

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Board Members Don Kaminski, Jerry Elliston, Roni Link, and Mike Sain. Eight others were in attendance. Chairman Downing 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 7:36 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Election of Officers

Don Kaminski motioned to keep Duane Downing in the Chairman spot as he has the most experience on the Board. Jerry Elliston seconded. Duane Downing noted that he will accept the nomination. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Elliston motioned to have Don Kaminski as Vice-Chairman as Mr. Kaminski has the second most experience on the Board. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Don Kaminski motioned to have Jerry Elliston be the Clerk. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 14, 2016.

This item was tabled.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held December 28, 2016.

This item was tabled.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to sign a letter of support for a study of the construction of a high-speed train from Las Vegas to Reno stopping in Tonopah.

Rob Lauer explained that a high-speed train would only take two hours to go from Las Vegas to Reno with stops along the way. He stated that the train would not just be for people, but also for freight. He emphasized that the train would bring more business opportunities to rural Nevada. He noted that those kinds of developments created jobs and wealth in the past like the Erie Canal or the Interstate Highway system.

Mr. Lauer stated that he is working with all kinds of groups and all political parties; everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Lauer noted that a study for the best route, engineering, economic impact, passengers, etc. needs to be conducted. He asked the Town Board for a letter of support for this study. He added that the Nye County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is in support of the study. Once the study is complete, they can present the project to the Trump administration. Chairman Duane Downing asked if a route has already been evaluated. Mr. Lauer stressed that it would not make sense to bypass major population centers. His plan is for the train to stop in Las Vegas, Pahrump, Tonopah, Hawthorne, Carson City, and Reno. He added that a stop in Beatty has not been determined yet.

Mr. Lauer stated that they want to build a factory in Nevada to build the train system, not get the parts from other countries.

Mr. Lauer showed the Board and members of the public in attendance a video of his vision highlighting where the train could possibly run. The track will be elevated to have less environmental impact and it will be electromagnetic. Mr. Lauer emphasized that the project will not use a single tax dollar to build it.

Clerk Jerry Elliston inquired when the train would be constructed. Mr. Lauer clarified that he is hoping to have the study conducted within the next 24 months. He noted that the study will cost \$20 million. Chairman Downing asked whether the study will look at the I-11 corridor. Mr. Lauer stated that he has already been in contact with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

Mr. Lauer stated that the construction of the project could be funded the same way Abraham Lincoln did. They want public land in return for the construction. He pointed out that it costs the country almost \$2 billion annually to manage vacant land and vacant buildings. He added that the Trump administration announced that they will spend \$1 trillion in infrastructure. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked what the company's name was. Mr. Lauer explained that the company is Silver Bullet Express and that he is the president of the company. He stated that he knows the State needs this kind of system.

Board Member Roni Link noted that she thinks it is a great idea. Don Kaminski agreed. Ms. Link asked how the train system could possibly benefit the medical coverage in Tonopah. Mr. Lauer noted that there is the possibility to have patients transported. Chairman Downing stressed that once there are more jobs in Tonopah again, a hospital can support itself again, like in the 80's when he moved to Tonopah.

Jerry Elliston motioned to sign a letter of support for the study of a high-speed train from Las Vegas to Reno stopping in Tonopah. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve or deny use of Joe Friel Sports Complex and old paint ball area for Camp Adventure, town streets for contingency and tech inspection, and possible use of Tonopah Convention Center for driver/rider registration.

This item was tabled.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for a Nevada Arts Council Project Grant for a Starry Nights Community Arts Festival and Artist Residency Grants for a Community Mural and other arts programs to promote arts education and community involvement and to approve grant matching expenditure.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that Town employee Shari Bombard was not able to attend the meeting and pointed out that the Board was provided with a letter from Ms. Bombard to give an overview of the planned projects. She added that she and Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli can answer all questions. Ms. Mulkerns stated that Auditor Dan McArthur confirmed that funds will be taken out of Room Tax.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked what the highest possible expenditure may be. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the project cost is \$6,500, but the likelihood of getting grants to pay for the cost is very high. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that the funds would be coming from the next fiscal year.

Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski inquired why it is possible to use Room Tax for these projects. Ms. Mulkerns stated that according to the Auditor, these projects will bring people to town. Ms. Kaminski suggested the Board reword the room tax grant fund guidelines. Chairman Downing stated that he will accept the auditor's recommendation.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve applying for a Nevada Arts Council Project Grant for a Starry Nights Community Arts Festival and Artist Residency Grants for a Community Mural and other arts programs to promote arts education and community involvement and to approve grant matching expenditure of up to \$6,500.00. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Department Budget Reports

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked why the revenue collections for rescue runs is so low. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli clarified that the Town only bills for vehicle accidents involving people from out of Town. Tonopah residents are not billed. Therefore, there are only about 3 or 4 rescue runs for which bills are sent out. A lot of people do not pay and are sent to collections. She added that the revenue would still be low even if everybody paid.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns emphasized that all information from the rescue runs is submitted into the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) to use for grant applications.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that the playground equipment installation will take place at Joe Friel Sports Complex the following day. She added that she hopes there will not be a problem with the snow.

Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that the Public Hearing will be held the following night at 7 p.m. for the TPU water/sewer ordinance adoption.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that setting the budget workshop dates will probably be on the next agenda. Staff thinks Friday, February 24 and March 31 work best. She added that she will receive the tentative numbers from the Department of Taxation in the middle of February and the final numbers in the middle of March.

Ms. Mulkerns explained that the move to the new office will hopefully take place at the end of January or beginning of February. She pointed out that it may be delayed due to the weather as the crew is in Reno helping with the flood.

Ms. Mulkerns pointed out that the Open Meeting Law training usually takes place at the beginning of the year. Wayne Carlson from POOLPACT hosts this training. She noted that Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli will get the information to the Board Members as soon as it is available.

Ms. Mulkerns welcomed the new Board Members. She noted that the new setup for the meeting is a result of some unexpected crowds at past meetings. She stressed that the setup can go back to horseshoe style if the Board prefers this. The Board members stated that they liked the new setup.

Chairman Duane Downing reminded the other Board Members to file their financial disclosure statement with the Secretary of State to avoid being fined.

Chairman Downing welcomed the new Board Members and added that he did not realize how much work would be involved when he came on the Board 6 years ago.

Board Member Roni Link stated that she would like to see High School students attend the meetings. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that she wanted to wait until Shari Bombard can present this at a meeting because she is working with the High School leadership class on a research program and on writing grants for this program. The goal is to develop a brochure for the old cemetery. She added that Ms. Bombard put together a curriculum and goes to school a couple times a week.

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.

No action taken by the Board.

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.

No action taken by the Board.

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

No action taken by the Board.

13. Correspondence

Room Tax Collections for the Month of November 2016, Collected December 2016
Town Collections, December 2016
POOL/PACT Loss Run 2016
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, January 9, 2017
NyE Communities Coalition Tonopah Newsletter, January 2017
Convention Center Report, December 2016
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, January 17, 2017

14. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Don Kaminski motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Public Comment

None.

16. Adjourn

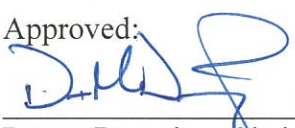
The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Duane Downing, Chairman



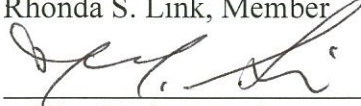
Don Kaminski, Vice-Chairman



Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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1. Public Comment

None.

2. Election of Officers

Duane Downing explained that in past, the Library Board officers were not the same as the Town Board officers.

Jerry Elliston motioned to have Don Kaminski as Chairman of the Board. Duane Downing seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Roni Link motioned to have Mike Sain as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Elliston motioned to have Roni Link as the Clerk of the Board. Don Kaminski DK seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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5. Library Budget Report

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns offered to run new Trustees Mike Sain and Roni Link through the budget process. They noted that they appreciated the offer.

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

Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals noted that she did not get around to proposing fees to rent the Historic Library. She will present this at the next meeting. Ms. Ryals pointed out that the new maintenance person is doing well.

7. Correspondence

Letter to Dennis & Joni Eastley re: Donation of picture, December 19, 2016

Chris Mulkerns referred to the Letter to the Eastley family and noted that the picture is hanging in the Historic Library now. Everybody agreed that it is a beautiful picture.

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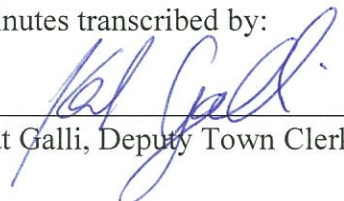
9. Public Comment

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10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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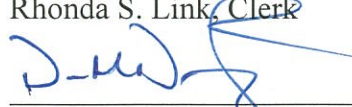
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Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk



Duane Downing, Trustee



Jerry Elliston, Trustee