

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

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on March 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Chairman Duane Downing was present after 6:10 p.m. Five 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 6:46 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:57 p.m.

1. Public Comment

David Hiebert stated that he is a retired U.S. Marshal and is running for Nye County Sheriff. He added that he wants to continue to emphasize that the North matters.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that the Visitor Center is almost finished and that staff is trying to come up with ideas on how to fill the rest of the park. He pointed out that once the highway project comes through Tonopah there will be “old” lights and landscaping. He stressed that staff is trying to make downtown worth a walk for visitors through murals, statues, and monuments. Mr. Westerlund explained that Ed Slavin’s nephew Chuck made him aware of the “Charters of Freedom”. Mr. Westerlund added that he would like to have this in Tonopah. He clarified that there will be one erected in Carson City which will be the only one west of the Mississippi. He noted that he will have to find out cost, but it could be up to \$80,000. He added that he will bring this up at the budget meeting. Mr. Westerlund presented a video showing what the “Charters of Freedom” are. They display the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and Constitution. He pointed out that only nine of them have been erected so far. Mr. Westerlund stated that Mr. Slavin would love to talk to the Town Board and give as much information about this project as possible. Board Member Roni Link noted that this would bring class to the downtown area. Mr. Westerlund pointed out that schools could do field trips specifically to visit the Charters of Freedom. He added that the Town could do the project in cultured stone so that it fits in with the other buildings. He noted that he does not know how much that will reduce the cost. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski and Clerk Jerry Elliston stated that they are very interested to find out more about the project.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski read an e-mail from Claudia Lewis into the record (see correspondence) informing the Board and public of the Jim Butler Days Coronation to be held May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is asking for attended to RSVP by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. Announcements

Chris Mulkerns noted that the Easter egg hunt will take place the following Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Barsanti Park.

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

None.

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

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

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize and approve an agreement regarding legal representation to amend the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that this item is to approve an agreement with attorney Steven Gross for an amount of up to \$10,000. She explained that the cost will depend on different factors such as whether Mr. Gross will have to come to Tonopah. The cost could be as low as \$5,000. Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if the Board can make suggestions. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that staff will work with Mr. Gross on a draft that will be submitted to the Board for review and approval. After approval, the draft will be provided to Hoss Disposal. Chairman Duane Downing pointed out that the Town will have to have the franchise agreement updated, whether it is now or in 2020 when the franchise agreement expires.

Duane Downing motioned to authorize and approve an agreement regarding legal representation to amend Solid Waste Franchise Agreement, not to exceed \$10,000. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize and approve advertisement to bid Tonopah Convention Center Bathroom Renovation Project.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the plan is to put the project out to bid now, but not start construction until July 1<sup>st</sup>. She added that staff is hoping to receive good bids. She clarified that the base bid is for the main bathrooms and that there is a possibility of asbestos and mold. She noted that the Town has the structural engineering reports. Staff expects the project to be more expensive due to the cost of mitigation. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that the bid includes two alternates for the bathrooms in the Buckboard room. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if the front bathrooms will be renovated as well. Ms. Mulkerns replied that staff hopes that this project can be completed the following fiscal year.

Jerry Elliston motioned to authorize and approve advertisement to bid Tonopah Convention Center Bathroom Renovation Project. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to send a letter to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding the Town's preferences for the downtown landscaping for Main Street/ Highway 95.

Chris Mulkerns clarified that NDOT wants the Town to give them some kind of an idea of what the Town wants as far as landscaping is concerned. If the Town does not submit anything, they will not have a say. Vice-Chairman Kaminski stated that he is glad the Town is going to let them know what they would like. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that if the Town wanted trees, the water lines would have to come from the back roads and the Town would be responsible to take care of everything, such as trimming, replacing, cleaning up, fixing possible leaks, watering, etc. He added that there would be about three feet of decorative rocks which maintenance staff would have to continuously clean leaves out of. He emphasized that the Town only has two maintenance staff members for the entire Town. He stressed that staff would like the Town to look like 1907 and that there were no trees at that time.

