

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
April 27, 2016  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

The meeting of the Tonopah Town Board was called to order by Chairman Duane Downing April 27, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Tom Seley, Clerk of the Board Janet Hatch and Board member Doug Farinholt. Board member Don Kaminski was absent. Thirteen (13) others were also in attendance.

Chairman Downing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened as the Tonopah Town Board at 7:25 p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

Horace Carlyle referenced a meeting held November 23, 2015 with the Lt. Governor. Mr. Carlyle stated, in addition to the Lt Governor and himself, representatives from Kinross Gold Corporation, a former Nye County Commissioner, the Nye County Assistant Manager and others were present. At this meeting, Mr. Carlyle stated there was discussion regarding Kinross Gold. According to Mr. Carlyle, Kinross Gold was not able to obtain the appropriate permit to continue operation in Round Mountain and therefore, will be downsizing or possibly closing operations in Fiscal Year 2016-17. Mr. Carlyle stated comments from the former Commissioner and Assistant County Manager inferred closure of the mine could result in a loss of as much as twenty to thirty percent in County revenues. Mr. Carlyle stated his concern is he has heard nothing regarding this subject since the meeting in November 2015. Mr. Carlyle strongly urges the board to take an active role to lobby in support of permitting for Kinross Gold to avoid downsizing or closure of the Round Mountain facility.

**2. Review and approval of minutes in context from the regular meeting held April 12, 2016.**

Tom Seley motioned to approve the minutes in context from the regular meeting held April 12, 2016. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize the request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$1,460.20 from Tonopah Rotary to advertise and promote Jim Butler Days Comedy Show and Bingo.**

Lisa Westerlund requested the board support and approve the Tonopah Rotary request for 5/8<sup>th</sup>'s Room Tax Grant in the amount of \$1,460.20 to advertise and promote Jim Butler Days Comedy Show and Bingo to be held during the upcoming Jim Butler Days celebration. One hundred and eighty nine people attended these events last year during Jim Butler Days and she anticipates the numbers to be higher this year.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the Tonopah Rotary Club's request for 5/8<sup>th</sup>'s Room Tax Grant in the amount of \$1,460.20 to advertise and promote the Jim Butler Days Comedy Show and Bingo. Tom Seley seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the “Miner’s Miles” program to take place at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park during the months of May, June and July 2016.**

Shari Bombard of the Tonopah Historic Mining Park explained the “Miner’s Miles” event is designed to promote physical fitness. Participants who sign up will receive an event T-Shirt and will be eligible to hike the Park during regular business hours the months of May, June and July, 2016 as part of the \$30.00 entry fee. Participants will be required to check in with the Park Host who will document the distance he /she hiked each visit to the Park. At the end of July awards will be presented to participant(s) who logged the greatest distance(s). Ms. Bombard continued that the entry fee will cover the cost of the T-Shirts and the event is during regular business hours therefore, there will be no additional man-hours required. All proceeds will go toward the Tonopah Tourism Fund.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the “Miner’s Miles” program to take place at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park during the months of May, June and July 2016. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve use of the Tonopah Rodeo Grounds for the 2016 Town of Tonopah Where North Meets South Bulls, Broncos, ATV and More Rodeo held July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

Manuel Souza requested the board approve a Use and Maintenance Agreement for use of the Rodeo Ground July 15 and 16, 2016. Mr. Souza stated last year’s event was very successful and he has ideas to make this year even better. Minor issues encountered during last year’s event were discussed. Mr. Souza stated he will address event sign-ups for local participants and ensure that valid information will be made available regarding the sign-up procedure. Other issues Mr. Souza will address include the age of children admitted free, consistent ticket prices pre-sale and at the gate and assurance all of the prize monies and awards will be presented at the time of the event. The board reiterated that charges for power and water are part of the Use and Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Souza confirmed that he will be responsible for power and water usage during the term of the agreement. Mr. Souza stated he will provide the required certificate of insurance prior to the event. His current policy expires in May 2016. Therefore, he will forward the new certificate upon renewal of his policy.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Town of Tonopah and Manuel P. Souza, Jr. Souza’s Bucking Bulls for use of the Tonopah Rodeo Grounds for the 2016 Town of Tonopah Where North Meets South Bulls, Broncos, ATV & More Rodeo to be held July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 effective Friday, July 15, 2016 through Sunday July 17, 2016. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Souza’s Bucking Bulls to advertise the 2016 Town of Tonopah Where North Meets South Bulls, Broncos, ATV and More Rodeo.**

