

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2012

Tonopah Town Board Vice Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Also present was Javier Gonzalez. Duane Downing was present via telephone. Jon Zane was absent. There were seven other people in attendance.

1. Public Comment

No action taken by the Board.

2. Review and approve all items approved before general public comment on the following meeting dates: January 11, 2012, January 25, 2012, February 08, 2012, March 14, 2012, March 28, 2012, April 11, 2012, April 25, 2012, May 09, 2012, May 18, 2012, and May 23, 2012

Horace Carlyle noted that this was recommended by the District Attorney to clean up any technicalities.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to approve all items approved before general public comment on the following meeting dates: January 11, 2012, January 25, 2012, February 08, 2012, March 14, 2012, March 28, 2012, April 11, 2012, April 25, 2012, May 09, 2012, May 18, 2012, and May 23, 2012. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Jon Zane was absent).

3. Review and approval of minutes from regular meeting held on June 13, 2012.

Horace Carlyle noted that on Page 4, the second to last paragraph, he feels it should be write off rather than ride off.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes, in context, from regular meeting held on June 13, 2012 with the noted correction. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Jon Zane was absent).

4. Review, discussion and possible approval of Property and Casualty Insurance with Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Ken Eason explained that the pool is made up of several entities throughout the State of Nevada. The primary coverage covers all of the facility buildings and the building contents. It also furnishes liability insurance for all operations. He noted that some of the numbers are packaged figures and amounts for the Pool and do not necessarily reflect exactly what the Town's total exposure is. Accounts receivable is \$5,000,000. Arson reward is \$10% or \$25,000. Earthquake and flood insurance is included for all properties. Equipment breakdown is \$60,000,000 and

primarily covers equipment and building mechanical systems. Hazardous substance coverage covers spills up to \$250,000 per loss. Data restoration is \$100,000 per loss and covers computer systems. Expediting expenses is \$25,000 per loss and covers upfront payments in the event of a loss so the Town could keep running in some form until the total loss can be determined. Unintentional errors and omissions cover unintentional errors and omissions committed by the Board. Money and securities is \$500,000 per loss and covers robbery and burglary. Transmission facilities cover damage of items being transported between locations.

Horace Carlyle noted that this is a standard policy for the Town.

Ken Eason noted that the deductible is unchanged from last year. The total premium this year has come down. The total cost is \$31,058.09. James Eason explained that the insurance is broken up between Town Administration and both TPU budgets. The Town's cost is \$21,905.50. The cost for TPU Water is \$4,576.29 and the cost for TPU Sewer is \$4,576.30.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to approve the property and casualty insurance with Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Duane Downing seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Jon Zane was absent).

5. Review, discussion and possible decision and approval to award bid for construction of Tonopah Water Wells 9 and 10

The Board called Paul Winkelman at this time.

Paul Winkelman noted that the Board opened bids yesterday on the well drilling project for Wells 9 and 10. That project was advertised in three newspapers and six plan houses. Plans were sold to eight well drillers. Shaw Engineering was anticipating between 3 and 6 bids based on phone calls. The Town only received one bid. He explained that all of the well drillers are busy with all of the mine work. The bid the Town did receive was from Hydro Resources. Their bid price is \$448,000. This is about \$160,000 over the engineer's estimate. He noted that the downside to rebidding the project is that there is no guarantee that the same situation will not occur. There could be a worse situation and the bids could go up. He noted that they have spoken with the bidder about several things where costs could be reduced and there is really nothing that can be done to reduce the cost of the bid. They have spoken with both funders and the general consensus is to proceed forward with the bidder. He noted that there is a contingency fund for both the well project and the transmission main. The Town will have to dip into that contingency fund to get the wells going. Shaw Engineering's recommendation is to go ahead and award the bid to Hydro Resources contingent on USDA concurrence.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to award the bid for the Tonopah Public Utilities New Wells 9 and 10 Well Drilling Project to Hydro Resources West, Inc. in the amount of \$448,358.00 subject to USDA's concurrence of the bid award. Duane Downing seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Jon Zane was absent).

