does not harm the Town of Tonopah. Mr. McVey stated that the final step would be to enter into an MOU after everything has been evaluated.

Sandy McVey stressed that WKM needs to move ahead and cannot wait for the permitting and construction of an additional well as it would take too long. He pointed out that if the Board wanted to meet the maximum day demand, WKM would have to move to Plan B. They would be willing to accept coming second after the Town.

- **Board member comments**

Vice-Chairman Duane Downing stated that he likes the Town standard of meeting the maximum day demand and also understands WKM's view. He added that he could see having an agreement with WKM to not provide them with water in the case of an emergency, but putting in a new well in the meantime as permitting takes up to 1.5 years.

Tom Seley asked whether it was possible to have a standard in between the current TPU standard and the State standard. He noted that the Board needs to ensure there is an additional safety margin. Mr. Seley agreed with Mr. Downing that an MOU including having an additional well in the future might be a good solution. Duane Downing emphasized that if TPU cannot supply water to the current customers because of the mine, "all hell breaks loose". Sandy McVey agreed and stressed that WKM does not want this to happen. Paul Winkelman noted that another option would be to have a new well pump and that there are different things that can be done. Duane Downing stressed that it has to be the Board's priority to provide water to the Town. Sandy McVey emphasized that on the upside, the Town gets "free" infrastructure of up to \$7 million from WKM. He stressed that a large part of this is what is in the master water plan as upgrades should be done in the next 20 years.

Horace Carlyle asked whether the inactive ERU's were factored into the calculation which Paul Winkelman affirmed. Mr. Winkelman added that the projected growth could come from anything, new customers or inactive ERU's. Mr. Carlyle stated that the inactive ERU's could become active tomorrow. Mr. Winkelman inquired whether this

was realistic. Horace Carlyle asked how much TPU would have to spend in order to provide water to the 601 inactive ERU's should they become active. Paul Winkelman stated that this information is in the master water plan. He noted that the first thing to do would be to upgrade the wells.

Tom Seley inquired whether an additional 1 million gallon tank would add to TPU's maintenance cost once WKM finishes mining. Utility Supervisor Joe Westerlund noted that an additional tank would reduce the pumping time and that the maintenance cost is calculated for everything in the system. He added that with good maintenance, tanks can last 20 to 30 years.

Horace Carlyle asked whether it was possible to vote on a non-binding letter of intent on item 10 of the agenda. Duane Downing stated that he believes it can be worked in. Mr. Carlyle stressed that \$15,000 to \$20,000 have been spent on engineering cost so far and that TPU would like to have help with that cost. Sandy McVey stated that WKM has already offered to help with some of the cost.

- **Public comment**

Tonopah resident Chuck Fox asked Sandy McVey whether it would be easier to go with their Plan B. Mr. McVey noted that WKM does not want the community to think that they did not do everything to support the community.

Tonopah resident Don Kaminski inquired whether TPU would be making money on selling water to WKM or whether they would just be breaking even. Sandy McVey answered that their rough estimate was that they would be buying \$1 million worth of water every year. Duane Downing stressed that WKM will provide additional revenue. Chris Mulkerns stated that TPU would be debt free.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski asked if the wells or other problems happened would the tanks store enough water to supply all current customers for 24 hours. Joe Westerlund explained that the Town/TPU would turn off the parks first etc. and probably have 2.5 to 3 days of water storage. Ms. Kaminski inquired how much storage the Town/TPU would have with an additional 1 million gallon tank. Mr. Westerlund stated that he does not have the exact number. Paul Winkelman referred to the master water plan and noted that he believes it plans for one maximum demand day for emergencies. Don Kaminski asked how many times the maximum day demand occur in a year. Mr. Winkelman clarified that this may happen two to three days a year. Mr. Kaminski asked whether it was possible to say that TPU does not supply WKM with water on those days. Sandy McVey added that WKM has already said that they would accept this condition. Paul Winkelman explained that WKM might not get their requested 500 gallons a minute, but might still get 250 gallons a minute. Tonopah resident Joni Eastley inquired whether there was a way to determine what days the maximum demand days are. Paul Winkelman noted that if one well went out in July, they would immediately contact WKM.