Chairman Downing informed Mr. Souza; typically the Town wants to see Room Tax Grant request decrease each year. Mr. Downing said the idea is that Room Tax Grant monies are “Seed” or starter funds and hopefully the event/program will eventually fund itself. Therefore, Mr. Downing asked Mr. Souza to explain why he is requesting \$1000 more than he requested last year. Mr. Souza explained that he plans to extend the advertising area. In addition to the radio advertising with KIBS out of Bishop, he plans to

**Item 6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize request of 5/8ths Room Tax in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Souza's Bucking Bulls to advertise the 2016 Town of Tonopah Where North Meets South Bulls, Broncos, ATV and More Rodeo, continued.**

advertise with the new stations out of Goldfield and Pahrump. Other plans include targeting Round Mountain and Smoky Valley areas much heavier this year, purchasing additional banners to promote the show and more T-Shirts/sweatshirts advertising the event.

Vice-Chairman Seley commented that the 5/8<sup>th</sup>'s Room Tax Grant final report last year was not submitted timely and the back-up for some of the items was insufficient. Mr. Seley advised Mr. Souza close-out reports are typically submitted to the Board within 30 days after the event. Mr. Souza agreed with Mr. Seley's comments and stated he will have the final report with back-up supporting all of the expenditures submitted in a timely manner this year.

Mr. Souza also advised the board he hired an "IT Guy" that is working on a system that will allow spectators to purchase tickets online for his shows.

Tom Seley motioned to approve the request of 5/8<sup>th</sup>'s Room Tax Grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Souza's Bucking Bulls to advertise the 2016 Town of Tonopah Where North Meets South Bulls, Broncos, ATV's & More Rodeo. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a sub-domain under the tonopahnevada.com domain; jimbutlerdays.tonopahnevada.com, specifically for "Jim Butler Days".**

Account Supervisor Becky Braska explained to the Board this request is to establish a sub-domain under the existing tonopahnevada.com domain. The sub-domain will be a dedicated website for Jim Butler Days and there is no additional cost. Teresa Madsen who designs and maintains the Town's website suggested the idea to develop a "Jim Butler Days" website with information, forms, etc. Town's current website does not have sufficient space to adequately promote Jim Butler Days. Ms. Madsen has offered her services to set-up and maintain the website. Ms. Braska stated she is reviewing different funding options to cover Ms. Madsen's incidental expenses. Ms. Braska stated at this time she was not requesting any funding from the Board but may request at a later time if necessary.

Tom Seley motioned to approve a sub-domain under the tonopahnevada.com domain; jimbutlerdays.tonopahnevada.com, specifically for "Jim Butler Days". Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve purchase of two (2) park shelters for Sportsman's Park in the amount of \$1,498.00.**

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained the existing shelters at Sportsman's Park in are poor condition. Mr. Westerlund explained the Tonopah Rotary will purchase two (2) replacement shelters, he plans to make a request to Parks and Recreation to cover the cost of two (2) shelters and at this time is requesting the Town cover the cost of two (2) shelters. Chairman Downing asked what the wind rating is of the shelter presented. Mr. Westerlund stated he did not know but would research. Mr. Westerlund said the goal is to replace all of the structures over a period of three to four years.

