

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Ron Kipp, Duane Downing and Janet Hatch. Tom Seley was absent. Six others were present. Chairman Carlyle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:37 p.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None
2. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on May 28, 2014.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held on May 28, 2014 as presented. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0. Ron Kipp abstained as he had not reviewed the minutes.

3. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to request review by the District Attorney of Nye County Code, Title 10 – Traffic Regulations, specifically, section 10.04.020: Applicability, to update the language to correctly reflect the current status of the unincorporated areas of the county.**

Chairman Carlyle thought there was a contradiction the way the Nye County Code, Title 10 – Traffic Regulations was applied where it said “and excluding the unincorporated towns having the town board form of government”. He was concerned about how it is written due to the codification of traffic fines. Duane Downing said he understood it as for the unincorporated areas of the county, this county ordinance applies unless a town board which Tonopah does have, enacts a town ordinance covers the same thing and then the town ordinance would take precedence over the county ordinance. Mr. Carlyle stated that Town staff has talked to the County regarding this issue and they thought it was worth reviewing to avoid any misunderstanding of the interpretation.

Duane Downing motioned to request review by the District Attorney of Nye County Code, Title 10 – Traffic Regulations, specifically, section 10.04.020: To update the language to correctly reflect the current status of the unincorporated areas of the county. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Deliberation, discussion and possible approval for 5/8ths Room Tax Grant in the amount of \$2,309.51 to advertise and promote Nevada State Mining Championships.**

Joni Eastley appeared before the Board and apologized for not having submitted the request earlier, she was waiting on a receipt from one of the vendors. She stated this was the exact amount that was spent on advertising and T-shirts.

Duane Downing motioned to approve 5/8<sup>th</sup> Room Tax Grant in the amount of \$2309.51 for the advertisement and promotion of Nevada State Mining Championships. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve te Property and Casualty Insurance with Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.**

Ken Eason presented to the Board the insurance renewal information for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Mr. Eason gave a summary of liability limits for each category. He explained they will also be covering the members of the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation beginning this year at no additional cost upon approval by the Board. He stated the Town would also be covered for earthquake and flood which is normally difficult to get and is very expensive. He said they would also be covered in the event they were sued by an employee, as well as for cyber crimes.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance with Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as presented in the amount of \$29,553.09. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve a resolution in support of Interstate 11 and Future North-South Extension through Sparks/Reno in Washoe county.**

James Eason stated this is in conjunction with what they have been working on with BEC Environmental. The first part of the route is between Las Vegas and Phoenix and the next step is to determine whether they will go with Highways 93 or 95 to create a route from Las Vegas to Reno. The resolution is to support working with Washoe County and their regional transportation commission to support the route of 95. He said BEC Environmental attends meetings and gives input on the Town's behalf. Last week the town of Tonopah was the only community to give input. He stated it would be about ten to twenty years before this actually happens. Highway 95 has an advantage that it connects with Highway 6.

Duane Downing motioned to approve resolution 14-03 in support of Interstate 11 and Future North-South Extension through Sparks/Reno in Washoe County. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Deliberation, discussion and possible actin to approve three (3) Engineering Services Proposals from Shaw Engineering:**

**Proposal 1: Water System Master Plan**

**Proposal 2: Wastewater PER Update Priorities and Costs**

### **Proposal 3: Water and Wastewater Capacity Study re proposed Nevada Rural Housing Authority Development**

James Eason explained these proposals were initiated in October 2013. The first proposal is their update which they will give to Nevada Commission of Water Resources. After phase 2 is completed of the first project they will have an assessment of how many gallons of water can be pumped into Tonopah and how they can be distributed.

Proposal #2 is regarding wastewater collection in Tonopah. This will help with documenting and planning on the sewer side to what lines need to be replaced.

Proposal #3 is working with Nevada Rural Housing, as Tonopah has been selected as one of fifteen communities in the state considered resource based communities. Mr. Eason stated he is hoping by the next board meeting on June 25, 2014 that they will have the complete study from VSI that has been accepted and it will give a breakdown of senior living, multi family, and single family.

Horace Carlyle stated that after he reviewed Proposal #1 he felt that covered a lot of what he had been asking for.

