

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Janet Hatch and Board member Don Kaminski. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley was absent. Eighteen others were in attendance. Chairman Downing 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 7:20 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Presentation of "Outstanding Citizen Award" certificates and plaques to Lisa Westerlund, "Big" Jeff Galli and "Little" Jeff Galli.

Chairman Duane Downing asked Tonopah resident Joni Eastley to do the presentation for the two Jeff Gallis. As she nominated them. Ms. Eastley stated that she drives past a lot of things in Town thinking "Why doesn't someone do something about it?" She stressed that the Gallis drove past the abandoned trailer on Main Street and did something about it. Ms. Eastley and Mr. Downing awarded the plaques and certificates to both Jeff Gallis.

Duane Downing stated that Lisa Westerlund was nominated by Kat Galli as she is instrumental in the community. He pointed out that Jim Butler Days are a "ton of work" and take a lot of energy. He added that the planning starts early and goes on for months. Mr. Downing stressed that the Town says "thank you very much" for her dedication and that it is not going unnoticed. He presented Ms. Westerlund with a plaque and certificate.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve use of Joe Friel Sports Complex for Fall 2016 Soccer.

Shari Bombard, Central Nevada Grange representative, requested the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex again for 2016. She explained that they had over 80 kids last year and would like to keep it going. She stressed that the insurance is covered through Grange. Board Member Don Kaminski asked how long the season will be. Ms. Bombard stated that they will start in about two weeks and run Mid-October. Clerk Janet Hatch noted that it is great to see the response to the program as it is a good activity. She thanked Ms. Bombard for her work.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex for the Fall 2016 Soccer Grange Project. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize writing off delinquent uncollectable accounts from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) accounts receivables in the amount of \$6,786.66.

Account Supervisor Becky Braska noted that her backup for the item listed all accounts to be written off. She explained that they have all gone through the process of trying to collect, but were uncollectable and exceeded the statute of limitation. She emphasized that she is keeping a list and if one of the customers ever tries to get an account with TPU again, they will have to

pay the amount even after writing it off. Don Kaminski pointed out that one account had over \$3,000 owed. Ms. Braska explained that this was an account for one of the apartment complexes. She added that she will be coming before the Board periodically to write off uncollectable accounts. She stressed that the amount TPU is writing off is not bad for a utility company.

Janet Hatch motioned to authorize the write-off delinquent uncollectable accounts from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) accounts receivables in the amount of \$6,786.66. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. 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.

Becky Braska and KIBS/KBOV owners Lauren Brandt and Steve Miller presented this item. Ms. Braska pointed out that she had put together a timeline of what was advertised in the past year. She stressed that the owners have been very generous in giving Tonopah 60 second ads instead of 30 second ads that the Town is paying for and that the Town also received longer advertising than what is included in the contract.

Lauren Brandt stated that Tonopah is the most efficient group as Ms. Braska is very good about keeping in touch. Steve Miller added that she does a good job keep them informed. Ms. Brandt pointed out that they will cover 3 home football games and one away game for the High School.

Duane Downing noted that the cost is \$300 for 12 months. Don Kaminski asked whether that is paid out of the room tax fund which Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns affirmed. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli added that she will apply for grant funding through Travel Nevada.

Janet Hatch motioned to renew the "Staycation" Banner(s) and information, links on the KIBS/KBOV website for the amount of \$3,600 a year to be paid out of the Room Tax Fund. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to award bid for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities 0.20 MG Rye Patch Tank Recoat Project; Authorize Town Board Chairman to execute the Notice of Award, Agreement, and Notice to Proceed.

Chris Mulkerns noted that the bids for the projects were opened at the last Board meeting. She explained that engineer Paul Winkelman recommends the lowest bidder Farr Construction/Resource Development Company (RDC) as they are most qualified. Duane Downing asked whether TPU had done any work with them. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that TPU had not, but Mr. Winkelman had. Mr. Downing inquired whether TPU has done any work with any of the other bidders which Ms. Mulkerns denied. Mr. Kaminski asked whether RDC was the only Nevada based bidder which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed.

Janet Hatch motioned to award bid for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities 0.20 MG Rye Patch Tank Recoat Project to Farr Construction for \$89,425.00. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve Budget Transfers for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Department Budgets-Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the budget transfers are shown with a revised budget column and changed column to easily see where money was moved around. She emphasized that the Town/TPU did very well overall.

Ms. Mulkerns read all changes to the Board (see backup). She noted that the water was over budget at the Convention Center due to leaking toilets and that the power for the parks was over budget due to having to have heaters running at Jim Butler Park. She stressed that due to salary changes after former Town Manager James Eason left, TPU administration went over budget. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that all changes were covered within the budget and the Town/TPU still came out 40% ahead of the budget. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained that the sewer operations equipment budget went over as they had to purchase expensive equipment such as root cutters and a new snake for the sewer machine.

Duane Downing pointed out that all changes were minor. Don Kaminski added that the Town/TPU is still under the budget for all expenses. Chris Mulkerns stressed that the Town/TPU is also above all the collections.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve Budget Transfers for the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities Department Budgets-Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Department Budget Reports

Chris Mulkerns explained that there are two reports, one for the last fiscal year and one for the new fiscal year. Duane Downing noted that there are no collections for the PST Sheriff or Fire Department Fund in July. He asked how the numbers are looking for the last fiscal year. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that Auditor Dan McArthur confirmed that the collections are close to \$72,000, but only \$26,000 are currently being shown. Mr. Downing emphasized that the Town needs to request the accounting being done correctly. He stated that it is hard for the Sheriff to present an expenditure plan to the Town Board when she does not know what she can work with. He added that he is glad to see that the Fire Department is ordering equipment.

