

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
February 11, 2026
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 February 11, 2026 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

14 attendees

1. Public Comment

Bethany Thompson: Tonopah Elks Lodge, Crab Crack March 7.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved as submitted, with item 7 being tabled.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices for payment

b. Approval of Town Board meeting minutes: January 28, 2026

c. Approval of department budget reports for January 2026

d. Approval of a proposal received from Simerson for 2026 HVAC maintenance services for one year. The facilities included are Convention Center, Town Office, and the Information Center. Amount not to exceed \$4,745.00 (Joe Westerlund)

e. Approval of a request from the Town of Tonopah for a letter of support for the FY27 Travel Nevada Rural Marketing Grant Application (Bethany Jayne)

Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve the consent agenda and amended the motion to exclude item B. Member Baker seconded, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

4. Presentation from Best in the Desert for their 2026 race season

Best in the Desert presented. Their plan was available in backup.

5. Presentation from CoreTer regarding their proposed Tonopah Airport Ore Processing Project

Scott Dockter presented. Presentation was available in backup.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action approve a letter of support for CoreTer's Tonopah Airport Ore Processing Project

Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve a letter of support for CoreTer's Tonopah Airport Ore Processing Project and Member Baker seconded, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to accept the Town of Tonopah, Nevada FY24/25 audited report on financial statements and supplementary information as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, LTD.
Tabled.
8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a contract for fixed fee services with Dr. Frederick Steinmann, University Center for Economic Development, to develop a five-year strategic plan for the Town of Tonopah.
Member Stringer moved to approve a contract for fixed fee services with Dr. Frederick Steinmann, University Center for Economic Development, to develop a five-year strategic plan for the Town of Tonopah and Member Baker seconded, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.
9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a letter of support from Nevada Department of Transportation for the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant

Vice Chair Eastley provided the following letters:

I had the opportunity to speak with Lt. Ricardo Ramirez regarding NDOT's plan for restructuring Highway 95 through Tonopah. He told me he does not support this plan and shared the following:

- **The letter of support prepared for the town states that the "improvements," which include reducing travel lanes through Tonopah from four to two, "are expected to reduce speeding by 70% and crashes by up to 50%." Lt. Ramirez said crashes are rare throughout the downtown corridor and the reduction to two lanes for this reason is unnecessary.**
- **Additionally, while the reduction in travel lanes may slow down traffic, he believes there will be a corresponding increase in drivers' impatience and anger. "When the travel lanes increase back to four at the Highway 6 junction, drivers caught behind a line of slow-moving semis will significantly increase their speed to get around them. They will be traveling at a high rate of speed right in front of the high school and the Tonopah Station complex."**
- **A turn lane is not a passing lane. Traffic must come to a complete stop when a motorist is parallel parking in front of the post office, the bank, the hardware store, or any other business with a large volume of customers.**
- **The elementary school is relocating to its new site directly in front of the high school this summer, which means there will be small children crossing the highway.**

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February 11, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application by the Nevada Department of Transportation for the US 6/US 95 Downtown Tonopah Safety and Multimodal Improvements Project

The Honorable Sean Duffy:

Tonopah Main Street is aware of Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) BUILD grant application for the US 6/US 95 Downtown Tonopah Safety and Multimodal Improvements Project. The proposal would convert a segment of US 6/US 95 through the downtown Main Street area from a rural four-lane state highway corridor to a two-lane corridor with a center-left turn lane and Complete Streets elements.

The proposed project includes infrastructure changes such as pavement rehabilitation, ADA upgrades, storm drainage improvements, widened sidewalks, pedestrian-activated crossing features, enhanced lighting, gateway artwork, and other streetscape elements.

According to project materials, the improvements are intended to address infrastructure deficiencies, flooding concerns, and pedestrian safety, while maintaining the community's early 1900s Boom Period Revival architectural character. The proposal also identifies anticipated reductions in speeding and crashes and improvements to roadway aesthetics and functionality.

Tonopah Main Street is aware that business owners and property owners on Main Street, as well as Tonopah residents have all voiced their concerns about the reduction of the highway to two lanes. We are taking our community's side in this matter and request that NDOT consider keeping the existing four lanes. We also remind NDOT that our nonprofit currently maintains the 50 movable self-watering planters on Main Street through partnerships, volunteering, and donations. We are not interested in maintaining permanent planters, as discussed with NDOT staff during previous meetings.

We do, however, support the proposed pavement rehabilitation, crucial ADA upgrades, storm drainage improvements, indispensable pedestrian-activated crossing features, enhanced lighting, gateway artwork, and other streetscape elements. We encourage you to allow us to represent the businesses and property owners on our Main Street at future planning meetings.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,



Joni Eastley

Chair, Tonopah Main Street

Vice Chair Eastley moved to deny a letter of support from Nevada Department of Transportation for the 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant and Member Stringer seconded, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve, amend and approve or reject Resolution 26-01; a resolution of the Unincorporated Town of Tonopah to establish a risk management fund for the Town of Tonopah.

