

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2018
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Duane Downing called the meeting to order on February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski, Clerk Jerry Elliston, and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Eight others were in attendance. Chairman Downing led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The items were taken out of order to accommodate petitioners from out of Town.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:48 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Tonopah resident Joni Eastley noted that she has a gift for the Town. She added that she and her husband collect art and artefacts regarding Central Nevada history. Ms. Eastley pointed out that she purchased the original deed from 1901 for the Library property through an online auction. She stated that she did some research and compiled a comprehensive history on the Library. Ms. Eastley presented the Town Board with a binder including this research and the aforementioned deed.

Ms. Eastley stated that she is on the board for the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) and the Rural Nevada Development Corporation. She pointed out that the NRHA is currently in escrow to purchase the Belmont Apartments. She explained that they applied for several grants and tax credits and that everything has been approved so far. They will be undergoing a multi-million-dollar renovation costing about \$70,000 per unit, with new appliances, new plumbing, new electrical, etc. she emphasized that this will total an investment of about \$10 million. She added that they are also in escrow for the "Twila" building. Construction will start this spring and be completed in 2019.

Ms. Eastley pointed out that NRHA is still trying to acquire the old Air Force houses/properties to be rehabbed. She added that she is still encouraging the NRHA to move forward with an elderly housing facility by the old hospital building. She explained that the project qualifies for funding for an assisted living facility. NRHA will have to go before the Nye County Board of County Commissioners again to ask for a change in use for the property.

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

None.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 24, 2018.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 24, 2018. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Presentation by Sheriff Wehrly of equipment purchased with Public Safety Sales Tax Funds.

Sheriff Wehrly presented an active shooter vest that weighs about 40 lbs. that was purchased with Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) funds. She noted that staff was wearing it along with Pahrump school staff when there was a threat at the school and they had to walk the premises together.

Sheriff Wehrly noted that an administration technician was hired with PSST funds. This staff member handles accounts, paperwork, records, etc. The Sheriff stressed that things are working well.

Sheriff Wehrly explained that the installation of the surveillance system is on its way. They are waiting for IT.

Sheriff Wehrly stated that two patrol vehicles (trucks) will be purchased from LVPD. These trucks will be fully equipped except for radios.

Sheriff Wehrly pointed out that the new body cameras have been issued to every officer. Lieutenant David Boruchowitz demonstrated how they are worn and explained how the recording takes place, is downloaded, etc. He stressed that all police departments will be required to have body cameras starting July 1, 2018. He added that every "encounter" needs to be recorded.

Sheriff Wehrly noted that the department is using "Spillman" as their reporting system which shows information in real time and allows for a faster and better response. She pointed out that the only problem is that not all of Nye County is in the GIS mapping yet. Lieutenant Boruchowitz added that the State is about four years behind on the mapping. He stressed that "Spillman" allows deputies to see where they are, where the incident is, how to get there, etc. Town Board Chairman and Sergeant Duane Downing emphasized that deputies can see the incident before the caller finishes talking to dispatch, allowing deputies to be on scene before the call is done. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli asked about places in Tonopah that do not have a specific address like the Tonopah Memorial Swimming Pool from which an incident was reported a few years ago and dispatch did not send any officers as the caller did not provide a specific address. Sheriff Wehrly explained that this will not happen anymore as locations such as parks, groceries stores, etc. have been added to the system to allow a faster response.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked if it would be possible for the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department and Search and Rescue to be integrated into this system which Sheriff Wehrly confirmed.

Lieutenant Boruchowitz showed features on "Spillman" and explained how this reduces the time deputies spend on reports.

Lieutenant Boruchowitz showed the new tasers purchased with PSST funds. He pointed out that these new tasers have two cartridges and can give a “warning shot” as the sound deterrers a lot of people. He added that it balances out how much electricity is needed and can shoot two people at the same time.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex and Harvey Park by Tonopah Little League for the 2018 season.

Little League President Kevin Strozzi noted that the league would like to request the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex and Harvey Park as in prior years. They would like to start practice on March 12th and end in June. He pointed out that they already provided the Town with proof of their insurance.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that the Town has never charged Little League a user fee. She pointed out that if they use the concession stand, they need the proper licensing. Mr. Strozzi stressed that he decided he will not let the parents use the concession stand as he does not want to get in trouble or have to check everything. Ms. Mulkerns noted that the league will get three sets of keys and one control box. She emphasized that these need to be returned within five days of termination of the agreement on June 30th. She pointed out that POOL/PACT has already checked the insurance certificate provided by the league. She emphasized that there is a waiver requirement.

