

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2018
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski was absent. Six others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:49 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle noted that budget time is coming up and he therefore would like to point out that Nye County EMS provided a projection on how much it would cost to continue services. He stressed that he believes funding options should be looked at. He added that he has been researching how to find money for EMS volunteers. He pointed out that EMS Director Vance Payne stated at a Town Board meeting in 2016 that laws need to change to provide services in rural regions. He noted that Commissioner Lorinda Wichman stated that she will sponsor a bill if necessary. Mr. Carlyle stressed that the Town Board could talk to Fire Chief Rob Elliott to get guidance on how to “attack” this matter. He emphasized that he is willing to pay higher taxes if necessary.

David Hiebert noted that he will be running for Nye County Sheriff. He added that he wants to show that he cares about Tonopah and that this is why he is attending the meeting.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that she will place an item on the next agenda to discuss possible dates to hold the budget workshops. She pointed out that the first one is usually a longer workshop. She will receive the first numbers from the Department of Taxation on February 15th and would like to suggest having the first workshop on either March 2nd or 9th. She proposed having the second workshop after receiving the final abatement numbers on March 23rd. She noted that the second budget workshop could be held on the same day as the regular meeting (March 28th). She emphasized that she would prefer not holding the budget workshops in April due to the Rural Roundup that will be held April 11th-13th.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the wainscoting is finished at the Convention Center. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that the contractor just needs to finish covering the screws. He added that they started work on the Visitor Center.

Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that the financial disclosure statements are due.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 20, 2017.

Roni Link motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 20, 2017. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for multiple "Projects Relating to Tourism" Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli explained that these types of grants are only available every two years. She stressed that there is not a lot of funding available for these types of grants and that there might be a chance the Town will not receive any grant funding. She noted that once the Town knows whether they received the grants, the Board can decide whether they want to move forward with any of the projects.

Ms. Galli clarified that the banners advertising Jim Butler Days and the Summer Rodeo were purchased through grant funds about two years ago when these grants were available the last time. She pointed out that the Town has received great feedback on these banners. She noted that she would like to add banners to advertise all annual events such as the MOE Bike Rally, Oktoberfest, etc. in a cohesive design and directing visitors to the Town website.

Ms. Galli stated that she would like to have another welcome head frame coming from Highway 6 like the ones coming from Reno and Las Vegas. She pointed out that as the Town is trying to encourage more events to be held at the Rodeo Grounds, improving that part of Town and welcoming visitors traveling on Highway 6 is necessary. She added that she just heard the day before that another group is trying to organize a summer event. Ms. Galli noted that Brett Perchetti agreed to build the head frame as he built one of the existing ones. She stressed that her estimate is high as she wanted to make sure all costs are covered. She pointed out that Stretch Baker agreed to donate the lumber.

Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard noted that Roger Brooks who hosts a lot of tourism webinars stressed that one of the things necessary in a Town is to have a central location to hosts events, sit down, etc. She noted that the town currently has such a property, but improvements are needed. She pointed out that she would like planters and benches to allow visitors to sit and eat, especially during events. Ms. Bombard clarified that once the grant is awarded, the Town would have a year to complete the projects, allowing enough time to evaluate designs and speak with local businesses about the possibility of losing parking. Roni Link asked where exactly Ms. Bombard would envision the seating area to be. Ms. Bombard clarified that she thinks the best area for it to be is next to "Bella's" as this would allow for parking on the other side, for the stage to be brought in and for delivery trucks to pull in to the adjacent businesses. Ms. Link stated that this is good thinking on Ms. Bombard's part. Duane Downing asked if the Town still has the plans that were drawn up years ago. Chris Mulkerns noted that they do have the plans and pointed out that staff has not decided on a definite design yet as they wanted to try to get grant funding first. Plans can be adjusted based on how much funding will be awarded to this project.

Ms. Galli emphasized that apart from the banner cost that is set, all other costs were estimated to be the highest cost possible. She stressed that she expects the projects to be cheaper. Ms. Galli pointed out that staff is also working on establishing a dog park, but Account Representative Becky Braska found out that other grants are available for this kind of project that would cover 100% of the cost. She added that Ms. Braska already has plans drawn up and equipment was already donated. Ms. Bombard explained that dog friendly travel is very important to a lot of visitors.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve applying for multiple "Projects Relating to Tourism" Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditure, as presented. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to either:

- 1) Terminate the Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc. and authorize Town staff to advertise a Request for Proposal (RFP),
- 2) Continue the Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc., or
- 3) Negotiate an amended Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal, Inc. in lieu of termination.

Chris Mulkerns stated that she contacted owner Rosa Esquibel to advise her of the fact that the certified mailing came back unclaimed. The Nye County District Attorney's (DA) Office recommended contacting her by phone and telling her what will be on the agenda. They suggested these three options. Ms. Mulkerns added that she summarized what was discussed in a letter to Hoss Disposal as well. She noted that she has only received one complaint in the past few weeks and Nye County received one as well. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the current agreement is good through 2020 and cannot be amended.

