

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2018  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Four others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:38 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated that he is concerned about the improvement plans for the downtown stretch. He pointed out that the Town Board has the opportunity to give their input to Nye County and NDOT. He stressed that he believes the proposed plans are a public health and safety issue. He added that he would like to see the Town Board have a workshop or some kind of public input on this matter. He emphasized that he does not like the one lane that is called a “deacceleration lane”. He noted that he wants traffic signals so people can cross the road safely.

Don Kaminski asked when the NDOT public meeting on this matter will be held. Roni Link replied that the meeting will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>.

2. Announcements

Board Member Roni Link stated that she likes to see the Belvada being remodeled but thinks there is inadequate parking and is concerned that Belvada guest will use the Convention Center parking lot and therefore block it for events. She stressed that she thinks this matter needs to be addressed with the owners of the Belvada. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she will make some inquiries as she believes they would have had to submit plans to Nye County. She added that she assumes these plans would include parking.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that the advertisement to bid for the Convention center bathroom renovations will be on the next agenda.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that another item on the next agenda will be approving the fee agreement for attorney Steve Gross to move forward with the negotiating of a new franchise agreement with Hoss Disposal. Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that the trash in his area has not been picked up on the scheduled day for the second week in a row. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that Hoss Disposal informed customers about the delays with automated phone calls.

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

Roni Link motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held February 14, 2018. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held February 28, 2018.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held February 28, 2018. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the budget workshop held March 2, 2018.

Roni Link motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the budget workshop held March 2, 2018. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for a Nevada Arts Council Project Grant for a Starry Nights Arts Festival and Artist Residency Grant for a Community Mural and other arts programs to promote arts education and community involvement and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard could not be present for the meeting as she was on her way back from a speaking engagement and film interview in Reno. Ms. Mulkerns explained that this is the same grant application as in the year before as Ms. Bombard would like the Starry Nights Arts Festival to be an annual event. She added that Ms. Bombard would like to focus on the mural this year as this did not take place the year before. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if this would be paid out of the 5/8ths Room Tax Fund which Ms. Mulkerns confirmed.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve applying for a Nevada Arts Council Project Grant for a Starry Nights Arts Festival and Artist Residency Grant for a Community Mural and other arts programs to promote arts education and community involvement and to approve grant matching expenditures in the amounts of \$6,500 and \$1,200. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the Nevada Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement for Trees and estimated costs for the downtown core area of Tonopah.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that this item was a result of the stakeholder meeting held February 27<sup>th</sup> attended by Utility Manager Joe Westerlund. She noted that discussions were held about what landscaping the Town would like in the downtown core area.

Chairman Duane Downing emphasized that the Town residents want four lanes. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski added that he believes that if the Board signs the agreement for the trees, they are indirectly agreeing to three lanes. Chairman Downing pointed out that if the I-11 was already established, this would be great, but until then, there are not

enough lanes to accommodate the traffic coming through Tonopah. Board Member Roni Link noted that she was informed by an NDOT engineer that this concept of having three lanes was tested in Branson, Missouri, but that she feels Tonopah is not comparable.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that management does not want trees. Chairman Downing added that he thinks it is not good for the water and sewer lines to have trees. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that management believes there are better solutions such as water-feeding planters. She explained that the water main lines are far away from Main Street. Tonopah resident Suzie Lieseke noted that NDOT would pay for the connection to be put in. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that it would be the Town's responsibility to take care of any possible leaks, etc. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski stated that he likes the iron art work in Las Vegas. Ms. Mulkerns agreed and stressed that management thinks there are more responsible ways to improve downtown such as zero-scape or desert landscaping. Chairman Downing agreed and emphasized that trees outside the core area would be okay, but that he does not feel it is reasonable within the 6-block core area. He pointed out that the area from Pocket Park to the Shell gas station is congested with buildings, water and sewer lines. Vice-Chairman Kaminski stated that he thinks the Town Board should wait until there is a final decision on how many lanes will go through Tonopah.

