

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Clerk Janet Hatch called the meeting to order on August 24, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. Also present were Board members Don Kaminski and Jerry Elliston. Chairman Duane Downing and Vice-Chairman Tom Seley were absent. Ten others were in attendance. Clerk Hatch led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:34 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated that there was a great article in the local newspaper about the workshop the Board held on July 27, 2016. He noted that his interpretation of what was said in the workshop was "tax or die". He emphasized that he would not be opposed to taxes if the Town had a say over the money. He stressed that the Town still fights over the half cent sales tax as the money for the Sheriff's Department is already spent without approval by the Town Board. Mr. Carlyle added that it is his opinion that the Town has enough money in the Fire Department budget to pay for standby, long trips, etc. He suggested the Town Board have a workshop to look into alternatives.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski thanked everyone present for the donations to the Wounded Warrior Race. She noted that she is still getting donations and already has over \$3,000. She added that one driver donated the prize money back. Ms. Kaminski pointed out that there will be a POW/MIA Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony on September 16, 2016 (see attached).

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the public workshop held July 27, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the public workshop held July 27, 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 27, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 27, 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held August 10, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held August 10 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve us of the Tonopah Convention Center for the NyE Communities Coalition Food Security Committee to distribute fresh fruit and vegetables once a month starting in September 2016.

Deb Cobb noted that petitioner Jess Rosner could not attend the meeting due to an emergency. She explained that the Coalition received grant funding again and are hoping to serve even more people this year. Board Member Jerry Elliston asked if the Coalition has used the Convention Center in the past which Ms. Cobb affirmed. Mr. Elliston asked whether there were any issues in the past which Ms. Cobb denied. Clerk Janet Hatch inquired whether the distribution will take place during the third week of every month again to which Ms. Cobb replied that she was not sure yet.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the use of the Tonopah Convention Center for the NyE Communities Coalition Food Security Committee to distribute fresh fruit and vegetables once a month starting in September 2016. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the Coalition will only be using the Gold Room. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of the Tonopah Fair and Rodeo Grounds for Central Nevada Grange. Uses to include existing livestock structures and pens, and available land for raising of livestock, poultry, and swine and for agriculture uses.

Central Nevada Grange representatives Deb Cobb and Tell Sallee introduced themselves. Ms. Cobb noted that Grange would like to continue what they started the previous year. She stressed that Grange started a community garden and the Team Roping Club was approved to become part of Grange.

Deb Cobb stated that Grange would like to ask for an extension of the agreement until one party wants to dissolve it as they would like to invest in the community and the property. Board Member Don Kaminski asked how many years the property was used for 4H. Ms. Cobb explained that they used the property since 1997 or 1998. She stressed that Grange would provide the insurance certificate annually, but would like to not have to come before the Board every year to ask permission to use the property. Board Member Jerry Elliston asked whether other organizations can still use the property. Ms. Cobb emphasized that Grange invites other organizations to work with them. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the Town would have the final decision. Deb Cobb noted that Grange is not just an organization for kids, but also for adults. Mr. Elliston inquired how pays the utility bills for the property. Ms. Cobb clarified that Grange pays for electricity and water. Ms. Elliston asked whether Grange has scheduled meetings that the public can attend. Ms. Cobb explained that they meet every third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Station 2. She added that the meeting is a potluck. Deb Cobb pointed out that soccer sign-ups will be held the following day and that there are already about 80 kids signed up.

Jerry Elliston asked whether the agreement can be entered into contingent upon changes of requirements. He inquired how many members Grange has to which tell Sallee replied that they have about 30 established chartered members. Ms. Sallee added that Grange is trying to get donations to get the lights replaced at the rodeo grounds. Deb Cobb stressed that they want to keep the buildings used and kept up so that they do not get vandalized.

Board Member Don Kaminski asked Utility Manager Joe Westerlund about the status of the lights at the rodeo grounds. Mr. Westerlund stated that he has been in contact with everybody who uses the property. They would like to get NV Energy and SolarReserve to donate money. Tell Sallee stressed that the current lights are maxing everything and could pop a breaker. He emphasized that they do not pose a hazard for the public.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the use of the Tonopah Fair and Rodeo Grounds for Central Nevada Grange. Uses to include existing livestock structures and pens, and available land for raising of livestock, poultry, and swine and for agriculture uses, as discussed, to be renegotiated August 24, 2019. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through the Nevada Division of Tourism to advertise the Town of Tonopah, Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Central Nevada Museum, etc. on KIBS Radio, the Reader Board, in the Nevada Magazine, Big Map, Rides Guide, through a promotional video, brochure, website, etc. and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli explained that she placed this item on the agenda as the grant cycle is open for Travel Nevada Marketing Grants that are due by the end of September. She stated that she put as many projects as possible on the list so that she can apply for grant funding. She emphasized that this does not mean that the town has to do all these projects if the Town does not receive funding for it. She pointed out that she will apply for grant funding for projects that the Town already has such as the reader board and KIBS Radio advertising that the Town currently pays 100%. Ms. Galli explained all projects to the Board (see backup). She stressed that the Board can make the final decision in December 2016 whether they want to advertise in the Nevada Magazine, Rides Guide, etc. when they know whether the Town received the grant funding.

