

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2018  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on February 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Twenty-four others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:35 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that he is concerned about the way the Sundowner Motel is being renovated as he believes the snow might push onto the extended wall and fall down. He added that he wonders if someone should be asked to take a look at that. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she will check with the Nye County Planning Department about this matter.

3. Presentation of "Outstanding Citizen Award" certificates and plaques to the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department and Nye County Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Chairman Duane Downing read the following certificate for the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department:

"The Tonopah Fire Department has been serving the Town of Tonopah since 1901. The Fire Department volunteers are highly trained individuals who selflessly serve their community without asking anything in return. They respond to calls no matter the circumstance to help others in need and oftentimes save lives. The volunteers give up time with their family and friends to continue and further their education, and to respond in emergency situations. The volunteers also ensure that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display can take place, giving up yet another holiday for the Town of Tonopah.

Pride is their payment for the countless hours of service. There will never be enough words or awards to thank these individuals for their service for the Town of Tonopah. Please accept this award as a token of the Town Board's appreciation for your service."

Chairman Downing presented Fire Chief Rob Elliott and the volunteers with the certificate and plaque. Chief Elliott thanked the Board. He pointed out that John

Campbell has been a volunteer for 50 years this year. Mr. Campbell replied that it is Chief Elliott's 40<sup>th</sup> year.

Chairman Downing noted that the two awards presented tonight go hand in hand. He read the certificate for the Nye County Volunteer Ambulance Service:

"The Nye County Volunteer Ambulance Service has been providing life-saving services for the Town of Tonopah since 1966. Since the closing of the hospital in 2015, the volunteers have had to leave their family and jobs for many hours at a time to respond to calls. They have selflessly continued serving Tonopah even during these rough years and have been providing essential services for the community. They continue and further their education as drivers, EMR's, or EMT's on their own time. It is due to their commitment to the Town of Tonopah that many lives have been saved.

Pride is their payment for the countless hours of service. There will never be enough words or awards to thank these individuals for their service for the Town of Tonopah. Please accept this award as a token of the Town Board's appreciation for your service."

Chairman Downing presented the certificate and plaque to the volunteers. He noted that in his profession as a police officer, he oftentimes responds with both entities. He stressed that the difference is that he gets paid for this while they do not. He emphasized that these men and women love what they do and he thanked them for their service.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held February 14, 2018.

This item was tabled.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve Tonopah Fire Department Spending Plan for Public Safety Sales Tax Fund – Tonopah for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Fire Chief Rob Elliott noted that he sent a list of items to be purchased ahead of time. He noted that the fire department would like to purchase "Jaws of Life" as they see the need for hydraulic tools as "manpower-multipliers". He stressed that anybody can be trained to use them. He added that the volunteers would like new monitors and new hoods. Chief Elliott explained that the old hoods do not protect firefighters from fumes and that a lot of firefighters have cancer due to exposure. He noted that he would also like to order new boots that meet the new requirements and can be worn in all kinds of conditions. He emphasized that they will benefit the firefighters. Chief Elliott pointed out that the total cost will come under what he proposed as he has contacted a couple vendors and their quotes have come in lower.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that she and Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli discussed the purchase of the boots and feel there is enough in the regular budget to buy the boots in the current fiscal year, as this purchase might not fall under the PSST requirements. Chief Elliott stated that he believes they do meet the requirements as they are new type of boots. Chairman Downing suggested to “play it safe” and budget for boots in the regular budget. He noted that this would free up more money for another item through the PSST fund. Chief Elliott said there are other needed items such as a new air compressor or all new gear for the firefighters. He clarified that the gear would total about \$70,000 and has not been replaced since 2008.

Chief Elliott noted that the chassis for the new rescue truck has been ordered and the rescue box is being built. He added that they anticipate the truck to be finished mid-April. He pointed out that the truck will carry a mixture of water and foam and will therefore carry less weight. Chief Elliott noted that the Town Board and staff has been very supportive.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve Tonopah Fire Department Spending Plan, as discussed, for Public Safety Sales Tax Fund – Tonopah for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax, Fiscal Year 2017/2018, in the amount of \$1,819.40 from Jim Butler Days Armwrestling Tournament to advertise and promote the 2018 Nevada State Pro-Arm and Stein Holding Contest to be held May 27, 2018.