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if there are any scheduling conflicts. Mr. Strozzi clarified that the school’s practice always comes first and that they work around the “Great Games”.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex and Harvey Park by Tonopah Little League for the 2018 season, dates as stated, free of fees. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex by Nye County School District/Tonopah High School for the 2018 Baseball/Softball season.

Chris Mulkerns noted that Principal Shakespeare could not attend the meeting and that she will be presenting on his behalf. She pointed out that there are only a few updates to the agreement. Ms. Mulkerns stated that the dates are February 24th through May 17th. She added that the School District has been paying \$2,400 for the past few years. She stressed that she does not recommend increasing it as she thinks it is sufficient. She added that Ms. Galli talked to the principal about the concession stand and the requirements per Health Department. Ms. Mulkerns noted that the district will receive five sets of keys and two control boxes. She pointed out that the Town has not received the insurance certificate yet and she therefore recommended approving the use pending receipt of certificate of \$1 million liability insurance. Don Kaminski pointed out that the Town would be watering the fields even if the school did not use them. Ms. Mulkerns agreed, but pointed out that the Town would not start as early as they do if the school was not using the fields.

Don Kaminski motioned to approve the use of Joe Friel Sports Complex by Nye County School District/Tonopah High School for the 2018 Baseball/Softball season, dates as stated, on the contingency that we receive the insurance certificate for the \$1 million liability, at a \$2,400 fee. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve applying for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditure from FY 18/19 in an amount not to exceed \$16,172.50.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli explained that she is bringing this item before the Board during the spring grant cycle as this cycle has about three times the amount of funds than the fall cycle that the Town usually submits their grant applications for. She noted that she wants to switch all the repeating applications to the spring cycle to ensure the Town always get the grant funds. She added that the print advertising includes the Big Map, Nevada Magazine and Rides Guide, with the option to do half page ads in two issues of the Nevada Magazine. She pointed out that another application is for the KIBS Radio advertising. Ms. Galli clarified that she would like to have a half page ad in the Annual Tourism Guide due to its distribution all over the United States and even all over the world. Another application is for the website maintenance. She noted that a new application is for travel for Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard. The current travel budget for her is \$4,000. If the grant is awarded, the Town would continue to have the same expense, but Ms. Bombard would be able to double her travel. Ms. Galli pointed out that she added "other applications" as the cycle is open until April and she does not want to miss out on an advertising opportunity, in case staff comes up with a last-minute idea such as a tourism-oriented map of Tonopah.

Ms. Galli noted that all expenses would come out of FY 18/19 and that the total cost for the Town is half of the actual cost for the projects. She added that the Board can make a final decision regarding 2019 advertising once the grants are awarded. Don Kaminski asked if the Town would be able to apply in the fall cycle if some of the grants were not awarded which Ms. Galli confirmed. She emphasized that so far, the Town has received all grants they applied for in the past few years.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve applying for multiple Tourism Marketing Grants through TravelNevada and to approve grant matching expenditure from FY 18/19 in an amount not to exceed \$16,172.50. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve purchase of twelve (12) new downtown seasonal lights to be attached to light poles for a total cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Chris Mulkerns noted that the current decorations are very old and in need of replacement. The Town could get a 33% discount right now as one vendor is offering all seasonal products at this rate. Staff selected one product that is 4.5x7.5 feet with LED lights. They would like one design to have a consistent look. Staff picked the star due to

Tonopah's fame for stargazing. Ms. Mulkerns stressed that if there ever were problems getting the decorations down, a star would not look misplaced as opposed to Christmas decorations. Chairman Duane Downing agreed. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked why staff is suggested to purchase twelve stars. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that this will replace all current decorations and leave a few extra. Chairman Downing inquired what fund the lights would be paid out of. Ms. Mulkerns noted that they would be paid out of the Town Maintenance Equipment Fund.

Jerry Elliston motioned to approve purchase of twelve new downtown seasonal lights to be attached to light poles for a total cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. Roni Link seconded no further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the date, time and location for the first Town Board Meeting in April 2018.

