

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order December 10, 2014 at 7:09 p.m. Also present were Ron Kipp, Janet Hatch and Tom Seley; Duane Downing was absent. Ten others were present. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:28 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Michael Lach of the North Tonopah Development presented his plan to take High School students skiing in Mammoth. Large portions of the trip would be subsidized by Mammoth Lakes and would cost around \$1,200 per participant. This would include lodging for two nights, ski pass, food etc. The students who want to participate would be asked to raise \$100 by January. The High School should pick two proposed dates for Mammoth Lakes to consider so the trip will not collide with holidays or sports events.

Member Janet Hatch thanked Bruce Jabbour and North Tonopah Development for their \$500 donation to the Tonopah Senior Center. She added that various other donations have been received by the Senior Center to pay off the debt for the water leak.

2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on November 26, 2014.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on November 26, 2014 as presented. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-1. 1 abstention.

3. Present action plan regarding relocation of Hoss Disposal Payment Center (located in Rippie Realty) to new location in Tonopah, Nevada.

James Beresovoy of Hoss Disposal explained that their local office will be moved to a new location at "Cisco's Tacos" restaurant. They will have a drop-box and a local phone number so customers won't accumulate cost for long distance calls.

He added that Hoss wants to give back to the community and they would donate to the skiing trip presented by Mr. Lach. He explained that Hoss has donated service to the hospital. Janet Hatch thanked him for Hoss' service to the community. He asked the town to let Hoss know if help is needed with anything.

4. Deliberation, discussion, and possible action, Tonopah Town Board sending a letter to DA Brian Kunzi withdrawing our request dated 9/15/2014 for a legal opinion pertaining to the North Tonopah Development/Tonopah Man Camp, Nevada Department of Public Safety/State Fire Marshall Division has defined usage per SFM Project No: 12ES330. Occupancy Type: B, R-2 & R-3, with future A-2 is clearly described on page 4 of 6 section for "For informational use only-no response necessary", see "The buildings undergo a change of occupancy from a Group B to Group R-2 occupancy (Boarding House)-----". Therefore, NV State Fire Marshall's classification of usage clearly answers any questions of usage by the Tonopah Town Board. In addition, the opinion of the State Fire Marshall cannot be altered by any party without an amended report from the NV State Fire Marshall because of the

opinion and report supported by “police powers”. I’ve enclosed page 8 of 94 of the Southern Nevada Amendments IBC-General as additional backup information for the Town Board.

Chairman Horace Carlyle stated that Michael Lach of the North Tonopah Development has submitted new information to the Board that the Town and Tonopah Public Utilities staff will have to review. The information submitted is completely different to what has been presented in the past. Mr. Lach explained that this new information is data collected between the last Board meeting regarding this matter and this one. The new information shows the actual water usage at North Tonopah Development. Mr. Lach referred to the State Fire Marshall’s Report. He explained that certain units are no longer in existence.

Horace Carlyle stated that he appreciated the new information and that it needs to be given to Town Manager James Eason.

Tom Seley inquired about the State Fire Marshall’s Report. His understanding was that none of the buildings were permitted. Mr. Lach clarified that the so-called “Hotel” was permitted through the State Fire Marshall and that all the other buildings were too small in size to have to be permitted. The State Fire Marshall did permit the entire site. Certain units which did not pass the original report in 2012 were removed. Janet Hatch thanked Mr. Lach for the information.

Michael Lach suggested the Town of Tonopah should review its ordinances because they were written in the 80’s when water usage was higher than nowadays. He indicated that he would be willing to discuss this matter at any time.

Horace Carlyle noted that the point of reference the Board had is not factual anymore.

This item was tabled.

5. Department Budget Reports

Chairman Horace Carlyle suggested the decrease in collected room tax needs to be monitored. He also asked about the Fire Department .25¢ tax. James Eason explained that Daniel McArthur would be discussing this at the next Board meeting when he is scheduled to present the Audit.

Horace Carlyle inquired as to why there were no donations to the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Chris Mulkerns explained that the donations had not been delivered to the Town office in time for the Budget Report. They will be in the next Budget Report.

Horace Carlyle asked about the use of a decimal point rather than the % symbol on the expenditures and stated that it is mathematically incorrect. Tom Seley suggested changing the format. Chris Mulkerns stated it will be formatted as requested from now on.

Horace Carlyle raised the question as to how the decrease in labor force will affect the budget. Tom Seley asked whether the Board has to take action regarding room taxes not getting paid. James Eason referred to the e-mail from Kim Lara and explained that the hotel which had not paid the room taxes yet will have to make one more payment of penalties to be caught up.

6. Tonopah Development Corporation Report

No action taken by the Board.

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

James Eason pointed out that Teresa Madsen has been updating and redesigning the Tonopah website and that it will probably go online in January. Becky Braska showed the new features, tabs, and icons in a PowerPoint presentation. Ron Kipp asked how often the website will be updated. Becky Braska explained that the Town/ TPU will give information to Teresa as it comes in and she will update it on a regular basis. Tom Seley stated that he likes to see that the link to the online payment is more obvious now. James Eason added that there will be a link to SilverFlume, the website where businesses can apply for a license online. Horace Carlyle voiced concerns about the font size. He wants Teresa to make sure it's legible for everyone. Becky pointed out that the pages shown in the presentation were just PDFs and were not indicative of the actual font size. Becky Braska added that the website will have new and historic photographs. James Eason explained that there will be pictures and references to local events such as the Fishing Derby, 4th of July, Jim Butler Days etc. Ron Kipp inquired whether the public can submit pictures. James Eason affirmed this and added that they would have to give the Town of Tonopah the publication rights. Horace Carlyle asked whether the OHV trails would be on the website. James Eason explained that the Town does not have maps to give to Teresa Madsen. Becky Braska explained that this is being worked on right now. Tom Seley noted that the current BLM Land-Use Plan does not have any designated OHV trails in the Tonopah Area. The Town should recommend using existing roads and trails. James Eason added that there are four different districts for the BLM for Nye County.

