

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2018
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougher Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on August 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Jerry Elliston and Board Members Roni Link and Mike Sain. Chairman Duane Downing was absent. Seven others were in attendance. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board held the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 6:38 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Cindy Kaminski noted that she is hosting a CCW renewal class on Sunday.

Dr. Flannigan, CEO of Northern Inyo Healthcare District in Bishop, stated that there will be a presentation on August 21st at 6 p.m. of the Da Vinci surgical robot. They would like to show how surgeries can take place. He added that this robot allows for high quality care. He pointed out that they see a lot of patients from Tonopah in Bishop. Dr. Flannigan noted that one of their surgeons will be at the presentation and anyone there can try the robot. He said that they are hoping to connect with the school district to let students play with the robot before the presentation. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund asked how the robot works. Dr. Flannigan replied that the surgeon is sitting at a console with a machine attached to the patient. He emphasized that there is no extra cost for the patients or insurances but that there is a lot less pain, a lot shorter recovery, and a lot less blood loss. Dr. Flannigan explained that the budget for the robot was that they need to do 50 surgeries a year. He pointed out that they did 100 last year and will reach 200 this year. He stated that patients can be released the same day which accommodates patients from out of town. Board Member Roni Link asked how portable the robot is. Dr. Flannigan clarified that it can be rolled through a door to get to the operation room.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked for a moment of silence for Chairman Duane Downing.

2. Announcements

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that Fire Chief Rob Elliott will be picking up the new rescue truck and will be getting trained on it. She suggested a show and tell day. She added that they received a quote for a new radio. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski asked how much it would cost us to add "Spillman" to the new truck. Ms. Mulkerns replied that she will find out.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that Cindy Downing is touched that the Board does a moment of silence at every meeting.

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

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked if the kiosk was running yet. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns replied that she and Account Representative Becky Braska will go down this week and will also fill the brochure racks. Mr. Elliston asked if the Visitor Center will be open 24 hours a day. Ms. Mulkerns noted that staff is reluctant to leave the Visitor Center unlocked, but people might be traveling in the middle of the night. Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski suggested trying leaving it open. He added that the Post Office is open 24 hours but there is not a lot of vandalism. He proposed informing the Sheriff's Office so they can patrol the area. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli suggested installing security cameras. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund pointed out that the worst case is that the Town would have to pay the \$5,000 insurance deductible.

Cindy Kaminski asked if the metal door was permanent. She questioned why there was not a glass door so people can see inside. Jerry Elliston agreed with her.

Public Hearing on Bill NO. TTO 18-01, a bill proposing to amend Nye County Code Title 22, Tonopah, by adding Section 22.30 titled Marijuana Regulations, relating to the unlawful use of marijuana; and providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. There were no comments or questions. He closed the public hearing.

Board Member Mike Sain stated that he did some research on this matter. He pointed out that Las Vegas and Henderson did this. He explained that legislature stepped up because they do not want everyone doing their own laws. There is supposed to be a provision by 2019. He stressed that what the Town may decide tonight will be affected by the legislature decision. He added that it appears most towns are waiting to see what legislature is doing. Clerk Jerry Elliston noted that this is good research. Board Member Roni Link suggested waiting with a decision to see what legislature is doing.

This item died for lack of motion.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 25, 2018.

This item was tabled.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the placement of an historic marker commemorating Tonopah's important contribution to the Suffragist Movement in Nevada.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli stated that Tourism/Events Coordinator Shari Bombard got sick and she will present on her behalf. She explained that the Town will not have to pay for the historic marker but will own it which is why approval is required. The marker will be placed at the Mizpah. Ms. Bombard already talked to owners and they approved the placement. Mizpah staff will most likely place the marker as it is going onto their building. She noted that there may be a cost in the future if the marker ever had to be moved.

Roni Link motioned to approve to approve the placement of an historic marker commemorating Tonopah's important contribution to the Suffragist Movement in Nevada. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve budget transfers for FY 2017/2018.

Vice-Chairman Don Kaminski noted the transfers is money being moved from one line item to another to ensure none of them are over budget. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli showed the document the Board will be signing to approve the transfers as shown on the spreadsheet.

Roni Link motioned to approve budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2017/ 2018. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli pointed out that she accidentally did not change the listing of the fiscal year on the spreadsheet so it says FY 17/18 instead of 18/19. She explained that the only line items that are over the percentage are those where there are expenses that only take place at the beginning of the fiscal year such as insurance payments.

8. Correspondence

Slides from the State Historic Preservation Office's workshop (4), June 2018
Picture of the New Rescue Truck, August 2018
Tonopah Room Tax Report for the Month of June 2018, Collected July 2018
NyE Communities Coalition Tonopah Newsletter, August 2018
E-mail from Dawn Gudmunson re: EMT classes/schedules, August 1, 2018
Room Tax Comparison FY 1998/1999-FY 2017/2018
Backup from NDOT Public Hearing, August 8, 2018

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli referred to the Room Tax Comparison and pointed out that the Town collected about \$36,000 more in the last fiscal year than during the busiest years during the SolarReserve construction. She added that the collection was only \$2,080 under \$600,000.

9. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Announcements

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund stated that the VFD has been ordered for Booster 2. He pointed out that all safety features were installed at the heater at the pool and there will be an inspection in August. Board Member Mike Sain asked if the heater is currently being used. Mr. Westerlund replied that it only kicks on if the temperature goes below 84 degrees.