Duane Downing stated Tonopah needs housing really bad and the current influx of Solar Plant employees makes the matter more difficult and shows how badly this issue needs to be addressed.

Chairman Carlyle asked the Board if they would like to vote on each proposal separately or all at once. Duane Downing said he was ready to make a motion on all three.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the three engineering proposals for Shaw Engineering based on the proposed contract. Ron Kipp seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **8. Department Budget Reports**

Chris Mulkerns explained some departments are very close. The pool is very tight this year as they have purchased a new filter, bought a new pump and the new sand filter is on its way for the baby pool. The chemicals have all been purchased and should last all season. Much new equipment has been purchased for swim lessons.

#### **9. Tonopah Development Corporation Report None.**

#### **10. Town Board Member's/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments**

Duane Downing wanted to know where they are with the OHV ordinance, as many residents seem to think it is already passed and codified. He stated people are crossing wherever they want and some people are driving them around town like cars. Chris Mulkerns stated she had

spoke with Lorina at the beginning of last week and it is waiting to go to NDOT or it is at NDOT as they have to approve the crossings. Once it is approved they will have to go through the public hearing process. Duane Downing said he would like to see something in the newspaper informing the public this ordinance has not been enacted and it is not legal to ride your OHV in town. He stated they really need to educate the public on what this ordinance is going to be for, because once it is enacted there are going to be repercussions for people who are violating the ordinance. He would rather this be a good thing for everybody and not have it become something else.

James Eason said the pool is open. Duane Downing asked if there was an AED at the pool. James Eason said yes and it was checked on Tuesday.

The firehouse stucco work is done. The new Mining Park doors have been installed, but they are waiting for safety glass. The wrong hardware was sent for the ramp down into the Jim Butler Theater in the visitor's center, but once that is completed they will be ADA compliant.

Nevada Division of Wildlife will be hosting their annual meeting in Tonopah in June and there will be a dinner event at the Mining Park. The Foundation Board will be holding their annual meeting in Tonopah June 20, 2014. There will also be another blacksmithing event June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

They are wrapping up the water project and will do a pre walk through on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the walk through on the 18<sup>th</sup>. That same day they will also be doing the pre bid for the VFD's.

Rye Patch has been cleaned up for the fishing derby on Father's Day.

Mr. Eason discussed attending the first medical staff meeting on June 10, 2014 for the Hospital. He stated there is a lot of excitement regarding the changes going on there. He stated financially it is day to day and they are working hard on financing creating partnerships and obtaining loans. The billing issue has been fixed by firing the billing company that was being used as there were hundreds of complaints regarding back bills. They have doctors coming in from Reno, and Las Vegas doctors have also expressed an interest. The Hospital greatly impacts the town of Tonopah and Nye County, and it will be important to establish trust with residents, employees as well as hospital vendors. They feel transparency will be the key to that. Mr. Eason said that without the Hospital they will not be able to attract people or businesses to move here. He stated if it were not for the work District Attorney Brian Kunzi did by filing and hiring Gordon Silver to file and be a partner in this petition for the bankruptcy they would not be where they are at right now. They want this to be a premier healthcare center for central Nevada.

11. **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.

12. **Closed 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
13. **Deliberation, discussion and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting** No action taken by the Board.
14. **Correspondence**

Tonopah Room Tax Report, April 2014  
.25 Cent Sales Tax – Fire Department, March 28, 2014  
Tonopah Convention Center, Report to the Town Board, June 4, 2014  
Nye County BOCC meeting minutes, June 3, 2014  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting agenda, June 9, 2014  
Team Roping Club letter, June 5, 2014  
Pahrump Town Board agenda, June 10, 2014  
Congressional Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Nevada, May 30, 2014

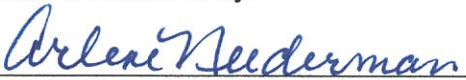
15. **Public Comment** None.

16. **Approval of vouchers for payment**


The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Ron Kipp seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

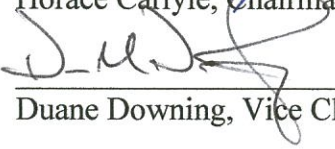
17. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

  
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Arlene Neiderman, Deputy Town Clerk

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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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Tom Seley, Member

  
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