

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
August 27, 2025
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the Tonopah Town Board meeting to order on August 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Vice-Chairman Joni Eastley

Member Douglas Baker

Member Steven Stringer

Absent:

Clerk Marc Grigory

18 others attended

1. Public Comment

Victor Daley: construction by M4 caused damage to personal properties around town and in turn created more work for him. He stated that he's been mistreated by TPU employees and citizens. Vice Chair Eastley, on behalf of the Town, apologized for the mistreatment.

2. Approval of agenda

Approved as submitted.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of 7/23/25 & 8/13/25 meeting minutes

b. Update on the upcoming Legacy Racing Gold Rush Race: This is our 3rd year doing the Gold Rush event. The event will start in Virginia City Saturday October 11. It is a 350-mile point to point event. Finishing in Tonopah at the OHV area. We will have an awards ceremony on Sunday the 12 at the Convention Center there in Tonopah. This event will be for all classes. Bikes, Quads, 3wheelers, cars, trucks and UTVs (SXS). We expect the first bikes by 1pm and the first truck by 3:30pm. The public is welcome at the finish line. We will have volunteer opportunities available for anyone wanting to participate. They can register on our website. LegacyRacing.net

Chairman Kaminski removed the invoices from the consent agenda for discussion.

Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve the consent agenda and Member Stringer seconded. No further discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of invoices for payment

Invoice for TVFD: Chairman Kaminski wants to pay the fire department monthly and not annually. The Board agreed. Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve paying invoices as presented and Member Baker seconded. No further discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action for Longshot's project update at the Tonopah Airport. 10-minute time limit.

Mike Grace provided a verbal update on Longshot's project.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve a partnership with Tonopah Public Utilities to obtain future water use for the TLC Lithium Project. The basis of the partnership is defined in the accompanying Water reservation Agreement (WRA).
Graham Ballachey and Ben Binninger addressed the Board and shared some background. Plenty of water in the basin to support their project, according to Mr. Westerlund. \$200,000 will be donated to the Community Endowment fund. Majority of their claims are in Nye County.
Development agreement with Nye County, per Ms. Eastley and they want a chair at the table.
Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve a partnership with Tonopah Public Utilities to obtain future water use for the TLC Lithium Project. The basis of the partnership is defined in the accompanying Water reservation Agreement (WRA) and Member Baker seconded. No further discussion and the motion carried 4-0.
6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve proposal by UCED for Comprehensive Five-Year Planning Process for Town of Tonopah.
Vice Chair Eastley sponsored an item like this for the library and it was successful. Cost would be \$8000. Member Stringer moved to approve the proposal by UCED for Comprehensive Five-Year Planning Process for Town of Tonopah and Member baker seconded. No further discussion and the motion carried 4-0.
7. Discussion, deliberation, and possible approval to create and host an annual music festival / concert: Music in the Mine at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Approval of allocation of \$23,500 contingency funds for line item professional services out of the town General Admin Fund. Approval to allocate \$10,000 between Mining Park and Tourism funds.
Bethany Thompson presented to the Board. Music all day with pro production company; lights, sound, stages, tv screens, 5 bands and vendors, bars. June of next year at the Hoist House. Chairman Kaminski was concerned with destroying the Mining Park with these events, for example, noise and crowds. Utilizing shuttles to avoid parking issues. The goal is to bring people here for Friday and Saturday nights. Jeff Martin agrees with the chairman. Soiree only brings in around 150, this event assumes 500 attendees. Avoid competing with other June events and Butler Days. Security will be available. Date could be changed.
Vice Chair Eastley moved for tentative approval to create and host an annual music festival / concert: Music in the Mine at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Approval of allocation of \$23,500 contingency funds for line-item professional services out of the town General Admin Fund. Approval to allocate \$10,000 between Mining Park and Tourism funds contingent on Bethany being able to work out some logistical details with Mr. Westerlund, Jeff Martin, and Douglas Baker representing the Mining Park Foundation board and her ability to raise \$18,250 which represents 50% of the total amount needed by January 1, 2026 and seconded by Member Baker. No further discussion and the motion carried 3-1. Chair Kaminski opposed.
8. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve Comprehensive Audit of Room Tax Funds by Daniel C. McArthur Ltd. and other actions as necessary up to and including initiating legal action.
Mr. Westerlund sent a letter to the Nye County Manager on January 8th demanding the funds. No reply. A follow up letter went out 2 weeks ago, no reply. Vice Chair Eastley pointed out that we may be getting close to the statute of limitations. Mr. Westerlund stated

that he received an email from the County Manager this weekend and that this will be discussed at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Vice Chair Eastley moved to initiate legal action against Nye County that would include a demand for forensic audit of transient lodging taxes for the Town of Tonopah and to demand the return of any penalties and interest that were waived illegally and/or calling the bond on the Nye County Treasurer and Member Baker seconded. No further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

9. Department Managers' and Town Board Members' Comments

Jeff Martin/THMP: Simerson will be here Tuesday for the Desert Queen and building 7, aka the rope shed.

