

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
August 26, 2026
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the August 26, 2026 Tonopah Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Vice-Chairman Joni Eastley

Clerk Marc Grigory

Member Douglas Baker

Member Steven Stringer

16 attendees

1. Public Comment:

The following letters were submitted via email by Teresa Madsen of Symphony Graphics:



SYMPHONY GRAPHICS

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TO:
Tonopah Town Board
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Tonopah, NV 89049

August 13, 2026

To the Members of the Tonopah Town Board:

I am writing to formally address statements made during the August 12, 2026 Town Board meeting concerning my business, Symphony Graphics. and me personally.

I was particularly concerned by the exchange that occurred after Mrs. Eastley observed that whenever Symphony Graphics “comes into the picture, there’s pushback from the town” and questioned why that pattern existed.

Jeff Martin responded by stating, **“I won’t work with Teresa. She’s impossible to work with.”**

Mrs. Eastley’s immediate response was, **“So-- now we’re getting to it,”** followed by her observation that the issue appeared to be that people did not like the person with whom the Town has the contract, that person being me.

That exchange concerns me greatly because it moved the discussion away from the merits, cost, scope, or necessity of the proposed Mining Park website work and made my professional reputation part of the discussion.

I therefore want one important fact entered clearly into the record:

Jeff Martin has never worked with me.

He has never employed me, supervised me, contracted directly with me, managed a project with me, or otherwise had a professional working relationship with me. Our only direct interaction was when he was present while I took new photographs for the website, during which we got along fine. That limited interaction provides no reasonable basis for him to personally conclude that I am “impossible to work with.”

That distinction is particularly important because Mr. Martin was not simply expressing disagreement with the proposed expenditure. During the same discussion, he explained to the Board that he is in charge of the Mining Park and its budget. His characterization of me was therefore made in the context of his Town responsibilities and during the Board's consideration of whether to authorize work involving my company.

I welcome legitimate criticism of my work, which I believe helps to improve my product. If there are perceived problems with my performance, responsiveness, contract compliance, quality of work, or any other aspect of the services I provide, I ask that those concerns be identified specifically and brought to my attention as soon as possible so that I have an opportunity to address them.

What I cannot reasonably respond to is a broad public characterization that I am "impossible to work with," particularly when it comes from someone who has never actually worked with me.

The meeting itself provided an important contrast. Bethany stated that she **has** worked with me for approximately a year and a half. She explained that she understands how I work, understands how to communicate with me to obtain what she needs, understands how to receive my feedback, and volunteered to continue working with me on behalf of the Town.

That is firsthand professional experience.

I am also concerned by Mrs. Eastley's observation that there appears to be a pattern of pushback from the Town whenever Symphony Graphics is involved. I do not want to speculate about anyone's motives. I do, however, believe that observation deserves serious consideration.

Decisions concerning Symphony Graphics should be based upon the quality and value of my work, my contractual obligations, my actual performance, and the best interests of the Town, not upon personal feelings about me which, given the lack of context, appear baseless.

I have served the Town of Tonopah professionally for many years, and my professional reputation matters deeply to me.

A statement that I am "impossible to work with," made publicly in connection with a decision involving my company, has the potential to affect that reputation well beyond the immediate discussion.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this letter be included as part of Public Comment during the meeting to be held August 26, 2026.

I am not asking the Board or staff to take sides. I am asking that decisions concerning my work be based upon facts, documented performance, and firsthand professional experience, and that the public record reflects my response when my professional reputation has been called into question.

On a final note, I bring to your attention the attached letter of recommendation, written by Becky Braska on March 14, 2023, in which I am lauded for my professionalism, ability to meet all deadlines, and my "exceptional, flawless end products."

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to correct the record.

Sincerely,

Teresa Madsen
Symphony Graphics

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March 14, 2023

Re: Symphony Graphics
Teresa Madsen

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Teresa Madsen, Symphony Graphics for over ten years. Teresa is an amazing, extremely talented person who puts her all into everything she does.

Teresa is a true professional. She is committed to producing exceptional, flawless end products and never misses a deadline. Teresa is passionate about her work, and it shows in the work she produces.