Vice Chair Eastley moved to adopt Resolution 26-01; a resolution of the Unincorporated Town of Tonopah to establish a risk management fund for the Town of Tonopah and Member Baker seconded, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

11. Department Managers' and Town Board Members' Comments

Joe Westerlund: Tesla is requesting 5-year renewal, it will automatically renew in June. Joe reached out several times inquiring if they will upgrade to rapid charge stations.
Becky Braska: Budget workshop February 20 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 11, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Tonopah Convention Center

301 Brouher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order on February 11, 2026 at 7:19 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Douglas Baker

Trustee Joni Eastley

Trustee Steven Stringer

Absent:

Clerk Marc Grigory

14 attendees

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved as submitted, with item 4 being tabled.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices for payment

b. Approval of Town Board meeting minutes: January 28, 2026

c. Approval of library budget report for January 2026

Trustee Stringer moved to approve the consent agenda and a second from Vice Chair Baker, with no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to accept the Tonopah Library District FY24/25 audited report on financial statements and supplementary information as presented by Daniel C. McArthur, LTD

Tabled.

5. Managers' and Library Board Members' Comments

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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

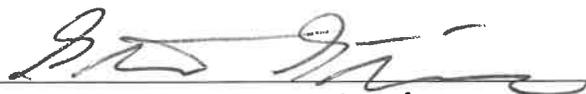


Don Kaminski Chair/Chair



Joni Eastley Vice Chair/Trustee

Marc Grigory Clerk/Clerk



Steven Stringer Member/Trustee

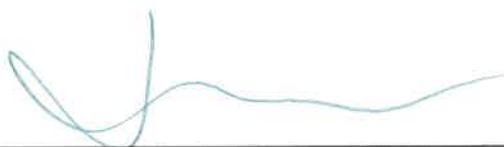
Douglas Baker Member/Vice Chair

APPROVED ON MARCH 11, 2026:

INVOICES: \$ 49,161.42

Minutes: FEBRUARY 11 & 25, 2026

APPROVAL OF INVOICES RECEIVED IN MARCH & APRIL 2026 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 PART, CENTRAL NEVADA HARDWARE, RALEY'S, FRONTIER, NV ENERGY, TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES, BLACKBURN PEST CONTROL, MIMOWORKS, SUBURBAN PROPANE, AMAZON - - - -BANK OF AMERICA STATEMENTS FOR JESSYKA BOTELER AND MIKE SAIN

Prepared by: 

Jennifer Mills

Vendor	Invoice #	Dept to Charge	Total
CAL NV TOWING	5829	MAINT	\$ 150.00
TONOPAH TOWN	302LIB	LIB	\$ 371.00
PAM HEEMSTRA	49647	TPU	\$ 4.83
CHRISTIAN THORNBLADE	49642	TPU	\$ 52.95
HARRIS COMPUTER	M00404	TPU	\$ 1,652.61
SPEICALTY WELDING	69120	TPU	\$ 20.09
VFW AUXILIARY	VFW2025	ROOM TAX	\$ 2,400.00
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	LIBPETTYFEB26	LIB	\$ 76.55
BDG	1013	THMP	\$ 507.00
BDG	1014	THMP	\$ 200.00
PORTER SIMON	11168	TOWN	\$ 224.00
OPI	346875	TOWN	\$ 567.74
NORTHERN NV FIRE PROT	261082	TPU	\$ 219.00
NORTHERN NV FIRE PROT	261072	CONV CTR	\$ 219.00
ROCK PROS	103786	BALLFIELD	\$ 2,118.20
QUILL	47941017	TPU	\$ 58.49
QUILL	47921596	TOT	\$ 274.90
QUILL	47942902	TOT	\$ 106.38
ULINE	204576050	TPU	\$ 921.73
ULINE	204584969	TVFD	\$ 412.48
CHARTER ADVERTISING	12353	TOURISM	\$ 375.00
PAPE MACHINERY	16707135	MAINT	\$ 7.40
LVRJ	829153	CC/POOL	\$ 868.00
SHAW ENG	187811	TPU	\$ 14,800.00
SHAW ENG	187810	TPU	\$ 3,490.00
SHAW ENG	187762	TPU	\$ 1,725.00
OASIS ONLINE	498018738	TBD	\$ 4,996.30
SIERRA CONTROLS	257622	TPU	\$ 762.69
GERALD YEAGER	26-Mar	TVFD	\$ 1,000.00
TONOPAH VOL FIRE DEPT	RRMAR26	TVFD	\$ 2,000.00
WESTERN NV SUPPLY	12156221	PARKS	\$ 700.80
WESTERN NV SUPPLY	12156332	FAIRGROUND	\$ 7,879.28
March 11, 2026			
REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY			
TONOPAH TOWN & LIBRARY BOARDS			
			TOTAL \$ 49,161.42