

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2014**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Horace Carlyle called the meeting to order July 9, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. Also present were Duane Downing and Janet Hatch and Tom Seley. Ron Kipp 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 7:33 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Public Comment.**

Sandy McVey, Mike Allen and Rich Histed gave a presentation from West Kirkland Mining Company. They are a small mining company out of Vancouver that acquired this project last year. They will be mining for gold at Hasbrouck and Three Hills between Tonopah and Goldfield. They are still in the prefeasibility and permitting stage and will not begin mining until late in 2015. They will not have to move the highway to complete this project. They were able to buy a 75% interest from Allied Nevada who still owns 25%. Sandy McVey stated they have 5 million to advance the project; they are well funded and are able to pay any debts that are incurred. They estimate this to be about a two million ounce deposit and the project should last about seven or eight years.

2. **Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the special meeting held on July 2, 2014.**

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the special meeting held on July 2, 2014 as presented. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve 5/8ths Room Tax Grant to advertise and promote Tonopah Farmers Market in the amount of \$683.00.**

Mary Farris was present on behalf of Tonopah Farmers Market. She stated this is their 9<sup>th</sup> season and need money to advertise both on the radio and in the newspaper. Most of the original people who started the Market with her are still participating, and they have five or six new volunteers. This year they will have 26 vendors from Mina, Bishop and locally.

Chairman Horace Carlyle disclosed that his wife is on the Board for the Tonopah Farmers Market and he is a volunteer of the organization as well.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve 5/8ths Room Tax Grant to advertise and promote Tonopah Farmers Market in the amount of \$683.00. Duane Downing seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Deliberation, discussion and possible action to approve use of rodeo grounds for Team Roping Club.**

Michael Metzger was present from Team Roping Club. He stated he had received a quote for the insurance that he would purchase annually, which he gave a copy of to the Board. He wanted a

timeframe on when the rodeo grounds would be cleaned up and there are some things that need repair. He also wanted an estimate from old water and electric bills so he would have an idea of what that would cost. He said they would not be doing any roping this year but they would like to put some steers out there and just try to get things going and see what the response is.

Horace Carlyle asked him to put together a list of what upgrade and repairs need to be done. James Eason will then review the list and send the Town maintenance crew out there to clean it up and make the repairs that are approved.

Duane Downing motioned to approve use of the rodeo grounds for Team Roping Club contingent upon the purchase of insurance and the repairs being made to make the grounds useable. Janet Hatch seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Both parties signed the Use and Maintenance Agreement.

5. **Department Budget Reports** No action taken.

6. **Tonopah Development Corporation Report** None.

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

Town Manager James Eason updated the Board on what maintenance crews are working on. He said they were working on the Town parks and now are finishing up at the Library and then he will send them to the rodeo grounds. After that they will be at the mining park to get it ready for the Civil War Reenactment. They will also be getting ready for the Tonopah Picnic.

The swimming pool is doing very well.

The water project is moving forward. There is a Pre Construction Hearing July 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Convention Center.

There will be a public hearing for Medical Marijuana applications. Mr. Eason said there are two places in our area being looked at. The hearing will be at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the BOCC chambers.

Mr. Eason discussed the issue at Bonnie Brown's residence. He said they will be removing the collar around the clean out to keep more waste from entering the house. They will be looking at all the lines in that area. He stated they have contacted a utility service company that offers a program where they go in and rehab existing old pipes that have tree intrusion and such and bore them out. So the Town is working on that problem.

Mr. Eason revisited a discussion he had had at a previous Town Board Meeting regarding hospital finances and at that time he had told the Board that sometime in the future he would be asking for some type of donation or loan to help the hospital. After speaking with the Daniel McArthur, the Town's auditor, he was told that Tonopah and the Town of Round Mountain cannot make grants or loans to the hospital as it is not allowed pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes. He stated that it does not state specifically that they can or cannot but it is implied because it is not in there. So they have been working on different options. Mr. Eason said the

debt that was associated with the hospital was paid by tax payers outside of Pahrump and when that debt went away, governmental agencies, Tonopah being one of them took back that tax rate. This is now reflected in Tonopah's property tax. Back when Mr. Eason started the property tax generated was about \$93,000.00 to \$97,000.00 annually. This year it was \$151,000.00 and next year's estimate is \$157,000.00. He said they are still waiting on the hospital administrator/debt financing ruling as it has now been pushed back to Friday July 11, 2014. The state inspection has been pushed back to the first week in August. They are currently working on bringing the building back into compliance.

Chairman Carlyle wanted it stated that the Town of Tonopah has no legal status in the bankruptcy or operation of the hospital. He felt some people might be confused due to James Eason being on the Hospital Board. He did not want people to think that because James Eason's photo is in the newspaper as our representative that the Town of Tonopah is managing or responsible for the hospital.

Mr. Carlyle discussed Suzy Lieski's Town Beautification Project and there was an article in the newspaper that was critical of the Town not supporting her efforts. He said although it had come before the Board twice and they supported her project, the Town of Tonopah never received clarification as to what her financing needs were. James Eason said his recommendation going forward would be to have a uniformed theme so it all ties together.

James Eason told the Board about the Blood Drive that will be held August 2, 2014 at the Convention Center.

Horace Carlyle brought up an article in the Pahrump Mirror June 26, 2014 "Pahrump Town Board Remains in Limbo". It was his opinion that no unincorporated town should be excluded or exempted from the protection afforded by the law. James Eason asked if the Board would like the Town to draft a letter to the BOCC regarding Pahrump to be entered into public comment during their July 15, 2014 Meeting. The Board agreed.

Janet Hatch asked James Eason if he had heard anything from the GSA regarding the surplus property for buildings 102 and 103 and to know if they wanted to proceed and negotiate for sale. James Eason said Karen Hoover from GSA in San Francisco called him today and he had not had a chance to call her back. Chairman Carlyle stated he had received a phone call from Senator Reed's office stating they would like to sell the property; he referred them to James Eason. The Board agreed they did not want to pay for the property as they would just like to preserve the buildings and use them for storage.

8. **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.
9. **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

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

11. **Correspondence**

Pahrump Town Board Agenda, July 8, 2014

Round Mountain Town Board Agenda, July 8, 2014

IRS Document, August 8, 2010

US Trustee Region 8 Guidelines, September 2013

Legal Information Institute Document, December 1, 2013

Lorinda Wichman Memo, July 3, 2014

Convention Center Report, July 7, 2014

Pre-Construction Conference Agenda, July 16, 2014

Beatty Town Advisory Board, NV Land Management Taskforce, July 14, 2014

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, July 14, 2014

Tonopah Town Ordinance No. 98

Wallace T. Boundy Letter

Tonopah Town Advisory Board Memo

Bill No. 91-6

12. **Public Comment** None.

13. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

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


14. **Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

  
Arlene Neiderman, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

  
Horace Carlyle, Chairman

  
Duane Downing, Vice Chairman

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Ron Kipp, Clerk

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Janet Hatch, Member

  
Tom Seley, Member