Board Member Roni Link stated that she spoke with another garbage disposal company in Winnemucca and they were favorable to come to Tonopah. Ms. Mulkerns noted that she and Mr. Westerlund have contacted other companies as well. She stressed that she believes service will continue, even if there might be a short gap. The Town could allow another company to collect trash in the interim while an RFP is published.

Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that while Hoss Disposal might not always pick up garbage on the right day, they do pick up everyone's trash and he is not sure he is ready to terminate the agreement with them. Board Member Mike Sain pointed out that some of the commercial accounts were really spotty over the last few weeks and did not get picked up half the time. He pointed out that he is concerned that it will get worse again if the Board does not act right now. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that this is why staff would like to amend the franchise agreement.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that she will contact the DA's Office to discuss what options the Town has to fill in the gap. She pointed out that she knows of at least one company that is very interested in taking over the garbage service in Tonopah. She added that prices will be double or triple and that this is something to consider when making a decision. Mike

Sain stressed that he is bothered by the fact that Hoss Disposal did not even pick up the letter the Board sent in November of 2017. He added that it seems they do not care.

Roni Link asked what the chances would be of the Town getting a truck and hiring an employee to take over garbage services. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the Town would need two trucks and two employees to ensure all customers can be picked up and there are no gaps when one employee is sick or on vacation. Chairman Duane Downing emphasized that staff ran the numbers and the cost would be extremely high to start up, due to having to purchase the trucks, the dumpsters, garbage cans, etc. He added that the Town would eventually make money on it, but not a whole lot. Joe Westerlund noted that he believes Hoss Disposal's rates will increase in 2020.

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle noted that, based on his customer service, Hoss Disposal has been very close to the day that they said they would pick up. He added that he would recommend not making the change in the wintertime. He pointed out that he is afraid there will be trash in the desert. He suggested the Town check with Hawthorne Utilities on how they run the trash company.

Roni Link asked whether the Town can you put out an RFP before terminating Hoss. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the Town has to notify Hoss Disposal of steps the Town is taking. Jerry Elliston inquired whether they are on notice right now which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed. She added that it is the DA's opinion that the 30 days started about 3 or 4 days after the letter was mailed. She emphasized that Hoss Disposal has had way more than 30 days.

Ms. Link noted that she would like to terminate the agreement because of all the problems in the past. Jerry Elliston stated that he is not ready to terminate. Duane Downing pointed out that the service has gotten better and that he does not want to see a gap in coverage. He added that he thinks option 3 is the best option to ensure everybody is happy. He suggested including a clause in the agreement that allows the Town to terminate the agreement under certain circumstances.

Roni Link motioned to negotiate an amended Franchise Agreement with Hoss Disposal in lieu of termination and allow Town staff to negotiate said contract to bring back to the Town Board. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-1.

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

No questions or comments.

7. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary, December 19, 2017

E-mail from Kat Galli re: sign-up for agenda/minutes through nyecounty.net,
December 21, 2017

Christmas card from Sheriff Wehrly, December 2017

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, January 2, 2018

Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of November 2017, Collected December 2017

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, January 8, 2018

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, January 9, 2018

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 4-0.

9. Announcements

Chris Mulkerns stated that she and Utility Manager Joe Westerlund decided to wait to have the bathroom renovations at the Convention Center started until after the Rural Roundup in April. She stressed that they are afraid there will be delays. Duane Downing agreed.


10. Public Comment

Horace Carlyle noted that the Town of Tonopah has not had regular street service in years. He suggested the Board become proactive on this matter and to contact Nye County Public Works.

11. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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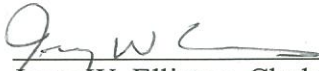
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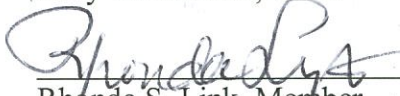


Duane Downing, Chairman

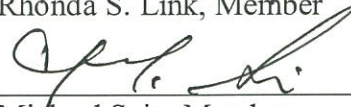
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Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAHA LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman Mike Sain called the meeting to order on January 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. Also present were Clerk Roni Link and Trustees Duane Downing and Jerry Elliston. Chairman Don Kaminski was absent. Six others were in attendance.

Public Comment

None.

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

None.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 20, 2017.

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

No questions or comments.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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6. Announcements

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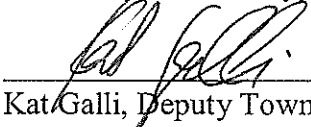
7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

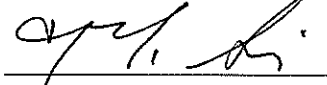
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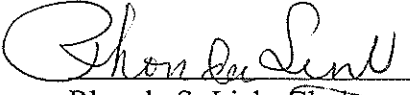
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Don Kaminski, Chairman



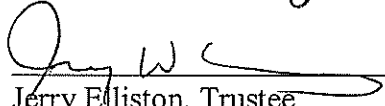
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Duane Downing, Trustee



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