

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on December 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Member Roni Link. Chairman Duane Downing and Board Member Mike Sain were absent. Fifteen 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 6:18 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:23 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Mike Jones introduced himself and stated that he is the Social Studies teacher at Tonopah High School. Mr. Jones was raised in Florida and attended the University of Alabama. He added that he moved to Tonopah to be closer to his mother who lives in Pahrump. Mr. Jones pointed out that he gave his Senior Government Economics class a choice between completing an assignment or attending the Town Board meeting to observe democracy in action. Mr. Jones introduced his eight students in attendance. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend. Board Member Roni Link thanked Mr. Jones for coming and bringing his students.

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated that he has been looking for EMS funding options but has not been very successful. He referred to the Town Board minutes from July 27, 2016 and stressed that NRS 450B needs to change to help develop a new system for rural communities that are currently held to same standard as Las Vegas or Reno. He emphasized that he feels this could be achieved if everyone worked together. Mr. Carlyle added that John Campbell could be a great resource. He encouraged the Board to look into this and pointed out that Fire Chief Rob Elliott and EMS Director Vance Payne cannot advocate for Tonopah Town Board.

Clerk Jerry Elliston explained that the Town Board consists of five elected officials and that they need at least three Members in attendance to have a quorum. He pointed out that the Members do not get compensated, but do this for the community because they live in Tonopah. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski added that the Members are limited to a 12-year term. Board Member Roni Link pointed out that she is volunteer EMT, a member of the Northern Nye County Hospital District Board and the Town Board. She started getting involved to make a difference in the community.

Becca Mancha asked if any of the Board Members were paid. Mr. Kaminski clarified that the Board Members are not compensated. Mr. Elliston pointed out that the Town staff is paid and takes care of everything. He added that the Town funding comes from taxes from people who live in Tonopah. Mike Jones inquired what makes the Members want to be on the Board. Mr. Kaminski answered that he lives in Tonopah and wants to retire here. He wants to improve things for everyone. He introduced Utility Manager Joe Westerlund, Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns and Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli and noted that running the Town and Tonopah Public Utilities is somewhat like running a business. Mike Jones stated that Superintendent Dale Norton spoke to his class about the School District's budget and staffing.

Jerry Elliston stated that he moved to Tonopah 37 years ago and raised his children here. He noted that he felt he was at a point in his life where he had time to give back to the community and help out. He emphasized that the Board encourages young residents of Tonopah to be involved in Town matters and stressed that the Board wants to hear their opinion.

Mike Jones noted that some of the students have applied for “Nevada Promise” and need to have 20 volunteer hours before April of 2018. He added that they formed a club called “Tonopah Pride”.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that the container for the Tonopah Historic Mining Park was delivered. The round tables for the Tonopah Convention Center will be delivered the following Monday. She pointed out that having round tables will give customers other seating options, especially for weddings. She added that they ordered enough to seat 250 people. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that the new wainscoting is looking fantastic.

Board Member Roni Link pointed out that the Tonopah Public Library offers a program through the State Library which allows users to set up a resume and search for possible future jobs.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 8, 2017.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 8, 2017. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the public workshop held November 16, 2017.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the public workshop held November 16, 2017. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 22, 2017.

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of the Tonopah Convention Center for a movie night on a monthly basis utilizing the newly acquired AV equipment for the benefit of the community/non-profit groups.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that she placed this item on the agenda to get the Board Members' feedback on how they feel about having a monthly movie night at the Convention Center. She added that a local group wanted to utilize the Convention Center for a movie night which brought this about as one cannot show a movie without the proper license. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that she believes the Town should allow local non-profits to host movie nights under the Town's license. The non-profits could host fundraisers or provide concessions to raise money. She pointed out that the licensing company "Swank" bases their fee on the number of potential viewers. The fee per event would be \$135-\$150. Groups can either bring their own movie or have Swank provide the movie. Ms. Mulkerns emphasized that the company has movies available that are currently still playing in theaters. She noted that she feels it would be a nice thing for people to do in Tonopah.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked whether the fee is based on the number of seats in the Convention Center which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that there will be advertising restrictions. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski inquired whether getting the movies from Swank would cost an additional fee. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that movies can be rented at no additional charge. Board Member Roni Link asked the public in attendance whether they would be interested in regular movie nights which most confirmed. Ms. Mulkerns stressed that CYAC and Grange are very interested in hosting movie nights. Clerk Elliston inquired whether the Town would charge for the use of the Convention Center. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the Town would carry all cost. She added that she would like to send a letter to local groups informing them of the possibility to host movie nights. She noted that she would like to have monthly movie nights. Ms. Link asked if chaperones would be needed for the event. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that she contacted POOL/PACT who suggested having a Town employee on the premises so that the event can be covered under the Town's insurance policy. She stressed that the groups need to sign a waiver holding the Town harmless. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund pointed out that he is hoping this will become a regular event that is always held on the same day of the month so Tonopah residents can plan accordingly.

Clerk Elliston stated that he would like to see the Town sponsor a movie every month. Vice-Chairman Kaminski stressed that the Town needs to limit what movies can be shown. Clerk Elliston asked who will be chaperoning the movie nights. Ms. Mulkerns replied that she will and that others could chaperone as well, including Board Members.