Michael Lach asked about the gallons per minute as he thinks the numbers do not match up. Paul Winkelman explained that he did not plan for TPU to have the wells pumping 24 hours a day. He added that the additional 548 ERU's are at WKM's end of Town and that additional infrastructure might have to be put in to accommodate ERU's on the other side of Town.

Charles Cox asked whether the Board expanded the Tonopah Taxing District in order to make it easier to acquire water rights for the WKM project. Town Manager James Eason explained that TPU pulls their water out of the Ralston Basin. He noted that the 137A-Basin is the secondary use basin designated by the State Water Engineer. He added that the Town/TPU would have to obtain new water rights to use this basin. He stressed that this basin is over-appropriated at this point and is being over-pumped. Duane Downing clarified that the expansion of the Taxing District was approved to help with the Hospital District.

Jamie Eason stressed that whether one takes the 601 inactive ERU's or new growth, either one decreases the number of capacity.

Cindy Kaminski asked whether the 548 additional ERU's would help the Town in supplying the 601 inactive ERU's. Paul Winkelman clarified that TPU can only accommodate 548 ERU's in the next 10 years. He noted that if all inactive ERU's wanted to be reactivated, TPU would not be able to accommodate this. Tom Seley pointed out that 205 of the inactive ERU's are at the airport and that it is unlikely that they will be reactivated. James Eason stressed that this scenario is calculated for the higher standard that the Board currently has. He emphasized that if the Board chooses to go to the State standard, it would change all these numbers.

Horace Carlyle pointed out that not all issues can be resolved at this meeting, but that the workshop is a positive way to move forward.

- **Board member comments**

None.

1. Public Comment

None.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action for TPU/Tonopah to notify West Kirkland Mining that TPU/Tonopah cannot provide or grant water service per application dated 02-24-2015 for service to Three Hills Mine Project or Hasbrouck Project Water Pipeline Option 3. See TPU Ordinance 22.28.130: TPU Conditions for Service: B. Refusal to Service #2. If the intended use of the service is such a nature that it will be detrimental or injurious to existing customers. TPU/Tonopah's existing infrastructure will not support the additional demand of 500 GPM. See TPU Ordinance 22.28.190: Regulations A. Impairment of customer service: the utility shall not install new or additional services where such services will impair the utility's ability to serve or reduce the quality of services to other customers. The requested services would require millions of dollars infrastructure upgrades prior to the proposed connect point at the Tonopah Cemetery.

Town Manager James Eason stated that Town staff's recommendation was to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of August to have an action item regarding West Kirkland Mining (WKM). Doug Farinholt and Duane Downing noted that it would be best for them to hold the meeting at 7 p.m. Mr. Eason explained that due to the way item #10 is structured, he suggests having a special meeting. Horace Carlyle said that he would table the item. Mr. Eason added that the Board could work on a non-binding letter of intent at the special meeting and possibly approve it. Furthermore, the Board could start working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mr. Eason explained that the MOU needs to address the following construction cost, engineering cost, legal fees, roles, responsibilities, fees, charges, etc.

Horace Carlyle stated that he would like to table this item and schedule the special meeting for the following Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Tom Seley recommended staff to draft a non-binding letter.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski inquired whether it was possible to give a rough estimate what Tonopah Public Utilities' cost would be after the WKM project was finished. Horace Carlyle stated that he thinks an engineer could and stressed that the Board was very cautious.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the special meeting held June 18, 2015.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the special meeting held June 18, 2015. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held June 24, 2015.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held June 24, 2015. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 8, 2015.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 8, 2015. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve or deny renewal of the "Staycation" Banner(s) and information, links, etc. on the KIBS/KBOV website. Its purpose will be to continue to promote tourism to the Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah Historic Mining Park and other points and activities of interest.