Board Member Mike Sain asked if this decision will influence how many lanes will run through Town. Ms. Mulkerns replied that one can submit public comment, but it is her understanding that the decision was already made. Mr. Westerlund added that NDOT wants to narrow down the highway. He pointed out that the center lane is supposed to make it more efficient. Board Member Roni Link asked how people are going to cross the streets or get off the side streets to get on the highway. Mr. Westerlund noted that he believes it is a good thing as everyone will go the speed limit. He pointed out that public input can be given on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Westerlund noted that the other option would be to have decorative rocks, steel cutouts such as miners, mules, etc., which would be provided by NDOT, but the Town could pick the theme and color of rock. He added that NDOT would also provide additional benches. Mr. Sain asked where people will be able to park. Mr. Westerlund clarified that there will still be parallel parking on Main Street. Mr. Kaminski pointed out that if the I-11 was already constructed, Tonopah would not have that much traffic going through Town and having three lanes would not be as big of a problem. Chairman Downing added that he feels it is going to be a mess, at least in the beginning. David Hiebert agreed and noted that he thinks it will be chaotic because drivers will use the center lane as a travel lane. Ms. Link noted that she thinks the three lanes will be impeding EMS.

Ms. Mulkerns noted that the Town can state in the letter why we do not want trees but give them the alternatives. Mr. Westerlund added that staff can add that the Town should be endorsing the water conservation plan. Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that NDOT is willing to provide the Town with self-watering planters for flowers and plants. Mr. Westerlund pointed out that they gave the Town four choices of light poles and that they will provide the plug-ins for Christmas lights, hooks for planters and banner holders. The Town will then be able to get the dark skies designation.

Jerry Elliston motioned to send a letter to the NDOT regarding the Town's preferences for the downtown landscaping for the Main Street/ Highway 95 Project as discussed, prepared by staff. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to appoint Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that this item has to be placed on the agenda every year. Vice-Chairman don Kaminski pointed out that Auditor Dan McArthur has been doing an excellent job.

Duane Downing motioned to appoint Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 to be Dan McArthur. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the time for the second Town Board Meeting in May 2018.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that staff suggests to change the meeting time due to the Jim Butler Days Coronation being held on the same day. She added that staff suggests having the meeting at 4 p.m.

Duane Downing motioned to change the time for the second Town Board Meeting in May 2018 to be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place for the public hearing of the Tentative Budget for FY 2018/2019.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that, per NRS, the public hearing has to be held within a certain time period. Staff suggested holding it during the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Duane Downing motioned to set the date, time and place for the public hearing of the Tentative Budget for FY 2018/2019 to be May 23, 2018 at 4:15 pm at the Tonopah Convention Center. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- a) Town Administration
- b) Town Maintenance
- c) Fire Department
- d) Pool
- e) Parks
- f) Rodeo Grounds
- g) Joe Friel Sports Complex
- h) Tonopah Historic Mining Park
- i) Convention Center
- j) Tourism/Events, Room Tax
- k) Capital Projects
- l) Tonopah Public Utilities – Water Fund: Administration, Operations, Distribution, Transmissions, Wells
- m) Tonopah Public Utilities – Sewer Fund: Administration, Operations, Treatment Plant

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that the Visitor Center is about 98% done and the electronic kiosk will be here soon. They are only waiting for the sign. He pointed out that they will not place a bench inside as they want it to be handicap accessible. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked whether there will be brochure racks. Mr. Westerlund clarified that staff is waiting for the kiosk to arrive so they can order the racks. Mr. Kaminski asked if there will be a grand opening. Mr. Westerlund stressed that he wants to do it when everything is completed. Chairman Duane Downing suggested having the grand opening during Jim Butler Days. Vice-Chairman Kaminski noted that the parade winners could be announced at the Visitor Center.

Mr. Westerlund noted that he and Dave Speakman picked up the cable truck today.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the second budget workshop will be held Friday at 8 a.m.

Ms. Mulkerns added that the pool manager was hired and that staff will be interviewing lifeguards the following week. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if the same pool manager as the year before was hired. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that a new pool manager was hired. She added that the new pool manager is Mr. Mike Jones who also teaches at Tonopah High School. She noted that he is going to be great.

Ms. Mulkerns informed the Board that the Mining Park will be closed on Easter Sunday and that appropriate signage will inform visitors.

Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard is in Kansas City for the "Main Street America" conference. She noted that Ms. Bombard had informed her that the conference is fantastic and that she is overflowing with information.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if staff received a response regarding the roof at the old Sundowner Hotel. Ms. Mulkerns replied that she had not heard anything.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the Welcome Reception for the Rural Roundup will be held at the Belvada.

Mr. Westerlund explained that TPU staff typed up all the meter information and sent it to Engineer Paul Winkelmann so he can prepare the bid for the radio reads.