**Item 8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve purchase of two (2) park shelters for Sportsman's Park in the amount of \$1,498.00, continued.**

Tom Seley motioned to approve the purchase of two (2) park shelters for Sportsman's Park not to exceed \$2,000.00 with the stipulation that the structure has a wind rating of up to 100 miles per hour. Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Town Board Members, Department Manager's, Nye County Commissioner's Comments**

Administrative Manager Ms. Mulkerns updated the board on the Tesla Charging Station Project. Ms. Mulkerns reported she spoke with Tom Luna with Tesla and he indicated they have approximately one more week before finishing up in Hawthorne. Once Hawthorne is complete, the crew will move to Tonopah and start work immediately.

Nye County Assistant County Manager Joni Eastley stated it is time to update the information for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) again. Mr. Mulkerns stated she has forwarded copies of the 2012 CEDS Report and requested input from the board prior to the May 11, 2016 board meeting. Ms. Eastley noted the deadline to provide updates is May 31, 2016.

Ms. Mulkerns reported that the Nevada Division of Tourism awarded Tonopah an additional \$8,000 in grant funds to be used for a tourism survey.

Ms. Mulkerns stated she will be out of town the next two days to attend the POOL/Pact Board Meeting.

Utilities Manager Joe Westerlund reminded everyone that the Harvey "Javier" Gonzalez Memorial Park Dedication will be this Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. In addition to the dedication a "Walk for Cancer" in Harvey "Javier" Gonzalez's memory will be held just before the dedicated. Participants will meet at the "Man Camp", walk to the park for the dedication and return to the "Man Camp". Proceeds from the walk will be donated to the Tonopah Elks Harvey Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship fund.

Chairman Downing noted on the same day a Law Enforcement Memorial Run is also coming through town. The runners will finish up the Southern leg of the race in Tonopah at approximately 11:00 a.m. in front of the Tonopah Station on Air Force Road. Chairman Downing encouraged the community to go out and support the runners as they come into town.

Mr. Westerlund gave an update on the Pool re-plastering project. Mr. Westerlund reported the contractor said they should be ready to fill the pool by Friday, May 6, 2016. Mr. Westerlund advised through the course of the project change orders to the original contract were necessary. Mr. Westerlund will provide a complete list of the change orders to the board for review. Mr. Westerlund further stated, future bid documents will include the change order items that arose.

Mr. Westerlund advised the new playground equipment for Liberty Park is scheduled to be installed May 20, 2016 by American Park Company. The existing playground equipment is scheduled to be disassembled and removed from the Park on May 16, 2016.

Mr. Westerlund stated, Jeff Galli, Sr. received a signed letter from Dr. Dees to remove the Trailer across from Hometown Pizza on Main Street.

**Item 9. Town Board Members, Department Manager's, Nye County Commissioner's Comments, continued.**

Shari Bombard, Pool Manager/Tonopah Historic Mining Park Host, stated the staff is looking to change the closing time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The change would result in a reduction in salaries by approximately \$1,700.00. Ms. Bombard reported, swim lessons are being offered again this year. She informed the board, a new swim platform was received that will allow staff to offer two classes at the same time this year.

Ms. Bombard advised, Round Mountain pool will not be opening this year. With the closing of Round Mountain pool the swim team from Round Mountain has requested to be allowed to practice at the Tonopah Memorial Pool. Ms. Bombard indicated that the team would be allowed to practice and did not feel it would interfere with any other activities at the Pool.

Ms. Bombard said she is working with the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation Chairman Ann Carpenter updating displays at the Visitors Center. Ms. Bombard reported members of the Nevada Retired Teachers Association visited the Park today. Other projects at the Mining Park include, painting the outside of the Visitors Center building and painting the display area inside the Visitors Center.