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Town Board at 7:30 pm.

The Tonopah Town Board returned at 7:39 pm.

6. Discussion and possible decision to appear in the television show *Today in America*

James Eason explained that he was contacted several weeks ago by *Today in America* assistant producer Dave Corvair. He and the general producer Gary Williams are looking at focusing on America's emerging Best Places to Live, Work, and Play in the "Rediscovering America" series. There is a fee involved. If the Town wants to participate it will cost \$19,800. It will air one time on the Discovery Channel and 19 times on ABC, a Fox broadcasting network, and/or regional news networks. It could be in as many as 100 markets. The Town will own the material once the airings are done. They are currently looking to see if the Town is interested in doing this. He noted that the Board does not have to make a decision at this time. If the Town does go down this path, it will probably be funded out of the 5/8ths Room Tax Grant. He noted that the Town does not have to come up with the entire amount at once. It is based in installments of accomplishment of work. He explained that they are very excited about Tonopah and everything going on in the area. He recommended that some of the Board members come into the office tomorrow morning to meet with Gary Williams for more information. He noted that another meeting may need to be set up for other Board members.

This item was tabled.

7. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

8. Public Comment

Joe Westerlund thanked the Board for the Room Tax Grant for the arm wrestling. He noted that they raised enough money to put the whole event on. He noted that his daughter helped with everything at the event and all of the money collected from her concession stand, door donations, and the \$10.00 for every pro that entered will go towards a community project she is doing. That will be presented to the Board at the second meeting in July. He noted that the event was just as successful as last year. They will tinker with it some to improve it for next year.

No action taken by the Board.

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

James Eason explained that the Town is out to bid for the pipeline project. The Town was granted the right-of-way from Coyote Resources. The Town has received the notice to proceed from NDEP for the pipeline project.

James Eason explained that the remediation in the Belvada is moving forward. They are looking at a completion date of Saturday July 7, 2012. The plastic on the fourth and fifth floors will be removed and the entire envelope of the building will be in plywood.

James Eason explained that the pool is up and running. The new grass put down in the parks is taking and is beginning to sprout.

Horace Carlyle wanted to know if the plywood will extend to all floors of the Belvada. James Eason explained that the plywood is already up on floors two through five and the plastic on the fourth and fifth floor will be removed.

Horace Carlyle noted that he included an article regarding the new rules by the government. He explained that more attention is being focused on possible funding requirements for any type of benefit for public entities.

10. Closure of Meeting, Pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.

This item was tabled.

11. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues

This item was tabled.

12. Discussion deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting

This item was tabled.

13. Closure of meeting pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation

This item was tabled.

14. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation

This item was tabled.

15. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in the closed meeting

This item was tabled.

16. Correspondence

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Minutes – 06/12/2012

Email regarding Public Comment – 06/15/2012

Nye County Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda – 06/19/2012

Pahrump Town Board Meeting Agenda – 06/26/2012

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda – 06/26/2012

Public Pension Finances Could Soon Look Shakier – 06/26/2012

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda – 06/27/2012

Amargosa Valley Town Board Meeting Agenda – 06/28/2012

Nye County Board of Commissioners Teleconference Meeting Agenda – 06/29/2012

17. Approval of Vouchers for Payment

The vouchers were reviewed and all were signed by Board members. Duane Downing made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Javier Gonzalez seconded. James Eason explained that the Town is going through State Purchasing to order 10 AEDs. The cost is \$14,997. It comes with the mounting equipment, carrying cases, and additional pads. They will go to several locations identified throughout the Town. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Jon Zane seconded).

18. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

Approved:

Mariah Rivero

Jon Zane, Chairman

Horace Carlyle, Vice Chairman

Javier Gonzalez, Clerk

Duane Downing, Member