Cristina Jones noted that they would like to request money for advertising such as radio advertising on KIBS. Shannon Stringer gave the breakdown of what the money would be spend on such as radio advertising, t-shirts, medals, and steins. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli added that the armwrestling is one of the major events during Jim Butler Days and that the Convention Center usually reaches its capacity.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the request of 5/8ths Room Tax Fund in the amount of \$1,819.40 from Jim Butler Days Armwrestling Tournament to advertise and promote the 2018 Nevada State Pro-Arm and Stein Holding Contest to be held May 27, 2018. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve an initial citywide technology site-survey from WiFi in the Park, LLC, a Nevada Corporation, in conjunction with a conceptual plan to implement a state-of-the-art citywide high-speed wireless internet access network with enterprise level services for all businesses and residences in and around Tonopah. This authorization includes requests to any technology provider to provide quotes to WiFi in the Park c/o Town of Tonopah for services and equipment consistent with a citywide wireless canopy connectivity plan implemented by WiFi in the Park and its teaming partners to be later submitted for approval by the Board.

Danny Bax introduced himself and his wife Kathy Bax. He explained that they are independent consultants who have teamed up with ViaSat and WiFi in the Park to provide wireless internet to parks and rural communities. They placed this item on the agenda to have a survey to find out if there is an interest for their services. Mr. Bax presented a PowerPoint presentation about the services. He noted that they would like to use Town buildings and properties for their antennas and the Town would get free internet in return. He noted that they would like to mail a survey to all residents and businesses about their internet usage and demand. He pointed out that if there is enough interest, they could provide internet through fiber or satellite. They would come back to the Town Board with a proposal at that point.

Board Member Mike Sain asked how many residents need to be interested for this to be profitable. Mr. Bax noted that this depends on how they would provide the internet. If there are less people interested, internet through satellite would be more feasible.

Mr. Bax stated that he has been analyzing the Town's phone bills and feels they are paying too much for their phone lines. He noted that the average price per line is about \$65. He pointed out that they could save the Town a lot of money.

Chairman Duane Downing asked staff for their recommendation. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she feels the Town cannot put the survey on the Town letterhead if it identifies one specific company. She added that she feels it might appear that the Town is favoring one company. Chairman Downing agreed. Ms. Mulkerns noted that she thinks it is difficult to spend tax dollars on postage, mailings, etc. just for one company. Chairman Downing suggested the results are shared with all providers in Town. Mr. Bax asked how he would obtain everyone's address. Ms. Mulkerns proposed a mass mailing through the post office to everyone's box. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that she can get Mr. Bax the list of all licensed businesses in Town so he can contact them for the survey. She suggested having someone conduct the survey in person, at a prominent place in Town, as she has had good results that way for tourism related surveys.

This item died for lack of motion.

Chairman Downing noted that he hopes they understand it is not that the Board does not like the idea, but they do not feel comfortable endorsing one specific business. He stated that he thinks a mass mailer will be the best idea. He added that they should also use social media. Board Member Roni Link pointed out that an ad could be placed in the Tonopah Times Bonanza.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the changes to the Use & Maintenance Agreement for Joe Friel Sports Complex between the Town of Tonopah and the Nye County School District, as requested by the District.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that this item was on the last agenda and was approved by the Town Board. The agreement was then mailed to the School District whose attorney had an issue with the indemnification clause. She noted that POOL/PACT worked with the attorney on wording that both entities can agree with. Board Member Mike Sain asked if the Town assumes more liability now. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that this clause shares the liability for the Town and School District. Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that the Town and District have the same insurer and that he does not see a problem with it.

Ms. Mulkerns noted that the date is February 26<sup>th</sup> because they started practice on Monday.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the changes to the Use & Maintenance Agreement for Joe Friel Sports Complex between the Town of Tonopah and the Nye County School District. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Staff Reports:

- a) Town Administration:
  - Town Collections for the Month of January 2018
  - 5/8ths Room Tax Grants FY 17/18
  - Cost savings for Town due to laptop purchase/grants
  - EMS Update
- b) Convention Center:
  - Usage for the Month of January 2018
- c) Tonopah Historic Mining Park:
  - Silver Top Mine Shaft Filming
- d) Tourism/Events:
  - Past/current/future events
  - Training/conferences/meetings
  - Tonopah High School Outreach
  - Grant Applications
  - Visitor Center at Pocket Park
  - Cemetery brochure/Town brochure
  - Tonopah Website
  - Muni Arts Leaders Group
  - Nevada Arts Council/Nevada Touring Initiative
  - Cowboy Poetry
  - Main Street America
  - Rural Roundup

- e) Pool: ● Closed
- f) Parks/Maintenance: ● Shade structures at Sportsman's Park
- g) Rodeo Grounds:
- h) Joe Friel Sports Complex:
- i) Tonopah Public Utilities:
  - System Update
  - Radio Read Meter System Project
  - Daily Maintenance
  - Boil water notice at 115 Central Street
  - Power outages at well field

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if the gates and fencing was replaced at Sportsman's Park which Utility Manager Joe Westerlund confirmed. Mr. Westerlund explained that they matched everything to the 4-foot fencing. He added that the gates were in bad shape and needed replacement. He pointed out that one of the shade structures was placed.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the visitor center at Pocket Park is moving forward and the sign has been ordered.

Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard explained that the website redesign is coming along very nicely. She pointed out that it will have about 86 pages and will be fantastic. She noted that she has been working with the Nevada Arts Council on bringing a wild horses arts display to the Convention Center for eight weeks, from April through June. She added that the high school art teacher will bring his students to view the exhibit.

Mr. Kaminski asked how the Town is doing with the preparation for the Rural Roundup. Ms. Mulkerns noted that everything is going well. She added that the board members need to please let Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli know if they plan on attending the conference so that she can post a notice of possible quorum. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the Mizpah management gave the Town its final list and numbers. She pointed out that they will be looking for help with serving tables, bussing tables, cleaning up, etc. Duane Downing suggested posting a notice just in case. Mr. Kaminski added that one needs to be posted for the Open Meeting Law training to be held March 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10. Correspondence

United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Release, February 6, 2018

Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda,  
February 26, 2018

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, February 26, 2018

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary, February 20, 2018

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, February 27, 2018

E-mail re: Rescue Truck Update, February 26, 2018

Project Completion Report: TMS Booster Club Invitational 2018, February 20, 2018

"In-Service" Ceremony Announcements, Nye County EMS, February 2018

Open Meeting Law Training Announcement, February 22, 2018  
E-mail from Darrel Lacy re: I-11 Route, February 28, 2018  
Nevada National Security Site Advisory Board Announcement, February 2018

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the in-service ceremony for the new ambulance will be held the following Saturday and that there will be an I-11 meeting the following day at 10 a.m. that will be video-conferenced to Tonopah. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski noted that he saw the map in the attachment. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the map was Nye County's suggestion for the route. Mr. Kaminski pointed out that he is concerned that someone will put a truck stop outside of Tonopah and take business from downtown. Ms. Mulkerns emphasized that this is why staff will be attending all meetings. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained that the goal is to have a ramp north and south of Town so that it is convenient to go through Tonopah. He added that staff wants to make sure there are no extra rest stops so that people have to come to Town. Board Member Mike Sain pointed out that the majority of people come to Town because they want to visit Tonopah specifically. Mr. Westerlund explained that it is estimated that traffic is going to triple with the I-11 route, so even if Tonopah only gets half of those, the Town is getting more visitors than it is currently getting.

11. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Don Kaminski motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Announcements

Kat Galli noted that the Rotary Speech Contest will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Historic Library. She asked the Board if the announcements item should be placed at the beginning of the agenda. The board suggested placing it on the agenda twice, once at the beginning of the meeting and once at the end.

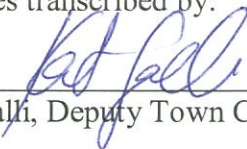
13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

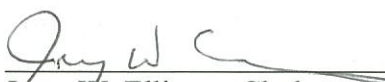
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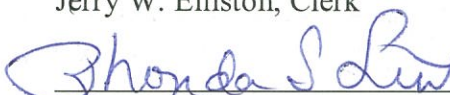
  
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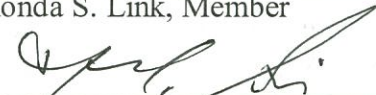
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Rhonda S. Link, Member

  
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Michael Sain, Member



TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on February 28, 2018 at 7:29 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Mike Sain, Clerk Roni Link, and Trustees Duane Downing and Jerry Elliston. Twenty-four others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals pointed out that a lot of new books about Nevada were purchased and she invited everyone to see the collection at the Library. She added that the binder about the Historic Library is on display.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held February 14, 2018.

This item was tabled.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Library Staff Reports:

- a) Library:
  - Computer usage
  - Patrons served/ books checked out
  - Interactions
  - Story Time
- b) Historic Library:
  - Rentals/Usage

No comments.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Announcements

None.

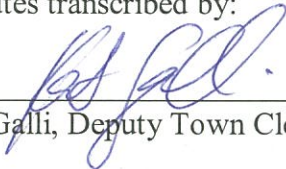
8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjourn

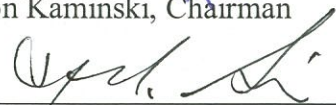
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

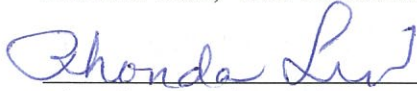
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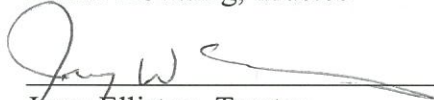
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