Ms. Mulkerns reported issues at the corral area that were brought to her attention. Ms. Mulkerns stated Deb Cobb had comments she wanted on the Town's Facebook page. The Town page is set-up in such a manner that staff has to review posts coming from anyone other than the Page Administrator, therefore, the message is currently in pending status. Ms. Mulkerns wanted input from the board prior to allowing the post. Ms. Mulkerns said she also spoke directly to Ms. Cobb regarding her statement. The problem involves children left unattended during school hours who are in and around the animals at the corrals. When asked why they aren't in school and what they are doing, the standard response is they are "home schooled and were dropped off to experience and learn about the animals". Ms. Cobb said, not only is it private property, either the animal(s) or a child(ren) is going to get hurt. No one should be around the animals, adult or child without permission. The board reviewed the post by Ms. Cobb and agreed it should be posted on the Town's Facebook page for everyone's information. Chairman Downing further stated that anytime anyone sees an adult or child around their property without permission to contact the Sheriff's department and report it. He supported Ms. Cobb's statements and reiterated, it is private property and anyone out there without permission is trespassing. Mr. Downing stated he will contact dispatch to have additional patrols scheduled in the area during school hours. Discussion ensued regarding the speed limit in and around the Corral area. The established speed limit is governed by the County and requests to change the posted speed limit must be presented to the Nye County Board of County Commissions (BOCC). Ms. Mulkerns was asked to prepare a letter to the BOCC from the Town Board in support of a reduction of the posted speed limit for the corral area.

Ms. Mulkerns was contacted by Nye County Manager/Acting Comptroller Pam Webster regarding the Public Safety and Fire Tax. Ms. Webster indicated advised that appropriate fund numbers were established for the Public Safety and Fire Tax. Ms. Mulkerns stated she will speak to Dan McArthur to make sure everything is in order.

**Item 9. Town Board Members, Department Manager's, Nye County Commissioner's Comments continued.**

Tom Seley stated the Best in the Desert (BITD) – Vegas to Reno off-road race is scheduled for August 19 and 20, 2016. The race is two days this year, with racers finishing the first leg of the race in Tonopah. Mr. Seley stated, most if not all of the hotels, motels and RV Parks are already booked that weekend. Mr. Seley stressed the businesses in Town need to prepare for the racers, race teams and fans. Participants and those associated with the race will “clean-out” all of the ice, food and fuel in town. Stores should stock up to accommodate the influx of people brought to town by the race. Mr. Seley said Ms. Braska spoke with Casey Folks, BITD promoter regarding the race. Ms. Braska stated according to Casey Folks, racers will begin arriving in Tonopah around 11:00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue arriving throughout the day until around 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Ms. Braska said anyone wanting to welcome the racers to Tonopah or check-out the cars and trucks are encouraged to come out to the Joe Friel Sports Complex on the 19<sup>th</sup> to cheer them on as they arrive. The area requested by BITD and approved by the Town board will include all of the Joe Friel parking lot, the small area of land in between (permission granted from property owner) and the “Old Paintball” area. A drivers meeting will be held on the ballfields that evening. Mr. Folks assured Ms. Braska no vehicles will be on the fields at any time. Ms. Braska further stated Mr. Folks is looking for a food vendor to possibly set up in the area. Mr. Folks said something simple such as hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. Ms. Braska agreed with Mr. Seley statement that businesses should be prepared to accommodate the race teams and fans by having plenty of ice, food and fuel.

Chairman Downing questioned if during the repaving project on the south end of Main Street if it might be a good time to coordinate with NV Energy to put in street lights. Mr. Downing indicated that portion of Main Street is extremely dark. There was a brief discussion regarding solar lights and costs involved, as well as the current budgeted amount for street lights. Ms. Eastley stated she will forward an email she received regarding a company out of Las Vegas that has a mobile solar test lab. The tests performed by this company help to determine if your area is conducive for solar lighting or not.

**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 not needed.

**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 not needed.

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

This item was not needed.

13. Correspondence

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Joint Meeting Agenda – April 19, 2016  
Round Mountain Town Board Special Meeting Agenda – April 19, 2016  
Tonopah Town Board/Library Board of Trustees Notice of Possible Quorum – April 22, 2016  
Nye County Water District Governing Board Regular Meeting Agenda – April 25, 2016  
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda – April 25, 2016

14. Approval of vouchers for payment.

Tom Sealy motioned to approve the vouchers for payment as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Public Comment

