

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2016
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on July 27, 2016 at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Tom Seley, Clerk Janet Hatch and Board member Don Kaminski. Thirty-seven others were in attendance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:30 p.m.

The items were taken out of order to accommodate presenters from out of Town.

1. Public Comment

Allen Metscher of the Central Nevada Historical Society noted that the Central Nevada Museum had to lay off one part-time employee due to budget cuts. He noted that their advertising is working and a lot of visitors watch their videos on YouTube. He stressed that people come to Tonopah specifically for the Museum, Tonopah Historic Mining Park and the Mizpah Hotel. He added that the Museum has about one research request per day and that group tours are increasing. Mr. Metscher stated that the best option would be for the Nye County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to let the Historical Society have a yearly lease. He stressed that the advertising video has helped. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley asked Mr. Metscher to continue keeping the Board informed.

Larry Friedman of the Nevada Division of Tourism stated that they had the annual tourism conference Rural Roundup in Tonopah 22 years ago. Former Town Manager James Eason had approached Mr. Friedman about 2 years ago about having the Rural Roundup in Tonopah again. He added that the Division has been in contact with Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli, Eva LaRue of the Central Nevada Museum, Bruce Jabbour of Nevada Silver Trails and others.

Mr. Friedman announced that the Rural Roundup will be back in Tonopah in April of 2018. He noted that it is a three day event which will be attended by about 250 tourism professionals and is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor. He emphasized that the hosting community gets to show off what they have.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held June 22, 2016.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held June 22, 2016. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 13, 2016.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 13, 2016. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Five Year Capital Improvement Plan- Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that the Tonopah Historic Mining Park (THMP) Foundation has asked to have a presentation because they would like to use some of the Mining Park Capital Projects funds for restorations they have planned.

Ann Carpenter, Chair of the Historic Mining Park Foundation, introduced herself and Board member Don Southwick. She noted that the Foundation works closely with the Town to improve iconic features.

Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Southwick gave a power point presentation (see backup). Ms. Carpenter explained that restorations have already taken place and that the Foundation would like to plan more in the near future. She stressed that Atkinson Construction that did the restoration of the Mizpah collar had donated equipment and time in order to finish the project for the amount the Foundation had raised to pay for the project.

Ms. Carpenter explained that the Foundation would like to identify which one should be the next project and to get quotes. The Foundation is asking the Town to contribute money from the THMP Capital Projects fund. Chris Mulkerns noted that there are about \$33,000 in that fund and that the Town has spent money from that fund before for projects. She added that the Board already approved the budget and approved to spend all of the money in the fund.

Duane Downing stated that he sees no problem setting all the money aside. Chris Mulkerns explained that there is no revenue coming into that fund right now. She stressed that it is not prudent to spend it all since there may be projects in the future.

Ann Carpenter noted that the Foundation would like to split the money between different projects and ask other sponsors for donations.

Duane Downing suggested setting aside \$22,000. The Foundation's bookkeeper Becky Braska stated that the Foundations has about \$28,000 for the project already and that they just received a \$10,000 donation.

This item was tabled to revisit later during the meeting.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$700.00 from Tonopah Chuckers to advertise and promote the 2016 Nevada State Horseshoe Pitching Championships and High-Low Doubles Tournament.

Ken Jose introduced himself. He noted that the Tonopah Chuckers used to have one of the local headframes on their shirts which they wear to represent their team all over world. He stressed that the State Championships only take place once a year and that there will be over 100 pitchers coming to Tonopah. He added that this event is for the prestige, not money. Mr. Jose stated that they are proud to be in the center of everybody in the State. He added that he hopes to promote it well enough to keep it in Tonopah as they have the best facilities and best accommodations.

Tom Seley motioned to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$700.00 for the Tonopah Chuckers to advertise and promote the 2016 Nevada State Horseshoe Pitching Championships and High-Low Doubles Tournament. Don Kaminski seconded. Duane Downing asked when the event was to take place. Ken Jose noted that it will be hosted the weekend before Labor Day weekend. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Presentation on results of a survey of Tonopah and Goldfield residents on their social and environmental priorities conducted by Stanford University students.

Emily Grubert, PhD student from Stanford University, introduced herself and her research assistant Grayson Melby. She explained that they conducted a survey in Tonopah and Goldfield and wanted to present the preliminary results (see backup). She noted that the survey is still available online. It was sent out via mail to about 11,000 people.

Ms. Grubert pointed out that Tonopah residents are very concerned about the healthcare situation. Survey participants were asked what they would spend the Town's surplus budget on. Residents responded that they would spend it on healthcare and education. Environmental issues were rated higher than in other regions. They are very important to Tonopah/Goldfield residents.

