

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2018
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Member Roni link. Vice Chairman Don Kaminski and Board Member Mike Sain were absent.

25 others were in attendance for the meeting.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:19 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:27 p.m.

Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Comment

Jeff Martin handed out calendars from the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation and stated they were about the Silver Top Project. He also stated the dirt work for the Silver Top Project started today.

Chairman Downing said that he's been gone for about seven months but he's back and this town is absolutely fantastic. And he wanted to thank everyone in this town for everything.

2. Announcements

Chris Mulkerns stated that we have the Santa Crawl this weekend. Kat Galli stated the signup is from 4 p.m. until 7p.m. with 10 locations and it's \$15 per person.

Roni link stated they have an EMS banquet starting at 6 p.m. . The date is Friday the 14th for a dinner and a raffle.

3. Town Board Members/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments

Clerk Jerry Elliston stated he noticed a couple of the star decorations were out.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that they were in contact with NV Energy concerning this matter.

Chairman Downing stated there is no problem with turning off the star now that he has returned to town.

Duane Downing stated he appreciated the star being turned on.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 9th, 2018.

Roni Link made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 9th, 2018. Jerry Elliston seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held November 28, 2018.

Item tabled

6. Discussion deliberation and possible action to approve Monday December 24th 2018 as a day off with pay for all full-time Tonopah Town employees. All Town Offices will be closed December 24th and December 25th, 2018. Offices would resume regular business hours on December 26th, 2018.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that they put this on the agenda due to the way Christmas falls this year. She also stated that this would be a nice gesture from the Town Board for the employees to have that day off. Ms. Mulkerns stated that Nye County did the same thing for the County employees. Roni Link made a motion to approve Monday December 24th as a day off with pay for all full-time employees. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discussion deliberation and possible action to approve purchase of an additional message board for the exterior of the town office.

Tourism and Events Coordinator Kat Galli stated that she and Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Mills brought this item up because the message board is constantly full. She stated that it would look better with a second message board rather than plastering extra flyers on our front door. Clerk Elliston inquired if the price was \$491.00 plus shipping. Ms. Mills confirmed that price and that it wouldn't exceed \$600.00. Clerk Elliston motioned to approve purchase of the message board and the amount was not to exceed \$600.00. Board Member Roni Link seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion deliberation and possible action to authorize updated gate fees and guided Polaris tour fees for the Tonopah Historic Mining Park.

Tourism and Events Coordinator Kat Galli stated that Tonopah Historic Mining Park Tour Guide Jeff Martin has been at the park the longest and he would know the best, regarding tourist info and ticket prices for Mining Park.

Ms. Galli also stated that it was difficult to figure out pricing. There are so many determining factors: if you're from out of town, if you're a senior or if you're a veteran. She stated that the price for entrance should be \$5.00 and the discounted price should be \$3.00. Mr. Martin stated that he pulled some numbers for visitor counts and what people actually pay. Mr. Martin stated that this year so far the number of visitors has been 6495. He stated that 3299 people paid to walk the property. And they have done 183 Polaris tours. He stated with the \$5.00 gate fee that would be an increase to revenue. For this year, revenue would be \$7,260 with the updated \$5.00 gate fee. Mr. Martin also stated as far as the Polaris tours go the biggest increase would be the one person at \$12.00

He also stated this would be a little bit easier for the people to understand the fees. He also stated it would be easier for the administrator of the Mining Park to understand the paperwork. Clerk Elliston inquired if people are receptive to the fees. Mr. Martin stated people can't believe how cheap the prices are for the tours. He stated it's a cheap ticket but it's a great experience. Mr. Martin stated that on TripAdvisor the Mining Park has a plus plus rating. Chairman Downing stated that side by sides are allowed on the back streets and that might bring people into the Mining Park. Mr. Martin stated at one time they discussed allowing the side by sides on the property for self-guided tours. Clerk Elliston made a motion. Board Member Roni Link seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Discussion deliberation and possible action on budget reports.

Clerk Elliston stated that the budget looked okay.

10. Correspondence

US Dept of the Interior - Letter

Light the Community Christmas Tree – Flyer

State of NV Department of Taxation Extension Letter

Email from Jo Eason – Letter of Thanks RE: Business Licensees

True West Magazine Honors Top 10 True Western Towns of 2019

Risk Management Grant for Volunteer Fire Dept. – Letter to Kat Galli

2nd Annual Craft Bazaar - Flyer

11. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers.

Clerk Jerry Elliston motioned to approve vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

12. Announcements

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stated that they wrapped up the reliner project today. He also stated there was a substantial change order. Mr. Westerlund also stated that there were roots in the sewer systems. He stated this company cleaned the sewers out and lined them with a 100-year product. He stated they are going through the old sections of town and as they can afford it they are completing it. He also stated last year they did four locations and this year they did five locations.

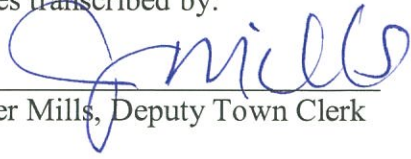
13. Public Comment

Mr. Jones and his Tonopah High School Government class asked questions of the board. The board explained the process and functions of the Town Board Members.

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Downing at 6:36 p.m.

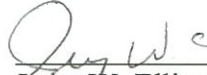
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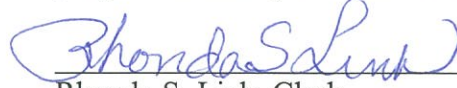
Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

Don Kaminski, Chairman

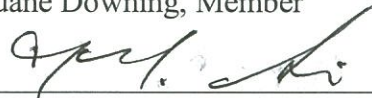


Jerry W. Elliston, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk

Duane Downing, Member



Michael Sain, Member