

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD**  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**Tonopah Convention Center**  
**301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Don Kaminski opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2021

Vice Chairman Jerry Elliston led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Also present:

Clerk Marc Grigory

Member Duane Downing

Member Zachary Newell

8 others in attendance

1. Public Comment

Joni Eastley Tonopah Main Street Secretary with the following update:

Downtown art project is being produced by Twisted Steel in Fernley, NV.

She is currently working on a design with the artist. Install to take place July 26-28.

37.5 inch plasma cut globe will be donated by the artist. Scenes specific to Tonopah.

The finished product will reside at the gazebo park.

Their website: [twistedsteel.com](http://twistedsteel.com)

Tonopah Elks Lodge; met with gentleman from South Carolina, he works with the Foundation Forward Organization. Their sole purpose is to place Charters of Freedom sites in every county across the United States. He was here to walk the site and Ms. Eastley gave credit to the Board for donating the site.

She oversees raising the money for the project and FFO will manage the work being performed. She is still looking for volunteers for the work.

2. Discuss the Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Public Utilities path forward after the resignation of the current Administrative Manager and discuss updating and adding new positions and job descriptions.

Chairman Kaminski announced Ms. Mulkerns' resignation.

Member Newell stated he saw the organizational chart from Mr. Westerlund.

He asked for explanation of the workshop.

Chairman Kaminski and Vice Chairman Elliston explained the options: Town Manager or Utility Manager And Administrative Manager.

He inquired about having one point of contact with a town manager.

Opposed to multiple "heads".

Question from Member Newell; who do we have to fill Ms. Mulkerns' position?

Inquiry about Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Mulkerns explained CFO title is required by DTAX. Chairman Kaminski inquired; could Mr. Westerlund be appointed as CFO. Ms. Mulkerns stated the logical selection would be Administrative Supervisor Becky Braska. Reason being, she is the one working on the budget.

Clerk Grigory is in favor of having a Town Manager.

Vice Chairman Elliston; advantage of Town Manager would be one person for the Board to work with.

Someone has been groomed to step into utility supervisor position, per Mr. Westerlund.

Vice Chairman Elliston to Mr. Westerlund; if you're town manager you'll have to delegate work, you won't be utility manager anymore. Mr. Westerlund said it will be hard to give that up but will be able to do so.

Mr. Westerlund's goals:

Have a great succession plan

Cross training

Tourism

Infrastructure

Housing; bring in new housing

Member Downing gave kudos to Ms. Mulkerns and Mr. Westerlund.

Diane Perchetti, as announced by Ms. Mulkerns, is retiring.

Ms. Braska was asked to come up to the public comment table. The Board inquired her preference, she stated she would like to see a Town Manager.

The Board was asked if they had a preference of Town Manager or fill Ms. Mulkerns position. Each stated Town Manager would be preferred.

Inhouse promotion was preferred.

Perform an interview during a regular Town Board meeting, to keep it transparent.

Ms. Mulkerns suggested change title of pool manager to supervisor. A supervisor would not need the required certifications like a manager would.

Vice Chairman Elliston stated get the organizational chart in order prior to discussing job descriptions.

Preferred organizational chart: chart 2021 with a town manager.

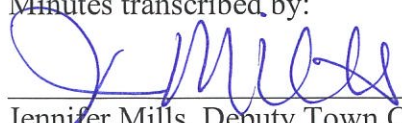
3. Public Comment

None.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.


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