Tonopah resident Glen White asked whether one needs to have a food handler license to sell food at the event. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that this is already required for any event held at the Convention Center for all foods that are not pre-packaged. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that the Convention Center does not have a full kitchen. Clerk Elliston asked if the Town could allow everyone to bring their own refreshments which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed. Mr. Elliston stated that he likes the idea of having a Town sponsored movie night.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the use of the Tonopah Convention Center for movie nights on a monthly basis utilizing the newly acquired AV equipment for the benefit of the community/non-profit groups. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jerry Elliston asked when the movie nights would start. Ms. Mulkerns explained that CYAC is interested in hosting the first movie night in December. Clerk Elliston inquired whether the groups are allowed to charge for the event. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that they cannot charge for the movie nights, but can ask for donations. Glen White asked how the movie nights would be advertised. Ms. Mulkerns stated that advertisements are allowed on Facebook, the Town website, the reader board, etc., but not everything can list the movie title. Tonopah resident Becca Mancha inquired whether the movie title can be announced verbally which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed. Mr. Westerlund suggested including the movie title in the morning announcements at the High School if a school group is hosting the event.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to open, read aloud, and possibly award sale of certain surplus inventory, to the highest bidder for each item.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked whether the surplus inventory were the vehicles the Board talked about at the last meeting which Chris Mulkerns confirmed. She added that the ad was published in the newspaper for three weeks. Joe Westerlund pointed out that the Town tried to scrap these items but received no bids.

Ms. Mulkerns opened the bids and read them aloud:

a) 1981 Ford Cable truck

\$103, bid from Bill Dowers

b) 1984 Bucket Truck

\$503, bid from Bill Dowers

c) 1993 Crown Victoria

Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that as the Town received two bids for this item, the bid will go to the highest bidder.

Bid 1: \$501, bid from Bill Dowers

Bid 2: \$250, bid from Robert Herren

Chris Mulkerns noted that Bill Dowers gets all three vehicles and that she will contact him the following day.

Jerry Elliston motioned to accept the high bids for the sale of the surplus inventory. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to reimburse Anne Marie Jeay for the charges from Tonopah Public Utilities.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that petitioner Anne Marie Jeay cannot be present for the item. He pointed out that he just heard about this issue the week before when he received the letter even though the incident allegedly took place the year before. Mr. Westerlund clarified that Ms. Jeay claims that somebody stole water from her house and that he thinks it was somebody who was contracted by the Town. Mr. Westerlund stressed that if the Town/TPU has a contractor performing work for them, the contractor takes water through a fire hydrant. Mr. Westerlund added that Ms. Jeay did not name the neighbor who told her that he saw someone stealing her water.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski stated that he thinks Ms. Jeay needs to take this matter up with the police. He added that it is his opinion that the Town Board does not get involved. Mr. Westerlund agreed and emphasized that if someone stole Ms. Jeay's water, it was not a Town contractor or a Town/TPU employee.

This item died for lack of motion.

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

Jerry Elliston pointed out that the budget reports are public knowledge and that everyone is entitled to see these. Don Kaminski added that the reports show percentages of where every line item is within the fiscal year.

10. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, November 30, 2017
Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of October 2017, Collected November 2017
Letter to Nevada Division of Forestry, November 29, 2017
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, December 5, 2017
Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, December 11, 2017
E-mail/Flyer from Darrell Lacy re: "Community Conversation", December 12, 2017
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, December 8, 2017
TravelNevada Press Release, December 5, 2017

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli referred to the TravelNevada Press Release and pointed out that the Town received all grants they applied for. Roni Link asked Ms. Galli to explain to the students in attendance what the grants are for. Ms. Galli clarified that the grants the Town received are through the Division of Tourism, TravelNevada, for advertisement such as print and radio advertisement, the website redesign, a promotional package for the Convention Center, etc. She stressed that the Town has received the full amount for all grants for a total of over \$15,000 which will cover half of the Town's cost for all advertising efforts.

11. 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 3-0.


12. Public Comment

Horace Carlyle noted that based on the recommendation from the Nye County EMS Director, the Town needs to help assist the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department get the licensed EMT's back who have left. He added that he would like the Town Board to consider an action item for the next meeting pertaining to this. He stressed that the Town Board needs to be active.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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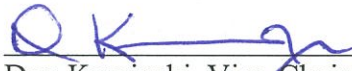


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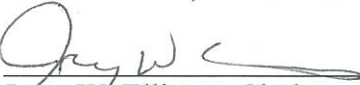
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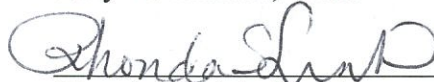
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Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman



Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DECEMBER 6, 2017
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on December 6, 2017 at 6:18 p.m. Also present were Clerk Roni Link and Trustee Jerry Elliston. Vice-Chairman Mike Sain and Trustee Duane Downing were absent. Fifteen others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

None.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 8, 2017.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 8, 2017. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 22, 2017.

This item was tabled.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve closing the Tonopah Public Library on December 26, 2017 and January 2, 2018.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals asked to have this item placed on the agenda. She added that a lot of the Library staff members will be out of Town for the holidays which fall on Mondays this year. Chairman Kaminski referred to the agenda item request form and noted that the days around the holidays are usually slow days.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve closing the Tonopah Public Library on December 26, 2017 and January 2, 2018. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Chairman Don Kaminski noted that the report is looking good.

7. Correspondence

Community Foundation of Western Nevada Investment Report of Fundholders,
September 30, 2017

8. 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 3-0.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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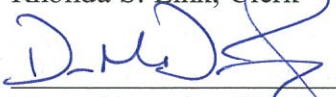
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