10. Public Comment.

Cindy Kaminski: VFW 9/11 remembrance ceremony at 7:00 p.m. under the flagpole.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 27, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Tonopah Convention Center

301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order on August 27, 2025 at 7:35 p.m.

Present:

Vice Chairman Douglas Baker

Clerk Marc Grigory

Trustee Joni Eastley

Trustee Steven Stringer

Absent:

Clerk Marc Grigory

18 others attended

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved as submitted.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices for payment

b. Approval of 7/23/25 & 8/13/25 meeting minutes

Trustee Stringer moved to approve the consent agenda and Trustee Baker seconded. No further discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

4. Managers' and Library Board Members' Comments.

Trustee Eastley: update on the Excellence Program and the library billing.

5. Public Comment

Mr. Westerlund and Bethany Thompson met with the lieutenant governor.

6. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Town of Tonopah & Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees
Invoices, Vouchers, Journal Entries, & Minutes


Don Kaminski Chair/Chair


Joni Eastley Vice Chair/Trustee


Marc Grigory Clerk/Clerk


Steven Stringer Member/Trustee


Douglas Baker Member/Vice Chair

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2025:

INVOICES: \$ 22,258.02

MINUTES: 8/27/25 & 9/10/25

APPROVAL OF INVOICES RECEIVED IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025 NOT ON THE LIST FROM THE FOLLOWING VENDORS (TO AVOID POSSIBLE LATE FEES OR RECEIVED AFTER THE LIST WAS PRINTED): REBEL OIL, FLYER'S, STEVE'S AUTO PARTS, CENTRAL NEVADA HARDWARE, RALEY'S, FRONTIER, NV ENERGY, TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES, BLACKBURN PEST CONTROL, MIMOWORKS, SUBURBAN PROPANE, BANK OF AMERICA PURCHASES

Prepared by: 

Jennifer Mills

Date	Vendor	Invoice #	Dept to Charge	Total
09/07/25	M&K ENTERPRISE	21806	THMP	\$ 330.00
09/04/25	WESTERN NV SUPPLY	11853728	TPU	\$ 794.40
09/10/25	LN CURTIS	987375	TVFD	\$ 5,370.00
09/10/25	OASIS ONLINE	498018601	TOT/TPU	\$ 5,000.40
08/31/25	SHAW ENG	187432	TPU	\$ 1,725.00
09/11/25	INLAND SUPPLY	1109244	CONV CTR	\$ 249.25
09/12/25	BRIAN TINCHER	48746	TPU	\$ 10.90
06/29/25	LVRJ	818999	LIB	\$ 49.50
06/29/25	LVRJ	818998	TOT/TPU	\$ 121.50
09/15/25	CHARTER ADV	12344	TOUR	\$ 2,500.00
09/15/25	CHARTER ADV	12345	TOUR	\$ 742.00
09/10/25	SILVER STATE LABS	333874	TPU	\$ 145.00
09/17/25	OPI	340243	CONV CTR	\$ 53.45
09/18/25	RUSS GARTZ	202517	TOUR	\$ 150.00
09/04/25	QUILL	45624475	TOT/TVFD	\$ 859.91
09/17/25	FORGED & FAB BLACKSMITH	BLK0917	THMP	\$ 500.00
09/20/25	STEVE NELSON BLACKSMITH	BLK0920	THMP	\$ 1,000.00
08/31/25	TONOPAH TOWN	0825LIB	LIB	\$ 362.50
07/31/25	TONOPAH TOWN	0725LIB	LIB	\$ 390.00
08/18/25	RUSS GARTZ	202513	TOUR	\$ 100.00
09/23/25	JOE WESTERLUND	092325JW	TPU	\$ 50.00
09/23/25	CONV CTR PETTY CASH	CCPETTYAUG25	CONV CTR	\$ 154.21
09/17/25	M&K ENTERPRISE	21816	THMP	\$ 400.00
09/24/25	EG MEDIA	2025	CONV CTR	\$ 1,200.00
	September 24, 2025			
	REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY			
	TONOPAH TOWN & LIBRARY BOARD			

TOTAL \$ 22,258.02