Roni Link motioned to not approve to approve the Nevada Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement for Trees and estimated costs for the downtown core area of Tonopah. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-1.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize Nye County to make decisions regarding the use of the antenna owned by Nye County, located on Town property at St. Patrick Street.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that Nye County Commissioner Koenig asked her to bring this before the Town Board as Nye County EMS Director Vance Payne was approached by Valley Communications about the possibility to use the antenna next to the Fire Department as a conduit for their Wi-Fi. In exchange, that building would get free internet. As the Town owns the property the Fire Department building is on, the County who owns the building and antenna wanted the authorization from the Town.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski noted that he is concerned about the power bill increasing due to this usage as the Town shares this cost with Nye County. Chairman Duane Downing stated that the bill is not too high. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that it currently is about \$230 a month for the Town's half. She pointed out that she does not know what kind of electricity is needed for something like this. Vice-Chairman Kaminski explained that the cost is a couple hundred dollars a month for the internet providers that he rents to.

Vice-Chairman Kaminski stressed that he wants to make it clear that the Town does not endorse this company by allowing them to use the antenna.

Board Member Roni Link asked if the cost of the power would offset the current cost of internet. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the Town does not pay for internet and phone at that building. Chairman Downing pointed out that the faster internet would benefit the volunteers. Clerk Elliston added that this would be helpful for training purposes.

Roni Link motioned to authorize Nye County to make decisions regarding the use of the antenna owned by Nye County, located on Town property at St. Patrick Street. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski stated that the reports are looking good.

11. Correspondence

NTTR Comment Letters by Beatty Town, Beatty GIS, Beatty Museum, Beatty VFW, Beatty Residents, March 2, 2018  
Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of January 2018, Collected February 2018  
NDOT I-11 Public Meeting Announcement, March 6, 2018  
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, March 12, 2018  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, March 12, 2018  
Colorado River Commission Meeting Agenda, March 7, 2018  
Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, March 13, 2018  
USDA Notice re: Arc Dome Wilderness Fish, March 8, 2018  
E-mail from Durk Pearson & Sandy Shaw re: USDA Notice, March 8, 2018  
E-mail from Kat Galli to D. Pearson & S. Shaw, March 9, 2018  
NDOT Tonopah Complete Streets Improvement Project Public Information Meeting Announcement, April 18, 2018  
Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda, March 15, 2018  
Round Mountain Town Board Notice of Possible Quorum, March 16, 2018  
Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, March 16, 2018  
Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board: Calling New Members, March 14, 2018

Duane Downing referred to the NDOT Announcement regarding the Main Street improvements. He pointed out that the meeting will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Commissioners' Chambers. He stressed that it is important to attend this meeting as everyone is negative about the three lanes. He pointed out that the Town Board needs to relay that information.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that there will be a movie night showing "Wonder" on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. She explained that the flyer was not provided to the Board due to the strict rules on how movies can be advertised. She noted that the flyer was distributed to all children via the school. The Town is hoping for a great turnout.

12. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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

13. Announcements

None.

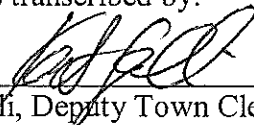
14. Public Comment

Roni Link noted that the Northern Nevada Hospital District meeting will be held the following day and that there will be an update from REMSA.

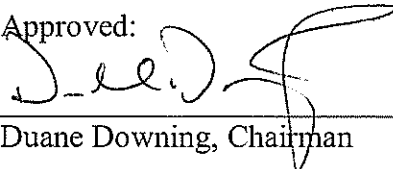
15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

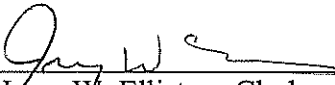
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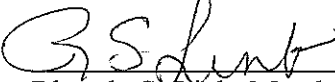
  
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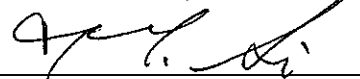
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Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk

  
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Rhonda S. Link, Member

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

No comments.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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

10. Announcements

Chairman Don Kaminski stated that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals told him about a class in Salt Lake City about how to design libraries for the future. Ms. Ryals would like to attend and would like someone else to go with her. Vice-Chairman Mike Sain noted that he would be able to attend the class with her. Trustee Roni Link said she would attend if Mr. Sain was not able to go. Chairman Kaminski pointed out that Ms. Ryals will be bringing this before the Board in the future.


11. Public Comment

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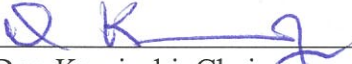
12. Adjourn.


The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


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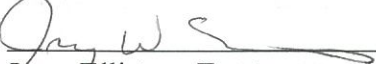
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