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

Clerk Jerry Elliston asked to reopen item 3 again. He asked what the status of the application for North Tonopah Development (NTD) is. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns replied that it is her fault that the Board did not get an update. She added that she was going to summarize the meeting with the State Fire Marshal in writing. She stated that staff had a good meeting with the State Fire Marshal. She pointed out that they provided NTD with Engineer Paul Winkelman's letter regarding the application. She noted that once they respond to that letter, TPU can move forward. Ms. Mulkerns added that they have to provide a "peto test" from the fire authority-in Esmeralda County.

Board Member Roni Link asked if the Board should look at hiring a town manager. Ms. Mulkerns replied that this decision is up to the Board.

Jerry Elliston asked if the Town should have a workshop with them to resolve the issues. Ms. Mulkerns explained that NTD has to answer to Mr. Winkelman's letter. Mr. Elliston stated that he feels the letter does not tie the opinions to laws and that he would want to see what is driving the opinions. He pointed out that he is not sure he likes the position the Town is in. Ms. Mulkerns replied that the law that drives the opinions is NAC 445A. Mr. Elliston replied that the specific sections should be referenced in the letter. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund asked if Bert Bellows' (Bureau of Safe Drinking Water) e-mail was forwarded to everyone to which Ms. Mulkerns replied that it was not. Mr. Elliston questioned whether the Town is responding in a way they should. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the way it is being done is the same way with every developer that comes to Town. She added that Mr. Winkelman's opinion is based on the Town Ordinance and also the Safe Drinking Water Laws. Once NTD responds to the comments, TPU can move forward. She stated that she thinks the Town is on good ground. She explained that the State Fire Marshal and Bureau of Safe Drinking Water said the Town would be within their rights to shut NTD's water off because of what they have been doing but TPU does not want to do that. Board Member Mike Sain added that the State implied that they would be the ones who would answer NTD's questions should it come to that. He pointed out that NTD will have to abide by the laws like everyone else. He stressed that the State said it is not a problem that TPU let them "slide" for a while. Mr. Kaminski explained that Mr. Sain attended the meeting with the State with staff. He clarified that TPU really did not let NTD "slide" but had an agreement that was not followed through with.

Ms. Mulkerns noted that she will summarize everything in writing.

Jerry Elliston asked what the what the Town would have to do if they wanted to discuss the possibility of hiring a town manager. He asked if they should hold a workshop. Ms. Mulkerns replied that that is what the Board could do if hiring a town manager is what they want to do. Mr. Elliston stated that he is in favor of at least having a conversation about it and would like to have a workshop. Mr. Kaminski and Ms. Link agreed.

11. Public Comment

Kevin Verre, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), stated that they just held a public meeting on I-11. He explained that I-11 is a federally designated corridor from Las Vegas to I-80. He added that they presented the results of their findings for those corridors. He stressed that he is willing to meet with the Town Board to find out how I-11 can help the community and fit in. He clarified that they heard a lot of concerns form the community at their last presentation in March. Mr. Verre noted that the I-11 is planned to go from Mexico to Canada and that portions are already built. He explained that there is no dedicated funding, but NDOT is working within their regular budget.

Board Member Roni Link asked if they will take input about where the exits should be. Mr. Verre replied that this will happen later down the road. Board Member Mike Sain asked if a timeline has been developed. Mr. Verre clarified that NDOT is trying to keep the momentum going during the next 10-20 years. He emphasized that the improvements to Highway 95 will still continue.

Don Kaminski pointed out that Tonopah resident Joni Eastley made suggestions that they move I-11 to the eastside of Town past the airport which would be a positive location. He noted that Nye County owns a lot of land and there would be a possibility for a business park. He emphasized that the Town has until August 23rd to submit comments.

Cindy Kaminski suggested to the Board to include someone from POOL/PACT at the workshop to discuss the possibility of hiring a Town Manager. Jerry Elliston asked if they provide a job description which Ms. Kaminski confirmed.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 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
MEETING MINUTES
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Don Kaminski called the meeting to order on August 8, 2018 at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Mike Sain, Clerk Roni Link, and Trustee Jerry Elliston. Trustee Duane Downing was absent. Seven others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Announcements

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns noted that a flag dedication was held by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) last weekend at the Library. She pointed out that it was a fantastic ceremony. Chairman Don Kaminski added that they also donated books to the Library. Ms. Mulkerns stated that they are working with their national group to make Tonopah their meeting place in 2020.

Mr. Kaminski asked if staff had heard anything new from the architect. Ms. Mulkerns replied that she is waiting on first drawings or ideas.

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

None.

4. Review and approval of minutes, in context, from the regular meeting held July 25, 2018.

This item was tabled.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve budget transfers for FY 2017/2018.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli noted that the transfers were done in the same manner as for the Town/TPU.

Roni Link motioned to approve budget transfers for FY 2017/ 2018. Mike Sain seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Chairman Don Kaminski asked how the Library is looking on collections. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli replied that the County is not showing any collections yet.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Jerry Elliston motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Roni Link seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Announcements

None.

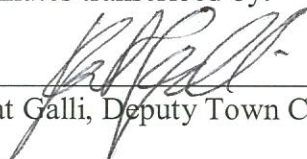
10. Public Comment

None.

11. Adjourn.

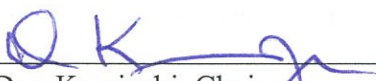
The meeting adjourned before 6:38 p.m.

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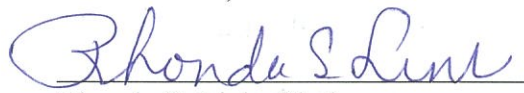
Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

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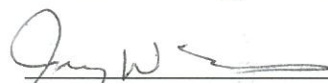
Don Kaminski, Chairman

Michael Sain, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda S. Link, Clerk

Duane Downing, Trustee



Jerry Elliston, Trustee