James Eason explained that the Board approved this the previous year. He noted that the Board can decide if they want to renew.

Lauren and Steve Brandt from KIBS introduced themselves. Mr. Brandt stated that KIBS is open to suggestions of different things the Board wants to see or improve. He noted that the "Staycation" contract is \$300 a month. He explained that the Town receives \$300 worth of free advertising on the radio in addition to the website advertising. He pointed out that, among many other events, they have been promoting the Kyle Petty Charity Ride, the Smackdown Rodeo, and the Jim Butler Days on the web and the radio. Ms. Brandt stressed that it is like a cross-promotion and that they are hoping that the Board will renew the contract. She added that they have gotten a lot of positive feedback.

Horace Carlyle stated that he believes the program is a good value and that the Town is being advertised where there is money and traffic. Tom Seley added that it is a good value and a good price. Tonopah resident Chuck Fox pointed out that KIBS covers the High School football games and that it is wonderful what they do for Town. Ms. Brandt added that KIBS will be covering four football home games this season.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the renewal of the "Staycation" Banner, information, links, that are currently on the KIBS/KBOV website in the amount of \$300.00 per month. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve use of Joe Friel Sports Complex or Javier "Harvey" Gonzalez Memorial Park for Fall 2015 Soccer.

Chuck Fox explained that a group of Tonopah residents are trying to start a soccer league. He noted that they have been looking into what the interest would be. Mr. Fox stated that this group is asking for the fields and park for practices. He added that the league would be for kids in elementary school as there is not much for them to do after school. Mr. Fox explained that the group would like to partner with "Grange", a program like 4-H for families and communities, based on agriculture and family values. He noted that soccer would be an offshoot. Mr. Fox stated that the group is currently working on meeting the insurance requirements. He stated that he hopes to have the first organizational meeting soon and that they need 13 people to start the Grange program. Mr. Fox added that



Tonopah resident Shari Bombard had asked him for help in organizing the soccer league as he has experience with the local little league. He pointed out that if the soccer program could take place under Grange, Ms. Bombard would not have to have her own insurance certificate. He stressed that asking for the use of the fields and park is just a starting point so that the group would have a place to practice.

Tonopah resident Deb Cobb asked whether the group would be covered under POOL/PACT if they do not have their own insurance. Administrative Supervisor Chris Mulkerns stated that she would confirm with POOL/PACT. She suggested approving the use of the fields and park contingent upon insurance coverage or POOL/PACT approving it. Chuck Fox noted that the Grange coordinator will help the Tonopah group organize themselves. Once they are part of the program, the group can obtain insurance through them. Deb Cobb pointed out that the Nevada State Fair allows Grange to participate. Mr. Fox stated that there are soccer leagues in Ely and Round Mountain and that the kids could travel to these Towns to compete.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex or Javier "Harvey" Gonzalez Memorial Park for the Fall 2015 Soccer contingent upon approval of insurance. Doug Farinholt seconded. James Eason asked whether the group will be collecting fees to participate in the soccer league which Chuck Fox denied. Mr. Fox added that sign-ups will be held after the group is chartered. Mr. Eason added that if the group is charging, the Town would need them to have their own policy. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve or deny waiving the late fees on Mr. Gregory Fink's water bill and approve or deny reduction of water bill.

Gregory Fink explained that he was out of Town and his water pipe broke. He stressed that he does not have a problem paying the water bill, but that if he has to pay the late fees on that amount, he cannot make any headway.

Chris Mulkerns clarified that Mr. Fink signed a promise to pay and that he would be paying \$90 every month in penalties due to the amount. She added that if the Board agreed to waive the penalties, he would be able to get caught up. She pointed out that the Board has the authority to waive the late fees under the ordinance.