Horace Carlyle inquired about the status of the hospital. James Eason referred him to the Nye County Agenda Information that was in their packets.

James Eason pointed out the drafts for the Master Water Plan and Sewer PER Update that Shaw Engineering had provided for comments. He added that the pump test will probably continue until December 15th. Nitrate levels have decreased. About 1600 gallons of water are being pumped per minute between the two wells. Tom Seley asked whether the cone of depression has gone up. James Eason explained that it has not changed. Horace Carlyle wanted to know if the Board will get a report and James Eason affirmed this.

James Eason pointed out that the Christmas lights are hung. He reminded the Board that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be the following day at the Convention Center.

James Eason presented a picture of the battle ship USS Tonopah donated by Mr. and Mrs. McAfee. He gave a brief history of the ship and the name and added the picture will be hung in the Convention Center.

Horace Carlyle requested a locksmith to check the locks on the front doors of the Convention Center as the locks are sometimes difficult to unlock. He also suggested replacing the recording device for the Board meetings and buying a tape recorder as back-up. Chris Mulkerns explained

that the Town already owns a tape recorder. James Eason recommended talking about these issues at the Public Workshop December 17, 2014. He added the Town received a quote for replacing the Convention Center entrance including doors, glass, and locks and it was \$30,000.

Ron Kipp inquired whether the signs "No Off-road Vehicles Allowed" will be taken down now that a new OHV regulation is in place in Tonopah. Horace Carlyle explained that off-road vehicles are not allowed in those areas where the signs are up.

Ron Kipp explained that he will not be able to attend the last Board meeting in 2014 due to work and that therefore this meeting is his last as a member. He thanked the members who in return thanked him for his contributions.

Tom Seley asked whether the Tonopah Fire Protection Report will increase the insurance premium. James Eason explained that it will not because of what the Town of Tonopah offers as far as training etc. The Town would need a full time paid fire department to decrease the premium.

8. Public Comment

Mr. Lach added that his report presented under item 4 does not include the "Hotel" as it has not been in existence long enough to collect data.

9. 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. No action taken by the Board.

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11. Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting No action taken by the Board.

12. Correspondence

Tonopah New and Out of Business List for November 2014

Tonopah Fire Protection Area, Nye County, Nevada, November 24, 2014

Nye County Agenda Information, Regular Agenda Item, December 2, 2014

E-mail NyE Communities Coalition Annual Award, December 2, 2014

Nye County Airports-November 2014 Status Report, December 1, 2014

Nye County BOCC Meeting Summary, December 1, 2014

Letter to David Fanning, December 3, 2014

Newsletter of the Nevada Water and Wastewater Operator's Forum, Fall/Winter 2014

Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of October 2014, Collected November 2014

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, December 9, 2014

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2014

E-mail from Kim Lara to Andrew Howell, December 8, 2014

Tonopah website updates redesign

TPUD Water System Master Plan Draft, October 2014

TPUD Wastewater Collection System PER Update Draft, November 2014

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, December 15, 2014


USDA Letter from Sarah Adler to Chairman Kizer, September 18, 2013

13. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Tom Seley motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.


14. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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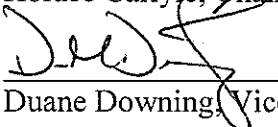


Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Horace Carlyle, Chairman



Duane Downing, Vice Chairman

Ron Kipp, Clerk



Tom Seley, Member



Janet Hatch, Member



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**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2014**

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order December 10, 2014 at 7:18 p.m. by Vice Chairman Ron Kipp. Also present were board members Horace Carlyle, Janet Hatch and Tom Seley. Duane Downing was absent. Ten others were present.

1. Public Comment

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2. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from regular meeting held November 26, 2014

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3. Library Budget Report

Horace Carlyle stated that the Board needs to be proactive about the property taxes being collected. He suggested the auditor, County Treasurer or others have a look into it because he wants someone accountable for taxes that are not being paid. Town Manager James Eason explained that he talked to Mr. McArthur who clarified that the Solar Reserve had just gotten their tax bill. Revenues should be coming in. Mr. McArthur will explain this in more detail at the next Board meeting.

Horace Carlyle inquired about the interest on the Library Budget. Chris Mulkerns explained that there was 2774% more interest than budgeted.

4. Library Board Member's/Department Manager's Comments

Horace Carlyle complimented the Acting Librarian Diane Ryals on her report. He stated it was very comprehensive and detailed. Janet Hatch added that she appreciated the report as well and that she is very optimistic about the new employee, Tawnia Seward.

James Eason pointed out the 2014 Nevada Public Library Survey as part of the correspondence.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Correspondence

Tonopah Library District: 2014 Nevada Public Library Survey 07/01/2013 to 06/30/2014


7. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers for payment. Horace Carlyle motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Ron Kipp, Vice Chairman

Duane Downing, Clerk



Horace Carlyle, Member



Janet Hatch, Member



Tom Seley, Member