Board Member Don Kaminski asked whether Ms. Grubert kept track of who responded. She noted that the response rate was about 5.5%. It is usually an average of 6%.

6. Open and read aloud bids for the Tonopah Public Utilities 0.20 MG Rye Patch Tank Recoat Project.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that the Tonopah Public Utilities received four bids. Ms. Mulkerns opened the envelopes and read out the bidders as follows:

1. Simpson Sandblasting, Fontana, CA, \$107,081, documents were signed
2. Crosno Construction, Arroyo Grande, CA, \$101,887, documents were signed
3. MMI Tank and Industrial Services, Phoenix, AZ, \$90,000, documents were signed
4. Resource Development Company, Sparks, NV, \$89,425, documents were signed

Ms. Mulkerns stated that she will send the bids to engineer Paul Winkelman who will research them and give a recommendation to the Town Board. Chairman Duane Downing noted that it is good to have received four bids. Board Member Don Kaminski added that it is nice to have a bidder from Nevada.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Debt Management Policy and Indebtedness Report for the Town of Tonopah- Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Chris Mulkerns explained that this policy and report have basically been the same ones for the last couple years as the payments do not change. Duane Downing noted that the Town/TPU is on the right track with paying off the debt.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the Debt Management Policy and Indebtedness Report for the Town of Tonopah-Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Five Year Capital Improvement Plan- Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the Board has budgeted to transfer \$321,000 into the capital projects fund for a total of \$370,030. She added that she and Utility Manager Joe Westerlund discussed a wish list of projects. She stressed that the Town has enough money to accommodate all of them, but staff does not want to spend all of the money. Joe Westerlund added that they are trying to get projects done in a timely manner.

These were the items suggested:

1. Riding lawn mower, the current one was purchased about 10 years ago, is in need of a lot of repairs, keeps breaking down, a new one will cost about \$25,000
2. Bucket truck, current one was given to the Town in 1978 or 1981 and was used at the time, a new one will cost about \$75,000 or more
3. Union Plaza Parking Lot: new fencing, possibly wrought iron fencing, possibly use a local company, replace bollards
4. Parks: one new playground equipment at a park every year until all equipment is replaced, start with Barsanti Park, same kind of equipment as in Liberty Park \$17,000 to \$20,000, next park would be Harvey Park which would cost about \$50,000 to \$75,000 as it would be a bigger piece of equipment
5. Barsanti Park: replace fencing, about \$5,000
6. Pocket Park: concrete parking spots, electronic kiosk, etc., could cost up to \$80,000, possibly split between two fiscal years, possibly ask a company if they would be interested in advertising their product ("tiny house", "new age" building) to give the Town a better price
7. Joe Friel: three backstops for about \$10,000, more red dirt for about \$4,500, get fields up to standard so that the High school can host divisionals in Tonopah
8. Rodeo Grounds: fix lights, about \$5,000
9. Convention Center: upgrading bathrooms, new carpet, new audio/visual system, etc., total cost about \$100,000 or more, will put bids out for bathrooms, Duane Downing stressed that the audio/visual system upgrades need to be the number 1 priority
10. Town Office: possibly moving into the Old Firehouse, need new phone system, possibly have conservation crew put walls up etc., furniture is not needed as Nye County voted to surplus some of their furniture and donate it to the Town

Chris Mulkerns stated that these projects would total more than \$300,000. She added that Harvey Park could be done the following fiscal year and Pocket Park could be split between fiscal years. Duane Downing stressed that the priorities should be the mower, the bucket truck, playground equipment, backstops, and Convention Center. Joe Westerlund noted that the top four projects can be completed in two months. He emphasized that there are no more projects that need to be done at the pool.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the special capital projects fund has about \$25,000 a year in it. She added that the amount has been building up for the last years. She noted that this money has been spent for Convention Center projects in the past. Duane Downing asked whether there were about \$82,000 in the fund right now which Ms. Mulkerns affirmed. Mr. Downing stated that he thinks the Board could use some of the money for part of the bathrooms renovations at the Convention Center.

Chris Mulkerns noted that the Board recommended using \$22,000 from the THMP capital projects fund for the restorations planned by the THMP Foundation.

Chris Mulkerns explained that money from the TPU Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund will be used to pay for the tank recoat for which the bids were opened tonight. She added that TPU plans to purchase radio read meters. She pointed out that TPU would qualify to be on the list for the State revolving loan fund, but that staff hopes not to have to use a loan, but get grant funds. Ms. Mulkerns emphasized that it would be a huge labor cost saving to have an upgraded system. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stressed that studies show that meters lose about 1% of accuracy every year. Tonopah's meters are from 1979/1980 and have therefore lost over 30% of the accuracy. The cost for the new meters should pay itself back.