Horace Carlyle asked how much Mr. Fink owes. Chris Mulkerns clarified that he owes \$937.31 and that the penalties are 10%. She emphasized that if Mr. Fink does not meet the requirements of the promise to pay, he would be turned off and has to pay the full amount before he is turned back on. Mr. Carlyle noted that he is in favor of waiving the late fees as long as Mr. Fink understands the conditions of the promise to pay. Mr. Fink stated that he understands that he will be shut off if he misses a payment. Tom Seley stated that he would support this as Mr. Fink did not intentionally accrue this amount.

Michael Lach noted that the Board has had to make this decision before. Horace Carlyle stressed that Mr. Lach's case was different. Mr. Lach emphasized that he believes the Board is not stretching the rules by looking at every case individually. Tom Seley noted that this case is close to the Senior Center case. Horace Carlyle stated that he supports having a promise to pay. Janet Hatch stressed that Mr. Fink stated that he understands the conditions of the promise to pay.

Tom Seley motioned to waive the late fees on Mr. Fink's water bill and stipulate that he abides by the promissory note. Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to advertise in the "TravelWest + Life" magazine or the "Nevada" magazine.

Horace Carlyle stated that Bruce Jabbour had made a good comment at the last meeting about the close connection between the Nevada Magazine and the Nevada Commission on Tourism. He noted that if the Town had the money, he would like to advertise in both magazines. He added that since this is not the case, he would prefer advertising in the Nevada Magazine. Tom Seley agreed.

James Eason asked whether the Board had a certain size in mind. He added that it has been a few years since the Town last advertised in the Nevada Magazine. Horace Carlyle stated that he would like to have at least two publications of a quarter page. Tom Seley pointed out that seasonal timing should be considered. James Eason inquired whether the Board wanted to start advertising in January. Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski suggested starting in March when families begin to plan their summer travels. Mr. Eason noted that the Board could try to get a frequency discount. He recommended making a motion to get an exact quote for the different scenarios.

Tom Seley motioned to advertise in the Nevada Magazine for up to 6 times per year depending upon the cost to be researched by staff. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to have appraised and to purchase vacant land (APN 008-31-14) from Holder Real Estate Development, LLC for the Slime Wash Drainage Project located along Highway 6/95.

Horace Carlyle stated that this was put on the agenda because the Town has all the right of ways for the primary wash except this small portion of land. He stressed that the owner Mr. Holder is not trying to make a profit. Mr. Carlyle noted that there may be cost for closing and appraisal. He recommended that the cost should not exceed \$11,000.

Tom Seley noted that the property would be a good place to put signs to advertise the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Mr. Carlyle stressed that this will increase property values. Mr. Seley added that it will eliminate safety hazards.

Janet Hatch motioned to purchase the vacant land (APN 008-31-14) from Holder Real Estate Development, LLC for the Slime Wash Drainage Project located along Highway 6/95 to not exceed \$11,000 to be funded out of Capital Projects and appraisal if necessary. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Department Budget Reports

Tom Seley stated that the budget reports were looking excellent.

12. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

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

Town Manager James Eason explained that the pool closed on August 11, 2015 and that pool manager Christy Perry will be doing the winterizing.

James Eason pointed out that the Tonopah Reunion Picnic will be held at Jim Butler Park the following weekend.

James Eason noted that there will be blacksmithing classes held at the Mining Park the following weekend.

James Eason stated that the "Best in the Desert" race will be coming through Tonopah the following Friday and that it will be busy in Town.

James Eason explained that the Nevada Department of Transportation will be transplanting Joshua trees from the airport in the fall.

Utility Supervisor Joe Westerlund stated that he was trying to have the tank painted before the winter, but that there would have not been enough time to put the project out to bid and have the work done before the weather turns. He stressed that all the paper work is ready and that he would like to put the project out to bid in March so that the project can be done in June. He pointed out that the tank will last 13 or 14 extra years if done right and not done in bad weather.

Joe Westerlund noted that the relining project will be on the next agenda so it can be advertised to bid.