Ms. Galli noted that she would like the Board to approve expenditure of up to \$30,000 as the Town is still receiving quotes for a new brochure. She explained that the price is significantly higher than expected. She pointed out that the grants might cover up to 50% of that cost. Ms. Galli added that if the Town makes this expenditure in the current fiscal year and possibly the following fiscal year, the Town will be up to speed on all marketing material and will not have to spend that much money for many years.

Kat Galli explained that she compiled a list of all expected expenditure for the room tax grant fund (see backup). She noted that the anticipated amount will exceed what the Town will collect in the current fiscal year, but that if the Town received the grant funding for all projects, the total amount of expenditures would be within what the Town will collect.

Ms. Galli passed out the updated Town Survey which gives Tonopah visitors the option to choose between different answers instead of having to provide the answers themselves. She explained that she did the updates based on answers provided in previously evaluated surveys. Board Member Don Kaminski asked how many surveys the Town has received back so far to which Ms. Galli replied that she has evaluated about 600-700 surveys so far. Ms. Galli emphasized that based on her collected data and talks with other tourism professionals, advertising does not pay itself off right away; it is usually the repetition of the advertising that gets the Town on the map. Board Member Jerry Elliston inquired

whether Ms. Galli was summarizing the results to which she replied that she has done monthly evaluations and will have a presentation for the Board towards the end of the year. She noted that she will write multiple grant applications to ensure one project will not hinder the application from being approved.

Kat Galli clarified that the Town of Tonopah was the only community in the State of Nevada apart from two other counties to receive \$8,000 in grant funding for a tourism assessment. She emphasized that Tonopah is on the Division of Tourism's "radar" and that they really want to support Tonopah. She stressed that now is the time to take advantage of the attention Tonopah is getting, especially since Travel Nevada wants to award the annual tourism conference "Rural Roundup" to Tonopah. Ms. Galli explained that Chuck who is conducting the assessment has been in contact with Travel Nevada which helps support the Town's grant applications. She noted that the Town has received a preliminary report and staff will submit the final report to the Board as soon as it is available.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that spending this amount of money was doable, but cannot be done annually because the Town will not be able to sustain it. She added that the Town needs to spend money to make money.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski stressed that Kat Galli was "right on" about the State noticing Tonopah. She pointed out that Tonopah has not had the Rural Roundup in 22 years. She added that the last big grant the Town received was for the Star Trails. She noted that she cannot even remember when the Town had a brochure the last time. Ms. Kaminski stated that Goldfield has a great brochure in which businesses have advertising. Ms. Galli pointed out that it is difficult for Tonopah as the Town does not have a Chamber of Commerce and the Town cannot charge businesses for advertising.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve applying for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through the Nevada Division of Tourism to advertise the Town of Tonopah, Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Central Nevada Museum, etc. on KIBS Radio, the Reader Board, in the Nevada Magazine, Big Map, Rides Guide, through a promotional video, brochure, website, etc. and to approve grant matching expenditure of up to \$30,000.00. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the annual updates to the Personnel Policy, as recommended by POOL/PACT Human Resources.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the Board received a copy of each page that had a change. She explained all changes (see backup) and stressed that most changes are minor, such as references to an NRS, etc. Under 2.10.10, Ms. Mulkerns noted that the Town currently does not employ any CDL holders.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the annual updates to the Personnel Policy, as recommended by POOL/PACT Human Resources. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stated that the backstops at Joe Friel Sports Complex are finished so that the school can bid for divisionals for girls' softball. He added that the fencing was retied.

Mr. Westerlund noted that he will meet Engineer Paul Winkelman the following day to pick up testing equipment to start the Rye Patch Recoat Project on August 29. He added that the project will be completed by October 17, 2016.

Mr. Westerlund explained that Sierra Controls will be coming to Town on August 30, 2016 to change the transducer.

Mr. Westerlund said that the application for an NDOT encroachment permit for the sidewalk at Pocket Park was submitted.

