

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 09, 2013

Tonopah Town Board Vice Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Javier Gonzalez, Duane Downing and Ron Kipp. There were seven other people in attendance.

**7:30 P.M.     Public Hearing:     Discussion and comment regarding the Town of Tonopah Intention to file loan and grant application in the amount of \$1,961,043 to USDA Rural Development and to request USDA Rural Development for use of the remaining grant funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 from the Arsenic Project to complete the Transmission Line Replacement Project.**

Horace Carlyle feels this is a wonderful opportunity to have a brand new water line. He noted that the current Board is doing additional work to what previous Boards have worked on.

Duane Downing explained that this part of the project is kind of an add-on to what the Town was doing earlier this year with the water project. Some of the bids came in under budget leaving enough of a balance to where, with a little more loan funding, the Town could finish the entire water line project up to Ararat Tanks. From the wells to the tanks would be brand new lines. He noted that the original project was only going to go to Booster Station #2 and then the Town would have to worry about the remainder of the transmission line at a later date. He noted that the perfect set of events happened and the Town may be able to replace 6.5 miles of transmission lines under the same project. This will give the Town a brand new water line from the wells all the way to the tanks that will last a minimum of 40 years.

James Eason clarified that Phase II is from Booster #2 to Ararat Tank. The Town is working to secure additional funding for Phase III, which will be from Rye Patch to where the line picks up outside of the Conservation Camp for the new line that goes to Booster #2. This will give a total of 10 mile if the Town is able to pull off both phases. The Town is working on the 6.8 miles first.

The public meeting closed at 7:40 pm.  
The Board moved to item 17.

1.     Public Comment

No action taken by the Board.

2. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk

Duane Downing made a motion to nominate Horace Carlyle for Chairman. Javier Gonzalez seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to nominate Duane Downing for Vice Chairman. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Javier Gonzalez made a motion to nominate Ron Kipp for Clerk. Duane Downing seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from regular meeting held on December 12 2012.

Duane Downing made a motion to approve the minutes, in context, from regular meeting held on December 12, 2012. Horace Carlyle seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Javier Gonzalez abstained).

4. Review, discussion and possible decision regarding Town of Tonopah Personnel Policy Section 7.3 – Retirement.

Chris Mulkerns explained that if this is approved, it will finish up that section as the Board already approved 7.1 and 7.2 at the last meeting. If approved the way it is presented, staff will send it to Pool/Pact for review. Once they have approved it, it will become part of the Personnel Policy. Horace Carlyle noted that the effective date should be January 9, 2013.

Duane Downing made a motion to approve the Town of Tonopah Personnel Policy Section 7.3 – Retirement. Approval of any portion of said section shall be presented to Pool/Pact for review prior to implementation of amended policy. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Review, discussion and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing to establish the Town of Tonopah Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Fund.

Chris Mulkerns explained that the policy just approved stated that the Town will set aside a set amount of money per employee/retiree. The Board has budgeted \$6,700 per Administration, Town, Water, and Sewer, for the last two years. There is \$20,000 at this time to put into the fund. She noted that Mr. Carlyle recommended staff change the wording on line 25 from "...per employee hired after the date of this resolution..." to "...per employee as of the date of this resolution..." She noted that at budget time the Board can set up what the amount will be for future years. Ron Kipp noted that the wording may not be inclusive of future employees. Chris Mulkerns noted that a comma can be added for clarification.

Duane Downing made a motion to approve the adoption of a resolution authorizing to establish the Town of Tonopah Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Fund, to enable the Board to fund its obligations as set forth in the Tonopah Town Personnel Policy Section 7.3 – Retirement. Javier Gonzalez seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library Board of Trustees at 7:15 pm.  
The Tonopah Town Board returned at 7:21 pm.

6. Tonopah Department Budget Reports

Chris Mulkerns noted that the Town did receive the forms and instructions from the Department of Taxation for the new budget today. The Town will receive the first revenue numbers on February 15, 2013. Duane Downing wanted to know if the revenue numbers were looking like they would be significantly different. James Eason explained that the preliminary numbers for population show an increase from last year which will positively impact the budget.

No action taken by the Board.

7. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

8. Public Comment

No action taken by the Board.

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

James Eason explained that he spoke to Ray Hoffman regarding the roof repair. There is an issue with the three heating units up front. The hope is to have the heat restored by the end of next week and they will be working on the installation of the roof. There have been weather delays and issues. He noted that the painting under all of the eaves will be done later. There may be a change in the timeline of the contract.

James Eason explained that the water project is progressing. For Line A of Phase I, all of the pipe has been installed and they are working on the pit less adapter, which should be finished this weekend. Line B of Phase I is currently being installed. The Reuse project is progressing. The building has gone up and has been finished as far as the sheetrock. The painting should have been completed this afternoon. The mechanical equipment on the different vaults is being installed and the lines have been pressure tested. They are planning on doing the roofing next week.

James Eason explained that the Board will have to make a decision regarding the CDBG money. The Town has received an answer from the District Attorney's Office on the Belvada and the options for the building. This also ties into the agreement with BEC Environmental and the work they are doing for the Town with economic development.

James Eason explained that the Board will be signing the check tonight for the BLM for the remaining portion of the CX to start Phase II of the pipeline project.

The Board moved to the public hearing at 7:31 pm.

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

Notice to Bypass Projects on the Priority List Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Nye County Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda – 12/18/2012

Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee – 12/20/2012

Round Mountain Town Board Regular Meeting Agenda – 12/25/2012

Nye County Board of Commissioners Teleconference – 12/28/2012

Nye County Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda – 01/07/2013

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda – 01/08/2013

Pahrump Town Board Meeting Agenda – 01/08/2013

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda – 01/09/2013

The NSSAB Welcomes New County Liasons – 01/09/2013

Intralocal Contract Between Public Agencies

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. Motion passed 4-0.

18. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

Approved:

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Horace Carlyle, Chairman

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Duane Downing, Vice Chairman

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Ron Kipp, Clerk

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Javier Gonzalez, Member

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Vacant, Member