## 12. Correspondence

Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, March 26, 2018

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, March 26, 2018

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, March 27, 2018

Renown Job Postings, March 23, 2018

Paul Miller, NCREDA: I-11 Response, March 19, 2018

Nevada Department of Transportation: Interstate 11 Northern Nevada Alternatives Analysis, March 2018

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Cancellation, March 27, 2018

Community Foundation of Western Nevada, Fourth Quarter 2017 Statement

Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of February 2018, Collected March 2018

Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda, March 30, 2018

Medical Services Expand for Northern Nye County Residents Flyer, March 2018

Thank You Note: Rodeo Grounds, March 21, 2018

E-mail form Claudia Lewis: Jim Butler Days Coronation, March 28, 2018

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski pointed out that the note about the rodeo grounds was nice.

13. 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.

14. Announcements

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund pointed out that 150 new burgundy colored chairs were ordered for the Convention Center to replace the old beige ones. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns added that the new chairs stack and slide better and were a third of the price of the other ones. She noted that she would like to offer the old chairs to other entities. Chairman Duane Downing stated that the Elks might be able to use the chairs. Clerk Jerry Elliston suggested asking the Volunteer Fire Department as well.

Mr. Westerlund noted that the last movie night was very successful. Chairman Downing added that he believes current movies will bring more people in.

Mr. Westerlund noted that Mike and Ron Fitch got the 1943 fire truck running and are working on it. Tori Fitch needed to do community service for her college applications and was washing the truck. Ms. Mulkerns added that the truck will be going to Henderson for their parade as it used to be theirs. She stressed that it will be returning to Tonopah after the parade.

Mr. Westerlund pointed out that motivational speaker Rochelle Whellams will be speaking at the Tonopah High School on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. He added that Ms. Whellams is a fantastic speaker and that he thinks the kids will get a lot out of it. He noted that the event is funded by Tonopah Justice Court.

15. Public Comment

David Hiebert noted that he believes everyone should have a say in what goes on in their Town and County. He added that he will be here until the end.

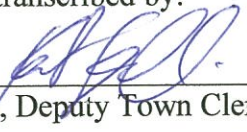
Jerry Elliston pointed out that Sandia National Laboratories developed a video that can be viewed on YouTube about what they do at Tonopah Test Range.

Roni Link noted that a cover was coming off from a street light at Anaconda. She reported it weeks ago but it is still not fixed. Ms. Mulkerns stated that staff can report it again.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

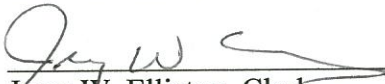
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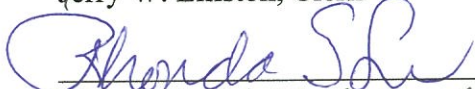
  
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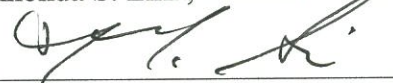
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Rhonda S. Link, Member

  
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Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 28, 2018  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on March 28, 2018 at 6:46 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Mike Sain, Clerk Roni Link, and Trustees Duane Downing and Jerry Elliston. Five others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals stated that she will be attending a conference in Salt Lake City in April. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns will be in Reno and might travel to Salt Lake City to attend as well.

2. Announcements

None.

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

Trustee Duane Downing noted that since the Library District now owns the property next to the Library, the Board should have a workshop, after Ms. Ryals attended the conference, to start talking about ideas on what to do with the Library.

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6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the time for the second Library Board Meeting in May 2018.

Duane Downing motioned to change the time for the second Library Board Meeting in May 2018 to be May 23, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to set the date, time and place for the public hearing of the Tentative Budget for FY 2018/2019.

Duane Downing motioned to set the date, time and place for the public hearing of the Tentative Budget for FY 2018/2019 to be May 23, 2018 at 4:35 p.m. at the Tonopah Convention Center. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.



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

- a) Library
- b) Historic Library

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals pointed out that the patron and checkout numbers were higher in February than any other month.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. 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.

11. Announcements

None.

12. Public Comment

David Hiebert asked about the status of the new fire truck. Chairman Don Kaminski explained that it is still being built.

13. Adjourn.

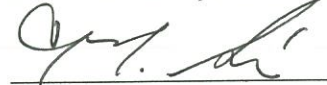
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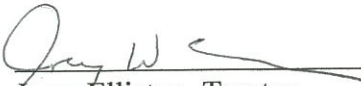
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