

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on November 8, 2017 at 6:01 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston, Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Chairman Duane Downing was present after 6:29 p.m. Eight others were in attendance. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:16 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:21 p.m.

Items were taken out of order.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle noted that the rumors are true that there will not be a 24/7 ambulance service in the Tonopah area soon. He added that only Pahrump will still have an ambulance service. He questioned whether the north is being discriminated against. He asked what negotiations the Town staff and individual Board Members have been involved in. He stressed that EMS staff announced over a year ago that services might not be provided in the future. He suggested that Town to financially support the EMS services. He pointed out that the Town is already funding County services such as the Central Nevada Museum and Senior Nutrition program. Mr. Carlyle emphasized that people will die if there is no ambulance service. He added that everyone should look at their property tax bill as there is a tax for medical services. He questioned where the money is going and whether Nye County is providing medical services to the whole county.

Dawn Gudmunson noted that she is the coordinator of the Tonopah Ambulance Service. She added that she sent an e-mail regarding the ambulance service in Tonopah (see correspondence). She stated that she would like to explain why there will not be 24/7 coverage anymore. Ms. Gudmunson pointed out that she has been advocating for locals to become volunteers for a long time, but even more so since the accident that took place on October 1, 2017. She stressed that the community is not responding to it. She clarified that there are currently four volunteers, two of which will be gone and one who does not go on calls at night. She emphasized that there cannot be a 24/7 ambulance service with two volunteers. Ms. Gudmunson added that she has not heard from Emergency Management Director Vance Payne yet so she does not know if he has any additional information. Ms. Gudmunson stated that the Tonopah Ambulance Service is based on volunteers and runs about 400 calls a year while Beatty has about 260 calls, Round Mountain about 100 calls, and Goldfield about 80 calls. She stressed that the problem is the distance to the nearest hospital and the lack of volunteers. She clarified that there are Mutual Aid Agreements in place so that ambulances can come from other areas, but they will have the same problems. Ms. Gudmunson noted that if anyone has any idea how to solve this problem to contact her.

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

None.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 25, 2017.

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve surplus and advertisement to bid for purchase of Tonopah Town and TPU vehicles no longer in use.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stated that the vehicles were put out for scrap but no bids were received. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that the purchase of the vehicles will be opened to members of the public as she received calls from people who are interested in buying them. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked how many vehicles will be sold. Ms. Mulkerns answered that three vehicles are no longer in use.

Roni Link motioned to approve surplus and advertisement to bid for purchase of Tonopah Town and TPU vehicles no longer in use, to the public. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Open and read aloud any and all bids received for the Tonopah Visitor Center Project.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that two bids were received. She added that the reason the Town was allowed to do this process was due to the fact that no bids were received by the deadlines, but two contractors contacted the Town that they were interested in submitting a bid. She stressed that no action will be taken tonight, the bids are only opened and read aloud. Staff will place an action item on the next agenda to award the bid.

Ms. Mulkerns opened the bids as follows:

1) Ben F. Dotson Construction, Inc., Fallon, NV

Base Bid: \$116,384.00

Alternate 1 (Canopy): \$6,800.00

Alternate 2 (Walkway): \$12,690.00

Total Bid: \$135,864.00

2) Perchetti Roofing and Construction, Tonopah, NV

Base Bid: \$36,500.00

Alternate 1 (Canopy): \$3,000.00

Alternate 2 (Walkway): \$8,000.00

Total Bid: \$47,500.00

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Budget Reports.

Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that the Town is ahead of the budgeted collections.

7. Correspondence

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, November 1, 2017

Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda,
November 1, 2017

Forest Service News Release: Christmas Tree Permits, October 26, 2017

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, November 7, 2017

NyE Communities Coalition Newsletter, November 2017

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, November 14, 2017

Room Tax Grant Project Completion Report: Central Nevada Racing Association,
October 16, 2017

Letter from Leona Koch to Hoss Disposal, November 6, 2017

E-mail from Lorina Dellinger re: Nye County Veteran's Banner Program,
November 8, 2017

E-Mail Stream from Dawn Gudmunson, Mike Klein, Vance Payne, Rob Elliott re:
Ambulance Service, November 2017

E-Mail from Dawn Gudmunson re: Ambulance Service, November 7, 2017

8. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Roni Link motioned to sign the vouchers as presented for payment. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Public Comment

Horace Carlyle noted that the Northern Nye County Hospital District is currently negotiating with Renown and that he is hopeful that there will be a solution soon. He stressed that the Town Board needs to have a liaison who attends County meetings and is part of the process to find a solution. He questioned who will bear the liability if there are no services in the Tonopah area. He added that he believes that based on the tax bills, there should be funds for services. He emphasized that if the Town Board does not do anything, there will be fatalities.