Chris Mulkerns stated that the cost for the relining project on Main Street will be split between this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Joe Westerlund pointed out that TPU staff has only been called out four times over the last nine months to the areas where the relining already took place.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the mural fund has been stagnant for the last couple of years, but is there to cover if something happens to the mural or statues.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Five Year Capital Improvement Plan- Fiscal Year 2016/2017 as discussed. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley stressed that the Board needs to talk to rodeo organizer Manuel Souza so that the Central Nevada Racing Association does not schedule races on the same day as the summer rodeo. Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski noted that she had already contacted them and they will adjust their schedule for the following year. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stressed that the rodeo had a great crowd. Tom Seley noted that Mr. Souza had pointed out that some of the chute gates need to be repaired.

Joe Westerlund explained that Tyco Simplex Grinnell inspected the sprinkler system at the Convention Center and replaced a few.

Joe Westerlund stated that the NyE Communities Coalition Youth Werks Summer Work Program was almost over and added that it was a very good program. He stressed that it was viable for the Town as it saved the Town lots of money.

Chris Mulkerns noted that she would like to send a letter to the legislatures on behalf of the Board regarding the ambulance service. The Board Members agreed Chairman Duane Downing added that it should be a law that it is required. Tom Seley stressed that due to the increase in traffic, rural areas will not be able to service all of it.

Duane Downing pointed out that Hawthorne has a large, massive American flag flying in the middle of Town. He stated that he would love to have Tonopah have that. He added that he would like staff to find out how much such a flag would cost and noted that he wondered how often it would have to be replaced. Account Supervisor Becky Braska stated that a large flag that size would cost about \$3,000. Chris Mulkerns added that she will contact Hawthorne to

find out how often they have to replace it. Mr. Downing suggested flying it at the old courthouse in the center of Town.

Tonopah resident Roni Link stated that she is one of the students in the EMR course. She added that it is one of the best educational platforms with great instructors.

10. 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.

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

No action taken by the Board.

13. Correspondence

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, July 19, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, June 10, 2016, June 21, 2016, June 30, 2016, July 5, 2016, July 12, 2016

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, July 25, 2016

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, July 26, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, July 19, 2016

Project Completion Report: Nevada State Mining Championships, June 5, 2016

U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, July 15, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, July 28, 2016

Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of June 2016, Collected July 2016

E-mail from Beatty Town Office re: Statewide Senior Nutrition Programs Meeting held August 8, 2016

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli referred to the e-mail from the Beatty Town Office and reminded everyone of the meeting regarding senior nutrition programs in Nevada. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she and Utility Manager Joe Westerlund plan on attending the meeting.

14. 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.

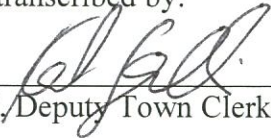
15. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski noted that she will contact Vance Payne to get a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tonopah Test Range in case there is a disaster. Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that there is one in place for mass casualties. Board member Don Kaminski stated that there is an ambulance at work that is not being used.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Duane Downing, Chairman

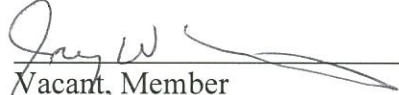
Tom Seley, Vice-Chairman



Janet Hatch, Clerk



Don Kaminski, Member



Jay W., Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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4. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Debt Management Policy and Indebtedness Report for the Tonopah Library District- Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that the Library does not have any debt, but it is still a requirement to file the form.

Duane Downing motioned to approve Debt Management Policy and Indebtedness Report for the Tonopah Library District- Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Tonopah Library District- Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Chris Mulkerns stated that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals apologizes for not being able to attend the meeting. She added that the Board approved \$40,000 for capital projects. This will pay to finish up renovating the historical library and possibly buy new carpet for the new library.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Tonopah Library District- Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Chris Mulkerns stated that the renovations of the historical library are moving along and that staff is planning on working over the weekend. Chairman Tom Seley noted that the new ducting is making a difference in the cooling and should reduce the cost.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Approval of vouchers for payment

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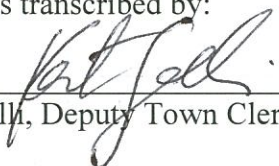
9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Gall, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Tom Seley, Chairman

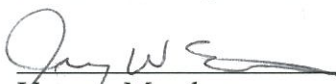


Janet Hatch, Vice-Chairman

Duane Downing, Clerk



Don Kaminski, Member



Vacant, Member