James Eason pointed out that Sandy McVey of WKM will call staff the following day to discuss the content of the non-binding letter of intent. He added that staff will prepare a letter of intent and start the process to start negotiations for an MOU. He noted that the Board might have to have more workshops to have discussions and that Mr. McVey could attend these by phone. Horace Carlyle stated that he would like to have him and Tom Seley participate in the meetings like in the past as a sub-committee.

James Eason explained that Wulfenstein Construction has been using the reuse water.

James Eason referred to the item by Ed Ylst on the last agenda that was tabled because Mr. Ylst was not present for the meeting. He pointed out that Mr. Ylst passed away the day after the meeting. He asked the Board whether they wanted to leave the item tabled which Horace Carlyle affirmed.

James Eason stated that he has met with all the Board members to inform them that he will be leaving his position as Town Manager on September 4, 2015. He added that he has talked to them about plans for the transition phase. He recommended having Town and TPU staff "do business as usual". Mr. Eason stressed that the staff "can run it superbly" and that he would recommend keeping this state for a period of 1 to 6 months. He noted that some of the Board members expressed that they want a new Town Manager. Mr. Eason stressed that he would like Chris Mulkerns and Joe Westerlund to replace him.

James Eason noted that the Town is moving into the slow season of the year. He explained that if the Board chooses to hire another Town Manager, he or she can be part of the budget process for the following fiscal year. He added that the Board members have stated that the Town needs a Town Manager as there needs to be a single point of contact for the Board and staff. Mr. Eason clarified that Mr. Westerlund is already the Utility Supervisor and Ms. Mulkerns the Administrative Supervisor. He added that her position would have to be changed so that there is a direct chain of command. He stressed that the Town Manager would always be above these two positions. Mr. Eason noted that he would like to evaluate new job descriptions with some of the Board members and POOL/PACT.

Horace Carlyle stated that Joe Westerlund and Chris Mulkerns do an outstanding job and are well trained. He stressed that they should be compensated for their additional responsibilities as they still have to do what they already have been doing. James Eason explained that he had asked Board members to be part of the negotiations about the personnel and that Mr. Carlyle and Mr. Seley would be willing to participate in the negotiations. Tom Seley said that he thinks Mr. Westerlund and Ms. Mulkerns deserve the opportunity to step up if they want, with the appropriate increase in pay. He added that sometime in the first quarter of the year, the Board should look into filling the position of Town Manager.

James Eason pointed out that the Nye County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are researching redirecting the tax rate for the health nurse and museum into the general fund. He explained that Nurse Beth Ennis is funded by the State. He noted that this decision would affect the Central Nevada Museum. Mr. Eason stressed that the services provided by the Health Nurse are very important. He added that the museum has a good reputation and that an archeologist had said that the Central Nevada Museum is the best research museum she has ever seen. Horace Carlyle asked how much funding would be needed for these services. Mr. Eason noted that he does not know. He added that animal control will also be cut by the BOCC. He stated that he hopes that the expansion of the Taxing District will help with some of that.

James Eason stated that the old McDonald's property is coming back into service as a gas station with a coffee shop.

Tom Seley noted that Alicia Brown was unable to attend the meeting. He explained that the Trail Challenge had 37 participants and that they were able to donate \$400 to the Local Equine Assistance Network (L.E.A.N.). Chuck Fox added that it is great to see the rodeo ground being used again.

Tom Seley thanked the Town for moving the generator shed to the Tonopah Historic Mining Park.

14. 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.

15. Closed 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.

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

No action taken by the Board.