Duane Downing inquired where the yellow ladder truck was that the Fire Department used to have. Ms. Mulkerns stated that it was sent to Pahrump for storage purposes and that she can find out what the issue is. Mr. Downing stressed that it belongs to the Tonopah Fire Department and to please find out what it takes to make it operable.

Mr. Downing asked whether it was possible to have a schedule for where the prisoners work. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the Town usually does not know where they are until the day of. Becky Braska noted that she will post on the Town Facebook page and website to inform the public.

Becky Braska pointed out that the annual blood drive will be held on August 25, 2016 at the Convention Center.

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

39 Pool Manager Shari Bombard presented a spreadsheet to the Board summarizing how the season went and a revenue comparison for the last years (see backup). She noted that the new plaster made a big difference, the water quality is great and the temperature up. She stressed that they are saving on chemicals and water. She stated that she plans to offer more Saturday classes the following year.

Duane Downing asked whether it was possible to have the pool open on weekends after school starts. Chris Mulkerns explained that this did not work in past years as the lifeguards are not available and there are not many visitors. Mr. Downing suggested advertising this early in the year to attract more visitors.

Shari Bombard stressed what an incredible group of kids were working as lifeguards this year. Tonopah resident Deb Cobb agreed.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the Trail Challenge is taking place at the rodeo grounds on Saturday. It starts at 6 p.m. and is free. Deb Cobb noted that there will be other events before 6 p.m. and that the event has grown so much that there are no pens left. Don Kaminski asked whether the Town still has the bleachers up which Utility Manager Joe Westerlund affirmed.

Duane Downing asked whether the Town was ready for the "Best in the Desert" race which Ms. Mulkerns affirmed. She noted that Becky Braska has given them all the necessary information on where to park or where to dispose of waste and sewer.

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.

11. 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.

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

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, August 9, 2016  
Town Collections, July 2016  
Letter and e-mail from Donna Miller (Lifeguard International) re: healthcare decision, August 1, 2016  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, August 8, 2016  
Community Foundation of Western Nevada, July 29, 2016  
Reno Gazette Journal: UNR Business: Rural health care a significant factor for local economies, July 28, 2016  
Letter from John M. Fickewirth re: donation to THMP Foundation, July 14, 2016  
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, August 2, 2016  
NyE CC Newsletter, August 2016  
Nye County Treasurer deposit receipt for Travel Nevada grant funds, August 4, 2016  
STAR Program information, requirements, instruction, and application, August 2016  
Convention Center Report for July 2016  
E-mail from POOL/PACT, August 5, 2016  
Letter from Town Board to Legislators re: Nye County Ambulance Service, August 10, 2016  
Tonopah Memorial Swimming Pool 2016 Season, August 10, 2016  
Letter from Cindy Kaminski re: Wounded Warrior Fund Raising Race, August 2016

Duane Downing referred to the letter documenting what was discussed at the last workshop and noted that he will be signing it tonight to be mailed tomorrow.

14. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Don Kaminski motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski stated that H & R Block and the Central Nevada Racing Association are hosting a Wounded Warrior Race on August 20, 2016 (see flyer). There will be a flag ceremony and race. She added that donations are accepted as they are trying to raise \$1,000.

Duane Downing pointed out that if anybody has a family member who is deployed and they want to communicate by phone to contact Mr. Downing. He explained that the Sheriff's Department can allow up to an hour of phone calls per month if they have the time available.

Jess Rosner of the NyE Communities Coalition stated that they just finished the Summer Youth Werks Program. He noted that the Town also had some helpers. He pointed out that the Coalition hired one of them as the Americorps position in Tonopah. This person will work with the schools.

Mr. Rosner noted that the Coalition received \$12,000 in grant funding again for the plentiful produce distribution that will run all year. Janet Hatch asked whether Mr. Rosner was involved in the Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program. Mr. Rosner explained that he helped

with it. They served over 2,000 meals. Tonopah resident Deb Cobb added that it was 2,085 meals.

Janet Hatch pointed out that the Senior Project Counsel will have a bazaar soon.

Tonopah resident Deb Cobb stressed that the parks look really good. She noted that Town Maintenance employee Dallas Boyer cleaned them up and shaped the bushes really nicely. She added that everybody notices all the work the summer youth workers have done and that everybody loved the lifeguards.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

  
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Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

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Duane Downing, Chairman

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Tom Seley, Vice-Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Clerk

  
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TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch called the meeting to order on August 10, 2016 at 7:20 p.m. Also present were Clerk Duane Downing and Board member Don Kaminski. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley was absent. Thirty-seven others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve Budget Transfers for the Tonopah Library District- Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that there are no budget transfers for the Library. She placed this item on the agenda in case there were any.

3. Library Budget Report

Chris Mulkerns noted that Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli prepared the budget report for the current fiscal year. There was no discussion by Board Members.

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

Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch stressed that a lot of work has been done at the Historical Library and that Eugene Ryals invested a lot of time to help.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment

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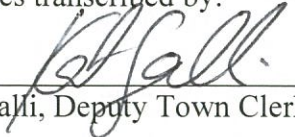
7. Public Comment

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8. Adjourn


The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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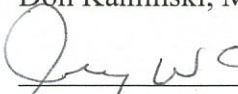
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Tom Seley, Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Vice-Chairman

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Duane Downing, Clerk

  
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Don Kaminski, Member

  
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Jay W. [unclear], Member