Joe Westerlund stated that he went to Carson City today for the State Revolving Loan Fund Grant which the Town/TPU received in the amount of \$500,000 for radio read meters. He stressed that reading meters should only take about two to four hours once everything is installed, instead of two guys who read for seven days. He pointed out that there will be less hazards as there will be less vehicles in use. He added that he hopes that the Town will be completely outfitted in June of 2018.

Mr. Westerlund noted that he agrees with Horace Carlyle on having a committee. Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain volunteered to attend such meetings.

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

Chairman Duane Downing stated that he thinks the Board needs to have an agenda item or workshop to see what the Town can do about the lack of ambulance service. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski noted that he likes the idea of having a workshop and being able to throw ideas around. Mr. Downing asked if Hoss Disposal was discussed already. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated it was not. Mr. Downing asked if this topic could be added to the workshop as well. Ms. Mulkerns emphasized that the Board cannot take action during a workshop. The Board suggested having the workshop about the ambulance and garbage service on Thursday, November 12th at 5 p.m.

9. Public Comment

Roni Link noted that part of the problem of getting volunteers for the ambulance service is that the public does not know what they do. Dawn Gudmunson stated that she is trying to get that information out to Tonopah residents. She added that she was hoping to get a letter of support from the Town Board asking employers to help out by accommodating their employees' schedules. Duane Downing stressed that the workshop is the place for that. Ms. Gudmunson pointed out that training classes are coming up, but that it takes a long time to get people through all the training and checks.

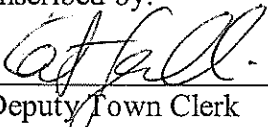
TPU Account Representative Becky Braska stated that she is glad the issues with Hoss Disposal were brought up as she was asked by people calling the office to relay to the Board that their trash has not been picked up in weeks. Public has complained that animals are getting into their trash and that it is becoming a health issue. She added that she is spending a tremendous amount of her time dealing with customers who call to complain about their garbage not being picked up. She pointed out that she has asked all callers to call Hoss Disposal directly and many customers report that they are either not getting any answers or are told that their service will be dropped if they complain. Ms. Braska stressed that she has been getting about 40-50 calls a day.

Cindy Kaminski pointed out that the VFW Post will be hosting their annual spaghetti dinner the following day. The winners of the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Contests will be announced.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

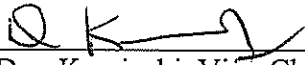
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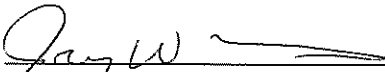
Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Duane Downing, Chairman



Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman



Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member

Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on November 8, 2017 at 6:16 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Mike Sain, Clerk Roni Link, and Trustee Jerry Elliston. Trustee Duane Downing was absent. Eight others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

Chairman Don Kaminski asked if the Library sent their proposal letter regarding the property located next to the Library, which Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns confirmed. She added that the offer letter was sent back by the property owner and was sent to Cow County Title to process the paperwork to purchase the property.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held October 25, 2017.

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on the Library Budget Report.

No questions or comments.

5. Correspondence

Community Foundation of Western Nevada Quarterly Statement, October 31, 2017

Mike Sain asked what kind of investment the Foundation is. Chris Mulkerns stated that she can get him that information.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn

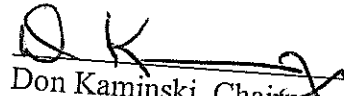
The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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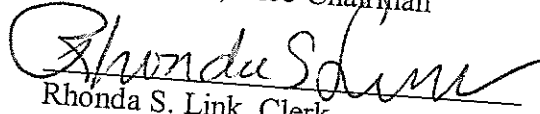
Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



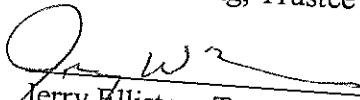
Don Kaminski, Chairman

Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk

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