17. Correspondence

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, July 21, 2015  
E-mail from Shannon Raborn: Reid Announces Signing of Pahrump Veterans Clinic,  
August 5, 2015  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, August 10, 2015  
E-mail from USDA: Rural Energy for America Program Workshop, August 4, 2015  
Tonopah Town Collections July 2015  
CNBC Article: Gross: Low Rates Are the Problem, Not the Solution, July 30, 2015  
Wall Street Journal Article, Jim Carlton: Hoping to Become Tourist Haunt, Nevada Town  
Finds Boost in Spirits, July 30, 2015  
Convention Center Report, July 2015  
Nye County Planning Department: Nye County Population Estimates Through the  
Second Quarter, 2015  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, August 4, 2015  
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, July 28, 2015  
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, August 11, 2015  
Use and Maintenance Agreement Alicia Brown, July 27, 2015  
Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of June 2015, Collected July 2015  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, August 13, 2015  
E-mail from Celeste Sandoval: Manufactured Homes, August 11, 2015  
Procedures for Adoption of a Town Ordinance

18. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Tom Seley motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Public Comment

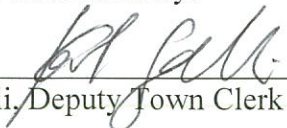
Cindy Kaminski stated that there have been problems with 911 again. She suggested bringing the matter to the Nye County Commissioner's attention. She added that Tonopah resident Debbie Cobb was not able to reach dispatch on her land line. Horace Carlyle criticized the BOCC, according to the Commissioners everything is working fine. Michael Lach proposed doing a lawsuit to get their attention. Mr. Carlyle asked Ms. Kaminski for the information so he can get an item on the BOCC agenda. Mr. Lach noted that it would be good to have Ms. Cobb's phone records as backup. Jeff Galli added that Ms. Cobb had to have an off-duty deputy dispatch somebody on his radio. Ms. Kaminski stressed that the lack of dispatch could lead to an increase in insurance rates.

Tom Seley pointed out that the Tonopah Conservation District will be meeting on August 20, 2015 at 5 p.m.

20. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Horace Carlyle, Chairman

  
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Duane Downing, Vice-Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Member

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Doug Farinholt, Member





**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 12, 2015**  
**TONOPAH CONVENTION CENTER**  
**301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order August 12, 2015 at 7:53 p.m. by Tom Seley. Also present were Janet Hatch, Horace Carlyle, Duane Downing, and Doug Farinholt. Twenty others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

Chuck Fox noted that the C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) Bus Preschool would like to thank the Board for the storyteller Indiana Bones.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 22, 2015.

Horace Carlyle motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 22, 2015. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to purchase a pot-belly stove for the Historical Library restoration project in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Town Manager James Eason stated that he had located a pot-belly stove to be part of the Historical Library restoration. He noted that he had met with the seller and had negotiated a price and possible donation. Mr. Eason explained that the stove is restored, not rusted, and in very good shape.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the purchase of a pot-belly stove for the Historic Library restoration project in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Horace Carlyle seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Library Budget Report

Administrative Supervisor Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the Board members received two budget reports, one being the final budget report for Fiscal Year 2014/15 and the other one being the first budget report for Fiscal Year 2015/16. She explained that the budget report for 2014/15 had a revised budget column and a change column. She added that Nye County will be closing the budget year on August 21, 2015 and that she needed to present these reports to the Board as staff will be making budget transfers. She stressed that this would be the same case for the Town's budget. Tom Seley noted that the reports were looking very good. Horace Carlyle thanked Chris Mulkerns for her work.

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

Horace Carlyle stated that progress was made with the restoration of the Historical Library.

Chris Mulkerns explained that an employee from Xerox was going to install the new system for the printer at the Library.

Doug Farinholt noted that he had heard a lot of good reviews for storyteller Indiana Bones.

Tom Seley pointed out that only one little section of the flooring in the Historical Library was not in good condition. He noted that with adding the pot-belly stove and restoring the floors, the Historical Library will soon be back to looking what it used to look like. Janet Hatch emphasized that Gene Ryals had donated a lot of time to help with the restoration.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Horace Carlyle motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

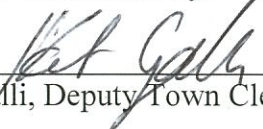
8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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