Chris Mulkerns explained that staff is suggesting to change the meeting date as the regular meeting date falls within the Rural Roundup to be held in Tonopah April 11th through 13th which staff will be attending. Staff is proposing Monday, April 9th. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that the meeting will have to be held at the Historic Library to allow maintenance staff to set up the Convention Center.

Roni Link motioned to change the date, time and location for the first Town Board Meeting in April 2018 to be April 9th at 6 p.m. at the Historic Library. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on Department Budget Reports.

Don Kaminski asked why the salaries for Town Administration are only at 37% while the year is 58%. Chris Mulkerns clarified that all the buyout options in case an employee leaves are budgeted for within that budget.

11. Correspondence

E-mail from Kat Galli re: KIBS Radio advertising, January 25, 2018

E-mail from Tim Sutton re: Tonopah Ambulance Service, Town letter, January 29, 2018

Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of December 2017, Collected January 2018

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, February 6, 2018

Letter from Nevada Division of Minerals re: abandoned mine openings, January 31, 2018

TravelNevada Press Release re: Rural Roundup in Tonopah, February 6, 2018

Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, February 12, 2018

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Summary, January 24, 2018 and
February 6, 2018

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, February 13, 2018

E-mail from Navarro re: Low-Level Waste Stakeholder Forum, February 8, 2018

Letter from Lorina Dellinger re: Nye Regional Medical Center Collection Accounts,
February 8, 2018

Northern Nye County Hospital District Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda,
February 15, 2018

News Article: 8 Beautiful Places to Visit in Nevada, February 10, 2018

Letter from Leona Koch to Hoss Disposal, February 9, 2018

Nye County Board of County Commissioners Meeting Agenda, February 20, 2018

News Article: Nevada Rural Roundup Taking Shape, February 14, 2018

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that there were multiple articles and press releases regarding the Rural Roundup to be held in Tonopah in April. She also noted that the letter from Assistant County Manager Lorina Dellinger lists contact information for people seeking clarification on Nye Regional Medical Center bills.

Clerk Jerry Elliston referred to the letter to Hoss Disposal and asked what the status was of the negotiations with them. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns clarified that staff spoke with attorney Steve Gross about this matter. She added that staff sent a letter to Hoss Disposal informing them of the process and asking whether they had anything to add. Ms. Mulkerns emphasized that this letter has been the only complaint the Town has received about Hoss Disposal in weeks. She noted that staff and the attorney will work with Hoss Disposal on a new draft agreement and then bring it back to the Board. Chairman Downing noted that the service has improved.

12. Approval of vouchers for payment.

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

13. Announcements

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that there will be an item on the next agenda to award the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department and Nye County Volunteer Ambulance Service with the Outstanding Citizen Award.

14. Public Comment

None.

15. Adjourn.

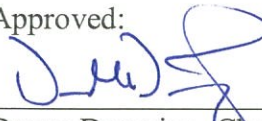
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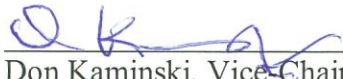


Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

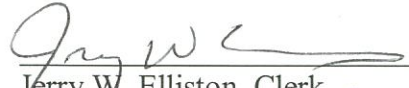
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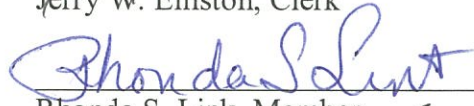
Duane Downing, Chairman



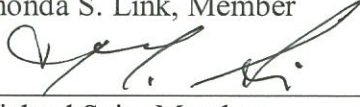
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Jerry W. Elliston, Clerk



Rhonda S. Link, Member



Michael Sain, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on February 14, 2018 at 7:40 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Mike Sain, Clerk Roni Link, and Trustees Duane Downing and Jerry Elliston. Eight others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

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

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the Library District owns the property located next to the Library now. She added that the conservation crew cleared all the sagebrush and offered to cut down the trees as they are all dead. She pointed out that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals will be taking pictures of the inside of the building.

3. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 24, 2018.

Duane Downing motioned to approve the minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held January 24, 2018. Jerry Elliston seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to change the date, time and location for the first Library Board of Trustees Meeting in April 2018.

Duane Downing motioned to change the date, time and location for the first Library Board of Trustees Meeting in April 2018 to April 9th at 6:15 p.m. at the Historic Library. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action on the Library Budget Report.

None.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Duane Downing motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Don Kaminski, Chairman



Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk



Duane Downing, Trustee



Jerry Elliston, Trustee