Joe Westerlund stated that the Reunion Picnic will be held this weekend. The Town will have everything ready at Jim Butler Park. He added that staff needs to paint over graffiti.

Mr. Westerlund pointed out that the Best in the Desert race came through Tonopah the previous weekend. He stressed that they left the property very clean this year. He explained that staff had contact with them in advance to ensure everything will run smoothly. Tonopah resident Tell Sallee emphasized that the participants were great with the local kids. Board Member Jerry Elliston suggested sending the organizers a letter. The other Board Members agreed.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that Commissioner Lorinda Wichman requested her e-mail to Jerry Elliston be read into record (see correspondence). Mr. Elliston stated that he was glad he got appointed and is looking forward to serving on the Board. He added that he is a "detail person" and will be asking a lot of questions as he wants to understand everything.

Board Member Janet Hatch thanked Town staff for all they are doing. She noted that she would like to know how the Board felt about increasing the compensation for EMT's and volunteers. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she thinks the Board should have a workshop about this issue. Board Member Jerry Elliston agreed that the Board should address this issue more. Board Member Don Kaminski emphasized that Tonopah does not have a hospital to take the calls to. The Town needs to find out what is required by the State. He noted that a critical care facility might be a solution as the volunteers would not have to transport that far. He emphasized that the volunteers cannot afford to take that much time off. Chris Mulkerns suggested scheduling a workshop and inviting people who might be able to answer some questions. She noted that she will find out what people's schedules are.

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

Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, August 16, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, July 28, 2016 and August 2, 2016

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, August 22, 2016

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, August 23, 2016

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, August 16, 2016

Room Tax Grant Project Completion Report: Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction, August 18, 2016

E-mail from Jaynee Reeves re: BOCC meeting location change, August 24, 2016  
E-mail from Lorinda Wichman re: new Board Member, August 18, 2016

Flyer: POW/MIA Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony, September 16, 2016

14. Approval of vouchers for payment

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

14. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle noted that he would like to make a public disclosure on record. He stated that he notified the auditor in December or January that he believes it was an illegal, improper use of public funds based on the hospital's and County's actions. He added that he also notified Pool/PACT because he fears the Board and individuals may be liable. Mr. Carlyle referred to news articles and statements made by County Manager Pam Webster and Commissioner Lorinda Wichman. He added that he filed a lengthy comment with Senator Reid, Senator Heller, the Governor, and Congressman Hardy. He stated that he feels there was misconduct on the part of the County based on the bankruptcy (reorganization) agreement and the settlement agreement. He added that his goal is to compel Nye County to conform to their agreement. Horace Carlyle emphasized that "as Chairman of the Board, I had some unique power".

Tonopah resident Amy Meier stated that they use Harvey Park a lot because it is a great park. She added that she is hoping the Town will get some new equipment soon. She pointed out that there is a lot of dog poop and asked if the Town could possibly install dog poop containers and have bags available. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that the Best Western has one of those at the gazebo downtown. Board Member Jerry Elliston asked whether there are any signs encouraging people to pick up after

themselves. Don Kaminski inquired whether this is in the Town Ordinance which Chris Mulkerns denied. She added that she will look into this matter.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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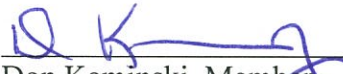
  
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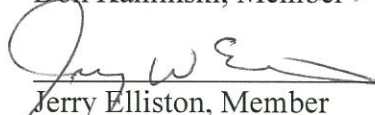
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TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch called the meeting to order on August 24, 2016 at 7:28 p.m. Also present were Board members Don Kaminski and Jerry Elliston. Chairman Tom Seley and Clerk Duane Downing were absent. Ten others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch pointed out that the improvements at the Historical Library are continuing and noted that many people are helping to finish the project.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 27, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 27, 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held August 10, 2016.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held August 10 2016. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals noted that the Historical Library is looking great. It has a new sidewalk and new stairs. She stressed that they had a lot of help and everything is coming together. Ms. Ryals pointed out that she changed the paint color.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund pointed out that Account Supervisor Becky Braska had posted on Facebook when the crew was working at the Historical Library so that the public would know that they were there. Dianne Ryals stressed that there were no issues. Mr. Westerlund added that Town staff is trying to post online whenever the crew does anything for the Town.

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

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

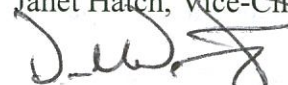
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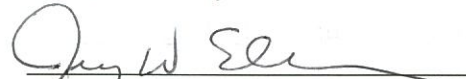
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