If you're looking to update your website, or advertising materials, I highly recommend Teresa Madsen, Symphony Graphics, you won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. Braska
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Administrative Supervisor
Town of Tonopah - Tonopah Public Utilities

2. Approval of agenda:
Approved as submitted.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of invoices for payment
 - b. Approval of department budget reports for JulyVice Chair Eastley moved to approve the consent agenda and Member Stringer seconded without further discussion the motion carried 5-0.
4. Presentation by Tonopah Land Development; restaurant concept at 1165 N Highway 95:
Joanna Defilippis presented to the Board. They are in early stages of development. A larger waterline is needed for this project. The concept is to build a restaurant and bar.
5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve going out to bid for the Tonopah Public Utilities/Town of Tonopah building's roof. Funding source: Capital Projects:
Vice Chair Eastley moved to approve going out to bid for the Tonopah Public Utilities/Town of Tonopah building's roof and Member Stringer without further discussion the motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to adopt Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities loaded rates, retroactive to August 1, 2026:
Member Baker moved to adopt Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities loaded rates, retroactive to August 1, 2026 and a second from Vice Chair Eastley without further discussion the motion carried 5-0.
7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to enter into a funding agreement for fiscal year 26-27 between the Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Development Corporation dba Tonopah Main Street in the amount of \$30,000:
Mr. Westerlund sent the agreement to Justin Zimmerman and Kat Galli of TMS for review. They requested that all personal information be redacted from any W-2 submitted as supporting documentation. With that condition, they found the agreement acceptable. Vice Chair Eastley disclosed that she had resigned from the Tonopah Main Street board. Vice Chair Eastley moved to enter into a funding agreement for fiscal year 26-27 between the Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Development Corporation dba Tonopah Main Street in the amount of \$30,000 and Member Baker seconded without further discussion the motion carried 5-0.
8. Department Managers' and Town Board Members' Comments:
Reports submitted via email.
Jeff Martin of THMP reported that the point-of-sale system was implemented 10 years ago and has been highly successful. He also announced that the Soiree would be held Saturday from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Mr. Martin also responded to Ms. Madsen's public comment submitted by email, specifically addressing the statement that they had never worked together. He provided email communications between Ms. Madsen and himself.
Joe Westerlund reported that the first solar light had been installed at Harvey Park and that the boom truck would be delivered the following day for the headframe removal. SST installation at Harvey Park was scheduled to begin the following week.
Mr. Westerlund also reported that the playground equipment had been installed at Rye Patch.
Ms. Eastley reminded everyone that the headstone dedication at the Old Cemetery would be held on September 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

9. Public Comment:

None.

10. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 26, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Tonopah Convention Center

301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the August 26, 2026 Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Douglas Baker

Clerk Marc Grigory

Trustee Joni Eastley

Trustee Steven Stringer

16 attendees

1. Public Comment:

None.

2. Approval of agenda:

Approved as submitted.

3. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of invoices for payment

b. Approval of library budget report for July

Clerk Grigory moved to approve the consent agenda and Trustee Stringer seconded without further discussion the motion carried 5-0.

4. Presentation by Dr. Frederick Steinman; annual update for the Strategic Plan for the Tonopah Public Library:

Dr. Steinmann presented via phone. A handout of the report was available.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to:

1. Continue membership in the Nevada Cooperative Libraries Automated Network (CLAN); or

2. Terminate membership in the Nevada CLAN:

Trustee Eastley moved to continue membership in the Nevada Cooperative Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) and Trustee Baker seconded. Opened to discussion.

Ms. Braska presented the below backup to the Board and public:

Nevada Cooperative Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) is a statewide consortium that connects public libraries through a shared catalog, shared patron database, and shared digital resources.

- Shared Online Catalog
- Integrated Library System (ILS) services
- Interlibrary Loan Connectivity
- Shared Digital Resources
- Technical Support and Automation Services for member libraries

Nevada Revised States define a “Public Library” to include consolidated, county, district, city or town libraries; groups of libraries that enter into interlocal agreements, which is what the CLAN provides and how it operates.

Leaving the CLAN would affect patron-service function of the Tonopah Library District. It would have significant operational, financial and service impact on the Library District.