Horace Carlyle stated on March 25, 2015 the Tonopah Town Board, approved to give up a portion of taxes collected and allocated to Tonopah to go toward the Northern Nye County Hospital District. The Town Board had very specific provisions on how the funds were to be used. Mr. Carlyle stated, in his opinion the provisions specified by the board are not being met. Mr. Carlyle further stated on May 29, 2015 the Nye County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted Resolution 2015-17 creating the Northern Nye County Hospital District. Mr. Carlyle claims based on the resolution adopted by the BOCC and the action taken by the Tonopah Town Board, the Hospital District funds are not being utilized in the manner intended. Mr. Carlyle stated, as a former member of the Town Board responsible for initiating this action, he and the current board have a fiduciary responsibility to make the BOCC abide by the guidelines set forth by the Town Board as well as the Resolution adopted by the Commissioners. Therefore, he urged the board to take action to rescind the action taken by the Town Board on March 25, 2015.

16. Adjourn

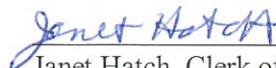
The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Rebecca Braska

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Duane Downing, Chairman

  
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Tom Seley, Vice-Chairman

  
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Janet Hatch, Clerk of the Board

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Doug Farinholt, Member

  
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Don Kaminski, Member





**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 27, 2016**  
Tonopah Convention Center  
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

The meeting of the Tonopah Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Tom Seley April 27, 2016 at 7:13 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch, Clerk of the Board Duane Downing and Board member Doug Farinholt. Board member Don Kaminski was absent. Thirteen others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes in context from the Regular Meeting held April 12, 2016

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes in context from the regular meeting held April 12, 2016 as presented. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Administrative Manager Mulkerns reported that Acting Librarian Diane Ryals was on vacation.

Mr. Farinholt inquired on the status of the "Old Library" restoration. It was explained that Mr. Ryals sustained an injury while working at the "Old Library". Therefore, the progress is currently on hold until he is able to resume work.

Utilities Manager Joseph Westerlund reported that Mammoth Mechanical Inc. (MMI) was hired to perform maintenance and repairs on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at the Convention Center and Library. While working at the Library, Rick Branscomb from MMI was in the attic and he noticed there are no vents in the attic. He stressed that proper ventilation is crucial and strongly recommends the Town consider installation of vents. Mr. Branscomb provided Mr. Westerlund with a quote for parts and labor in the amount of \$1,200.00. Discussion ensued regarding different ventilation options that may be used. Mr. Westerlund requested the Board allow him time to research the various options and bring his recommendations to the board at a later time for consideration. The Board agreed.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Approval of Vouchers for Payment

Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Janet Hatch seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.



**Tonopah Library Board of Trustees**

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6. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Horace Carlyle stated he has concerns regarding a meeting he had with former Town Manager James Eason regarding raises Mr. Eason approved for Town/Tonopah Public Utility (TPU) employees prior to his departure. Mr. Carlyle indicated that all Town and TPU employees received raises but Library employees were excluded. Mr. Carlyle also noted that the Library employees do not receive benefits. Mr. Carlyle further stated he has had discussions with Ms. Ryals regarding this matter and Mr. Carlyle indicated she was displeased with the situation. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns responded to Mr. Carlyle's statements; Ms. Mulkerns stated the Town and TPU are completely separate entities from the Library, with separate funding sources. The Library's primary funding source comes from the Tonopah Library Taxing District. The Town/TPU has revenues sources other than property taxes from which to draw. Ms. Mulkerns continued that during the budget process, this year, as well as previous years, raises were approved and received for and by Library personnel. With regards to benefits, Ms. Mulkerns noted the current positions at the Library are classified part-time and therefore not eligible to receive benefits. The board discussed this matter; no action was taken.

7. Adjourn

The Tonopah Library Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

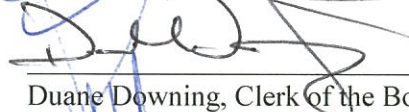
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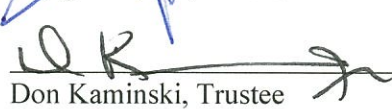
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Duane Downing, Clerk of the Board

  
Doug Farinholt, Trustee

  
Don Kaminski, Trustee

