

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD**  
**September 11, 2020**  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**Tonopah Convention Center**  
**301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Tonopah Town Board Chairman Kaminski opened the workshop on September 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Kaminski led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present:

Vice Chairman Jerry Elliston

Clerk Marc Grigory

Member Duane Downing

Member Mike Sain

7 others were in attendance

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Discussion regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Tonopah and Tonopah Main Street

Chairman Kaminski stated he asked that this item be added for discussion. This was added due to prior problems with the organization.

Chairman Kaminski inquired of the Board members their opinion on this matter.

The Board agreed that the problems with the organization seem to have been resolved since the hiring of a new coordinator.

TMS Coordinator Tracy McCormick addressed the Board.

She stated if there is an MOU with them (TMS) then an MOU should be drawn up with all entities that are funded money from Tonopah Town.

Vice Chairman Elliston's concern; is TMS to develop businesses? Joni Eastley of TMS stated it is to improve the Main Street to bring new businesses here. There are other organizations to help promote current businesses. Tourism and Events Coordinator Kat Galli stated: The downtown must be attractive before recruiting new businesses.

This project can't be rushed, it takes time.

The Board agreed they are happy with the organization and don't see a need to continue with an MOU.

3. Discussion regarding the Electronic Reader Board Sign located on Main Street at the Pocket Park

Vice Chairman Elliston stated he is in favor of the sign. He went on to say it would be a good way to advertise to the locals, "it's a public service to the community." Ms. Galli stated she could reach far more people with advertising in Nevada Magazine for less money.

Member Downing supported the potential reader board purchase. He stated it's not just advertising it's a way of getting information to everyone.

Member Sain stated he will provide research documentation for a potentially cheaper alternative than what is currently being offered by YESCO.

Item will be on an agenda.

4. Discussion regarding Tonopah Community Endowment Fund and its intended purpose

Western Community Fund invests the money for us, for a fee.

\$22,000 available for scholarships.

Guidelines for scholarships:

40% to college

40% to vocational school

20% to someone postgraduate

3 scholarships every year, dollar amount to be determined yearly during the budget process.

Application process to be put in place.

Application review committee to be determined later. This will be on a points system.

This money was originally donated by Solar Reserve.

Ms. Mulkerns suggested they advertise that this fund can accept donations from the public.

The funds are paid to the college on behalf of the student.

\$2500 total - \$1000/\$1000/\$500 – split for the percentage breakdown.

To be added to an agenda.

5. Discussion regarding Tonopah Town Ordinance 22.04. business License Tax and Regulations, Articles I, II, and III

Discussion:

Currently in the ordinance it is the job of the Deputy Town Clerk to monitor if businesses have a current Town license.

Ms. Galli explained to the Board the sometimes lengthy process to explain the ordinance to customers/residents interested in purchasing a license.

She explained her experience with one individual and the fact she had to take out a restraining order against him, due to the fact he started stalking her.

Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Mills also addressed the Board and confirmed an uneasy experience with the same individual.

She also suggested another suspension of the ordinance due to COVID and the devastation on local businesses.

The Board agreed that would be a great gesture. The Board discussed suspending for another 2 years.

This item will be on a future agenda for approval.

6. Public Comment

Discussion regarding a contingency plan in the event rioters come to Tonopah. Possible item to be added to an agenda.

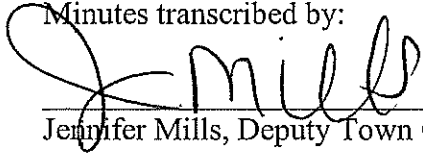
Ms. Mulkerns stated the meeting regarding the sidewalks went well.

Moment of silence led by Member Downing; in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

7. Adjourn

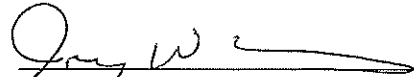
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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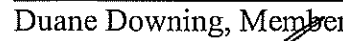
  
Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

  
Don Kaminski, Chairman

  
Jerry W. Elliston, Vice-Chairman

  
Marc Grigory, Clerk

  
Duane Downing, Member

  
Michael Sain, Member

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