Library Services Impacted:

- Patrons would no longer have access to interlibrary loans. All access to materials from other Nevada Libraries will no longer be available to Library patrons.
- Reduced or very limited access to digital resources available to CLAN Libraries statewide.
- Smaller catalog for patrons to choose materials from.
- Longer wait time and expense to order requested materials for patrons
- Loss of ability of Tonopah Library Patrons to utilize CLAN member libraries all over the state. The patron’s Tonopah Library Card will only be valid in Tonopah. Currently, members have access to all CLAN libraries statewide

Technology and infrastructure impacts:

Leaving the CLAN would require the Tonopah Library district to independently provide all automation service that the CLAN currently provides. The Tonopah Library will lose the following if they decide not to be a member of the CLAN:

- Loss of shared catalog: Patrons will no longer be able to search statewide resources.
- Loss of shared patron database: All patron records would have to be migrated, rebuilt and continuously updated and maintained by local library staff.
- Loss of CLAN Managed Servers: The Library would have to host or pay another vendor to host it ILS
- Loss of CLAN Technical Support: Troubleshooting, updates, backups and security of the Libraries database and other information becomes the Libraries responsibility.
- Website catalog integration changes: The Library must maintain an online catalog, departure from the CLAN will require the Tonopah Library to create and maintain an online catalog linked to the new database created by the Library.

Financial impacts:

Leaving the CLAN increase costs to the Tonopah Library drastically, the Library will have to pay full price for everything the CLAN currently subsidizes and shares the cost. Membership to the CLAN is significantly less than the cost to the Library if they are not a member:

- ILS Licensing (Annual Cost): Typically, ILS Licensing cost is between \$8,000 to \$25,000 depending on the vendor and modules selected by the Library.
- ILS Migration (One-Time): This is a one-time expense that will cost the library between \$10,000 and \$40,000 depending on the data complexity.
- Server or Cloud hosting (Annual Cost): \$5000 – 10,000.
- Tech Support Contract (Annual Cost): \$5000 – 10,000.
- Cataloging Tools (OCLC, MARC Records, etc.) (Annual Cost): \$5,000 to \$8,000
- Cybersecurity Software and Backup Services (Annual Cost): Annual Cost unknown at this time.
- Reissue library cards to all Tonopah Public Library members: \$1,000-\$2,500.

Cybersecurity protection services are currently part of CLAN's services. Losing this service will not only increase the operating costs to the library for licensing, backup, tech support, software and cybersecurity monitoring and updates it is likely to increase the Library's annual insurance premium through POOL/PACT. The Library would have to develop policies and procedures and show POOL/PACT their Cyber Security, firewall, software used and related policies and procedures adopted by the Library District Board of Trustees, that the Library has sufficient Cybersecurity protection and policies and procedures as recommended by POOL/PACT and that these policies and procedures are being followed on a daily basis. The Library's insurance Policy covers Cybersecurity attacks up to a certain dollar amount, but the Library will be 100% responsible to ensure the safety of all the libraries data on a daily basis.

The minimum annual reoccurring fiscal impact to the Library by leaving the CLAN would be \$33,000 a year. With the additional one-time expense of the ILS Migration and Library Cards at a cost of \$11,000 to \$42,500. The total minimum cost for the first year would be approximately \$55,000 with an estimated annual minimum cost of \$33,000. These estimates are very conservative; the actual cost to the library is likely to be higher than estimated.

Staffing Impact:

Leaving the CLAN will increase staff wage/benefit costs to the Library District. It is difficult to estimate the number of hours and additional staff that will be needed to initially set up a stand-alone database, as well as the staffing required to monitor and update the system as required to ensure the safety and security of the network, but it will definitely impact the wages/benefits budget line item in addition to the additional costs mentioned above. Other staffing expenses will include compliance and reporting required to Nevada State Library, training on ILS, new catalog system and website compatibility with database. The increase in wages/benefits has too many variables at this time to estimate the cost but it is obviously going to increase staffing cost to the district.

Other Miscellaneous Impacts to the Library

- Annual Statistical Reporting requirements.
- Continuity of Operations.
- Public Perception.

Should the library district decide to not be a member of the Nevada Cooperative Library Automated Network, they would first need to develop a transition plan, a data migration plan, create and reissue library cards to current Tonopah Library members and communicate to current library members their loss of benefits.

SUMMARY

Leaving the CLAN would not affect the district taxing authority, but it will:

- Increase the overall cost substantially
- Reduce Patron services
- Increase staff workload
- Require major technology changes and expenses
- Will require extensive staff training
- Require addressing Cybersecurity & Risk Data Migration
- Require development and approval of an overall transition plan

Library employee Mike Sain stated that he had researched leaving CLAN and believed he could identify alternative resources at a lower cost.

Ms. Braska stated that the greatest risk of leaving CLAN was cybersecurity. She reported that a POOL/PACT analysis identified several violations that could leave the library vulnerable to an attack.

Chairman Kaminski inquired why the library removed themselves from CLAN, Ms. Boteler stated she didn't feel they were benefitting from it. Trustee Eastley asked "you didn't feel that way or you have proof you are not benefitting"?

Discussion continued regarding interlibrary lending.

The library could potentially lose funding after leaving CLAN if it does not maintain the required reporting, which is included with CLAN membership.

The membership is included in the annual budget. Chairman Kaminski sought to abstain but was advised that he could not do so because he did not have a financial interest in the library.

The motion carried 4-1, with Chairman Kaminski voting nay.

6. Managers' and Library Board Members' Comments:

No report. Trustee Eastley asked Ms. Boteler to prepare a report that addresses the 4 goals outlined in the strategic plan report.

7. Public Comment:

Cindy Kaminski is concerned about the library's cybersecurity. She expressed to the Board that they should address this before something happens.

8. Adjourn:
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 OCTOBER 14, 2026:

Invoices: \$ 69,772.43

2026 Minutes: AUGUST 12 & 26 AND SEPTEMBER 23

APPROVAL OF INVOICES RECEIVED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2026 NOT ON THE LIST FROM THE FOLLOWING VENDORS (TO AVOID POSSIBLE LATE FEES OR RECEIVED AFTER THE LIST WAS PRINTED):

AMAZON, AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION, BLACKBURN PEST CONTROL, BUREAU OF WATER POLLUTION, CENTRAL NEVADA HARDWARE, EG MEDIA, ESRI INC, FLYER'S, FRONTIER, GERALD YEAGER, INLAND SUPPLY, MIMOWORKS, NORTHERN NV FIRE PROTECTION, NV ENERGY, OASIS ONLINE CONSULTING, OPI, POOL DEPOSIT REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30 EACH, PURCHASE POWER/PITNEY BOWES, QUILL, RALEY'S, REBEL OIL, SILVER STATE LABS, SPECIALTY WELDING, STEVE'S AUTO PARTS, SUBURBAN PROPANE, TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES, TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPOSIT/OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS, TONOPAH TOWN-MONTHLY TONOPAH LIBRARY BILLABLE HOURS, TONOPAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT, ULINE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, WESTERN NEVADA SUPPLY, WITMER ----- BANK OF AMERICA STATEMENTS FOR JESSYKA BOTELER AND MIKE SAIN

Prepared by: _____
Jennifer Mills

VENDOR	INVOICE #	DEPT TO CHG	AMOUNT
SHAW ENG	188325	TPU	\$ 2,770.00
SHAW ENG	188324	TPU	\$ 4,560.00
SHAW ENG	188331	TPU	\$ 285.00
SHAW ENG	188328	TPU	\$ 16,765.00
JEFF MARTIN	092726JM	THMP	\$ 284.54
BETHANY JAYNE	052126BJ.2	TOUR	\$ 1,000.00
FORGED AND FAB	BLK0926	THMP	\$ 2,000.00
JESSICA BLACKBURN	11113	CC	\$ 140.00
LAS VEGAS REV JOURNAL	837287	CC/LIB	\$ 655.20
TRANSACTION WAREHOUSE	20261556	TPU	\$ 91.20
POWERPLAY MARKETING	260065308	THMP	\$ 2,500.00
TVFD	RROCT26	TVFD	\$ 2,000.00
GERALD YEAGER	OCT26	TVFD	\$ 1,000.00
CENTRAL NV HIST SOCIETY	CNHS26	TOT	\$ 577.57
SPECIALTY WELDING	70797	TPU	\$ 21.15
TOT PETTY CASH	TTPETTYAUG26	TPU	\$ 152.00
JOE WESTERLUND	101526JW	TPU	\$ 225.00
LN CURTIS	1113067	TVFD	\$ 389.09
LN CURTIS	1125923	TVFD	\$ 4,870.65
MICHAEL FREDERICK	439690	LIB	\$ 50.00
PAPE MACHINERY	17229541	MAINT	\$ 8.10
CAL NV TOWING	7047	TOT/TPU	\$ 1,117.24
ROBERT HERREN	100826RH	TPU	\$ 42.00
FIRE VENT LLC	26069	TVFD	\$ 14,985.00
SIERRA CONTROLS	258381	TPU	\$ 10,529.14
SIERRA CONTROLS	258380	TPU	\$ 2,754.55
October 14, 2026 REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY TONOPAH TOWN & LIBRARY BOARDS			
TOTAL			\$ 69,772.43