

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
December 13, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the Tonopah Town Board meeting to order on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting at 6:36 and reconvened as the Tonopah Town Board at 6:42 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Joni Eastley

Clerk Marc Grigory

Member Douglas Baker

Member Zachary Newell

10 others were in attendance

1. **Public Comment**

Tonopah Citizen Ed Tomany: Bryan Ave – people are parking in the red zone next to A-L, he requested Town staff speak to the Sheriff's Office or NDOT about a sign posted in that area; "No Parking". Vice Chairman Eastley thought it should be a one-way street going up the hill. Mr. Westerlund stated he would talk to the state tomorrow.

Citizen Deb Cobb: concerned about abandoned cars on Florence Avenue, particularly during snow removal time.

2. **Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Town Board Meetings held this day, December 13, 2023.**

Agenda approved as submitted.

3. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve meeting minutes, in context, from: November 20, 2023.**

Member Newell motioned to approve meeting minutes, in context, from: November 20, 2023. Clerk Grigory seconded. Vice Chairman Eastley stated that she contacted Deputy Town Clerk Jennifer Mills with one spelling correction. The correction was made prior to the meeting. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Town Board Member's, Department Manager's, Nye County Commissioner's, Tonopah Main Street and Nye Communities Coalition Comments**

Jeff Martin – THMP:

Simerson is finished. Completed the project in 2 days opposed to a week

Neil Prenn (board member) passed away

NV Energy – Mizpah area – if transformers are in good shape they'll discuss reenergizing

Chrissy Pope – Tourism and Events Coordinator:

4RKids - Visit with Santa – December 19th

Community tree lighting – host family is backing out. Town will take over the tree lighting.

CYAC kids were offered the opportunity to light the tree. Pushing for next week for the event.

Placer AI update.

Joe Westerlund – Town Manager:

Authium water protest update

Protesting state demographer numbers

Maintenance Department - 2 new employees

Fire Department – Keys for emergency entry

Union Plaza Parking Lot – New trash cans professionally wrapped with photos of Tonopah (ETA: Friday)

Boyd property possibly available for purchase

Vice Chairman Eastley:

Close to ordering bronze plaque for Charters of Freedom

Item Reopened:

This item was reopened at 6:45 p.m. for discussion of the Nye County Snow Removal Policy. Questions taken by Public Works Director Thomas Bolling. This policy is available on the Nye County website.

There was concern over the minimum 6 inches accumulation prior to plowing. Mr. Bolling stated this was implemented because the County did not have a policy in place. He also stated that they will track it this winter and if the policy needs to be changed, they will change it, nothing is set in stone.

Cindy Kaminski asked NDOT what their snow removal policy is; if it's white they're out there plowing, there is no inches. She voiced concern about snow melt and then in the afternoon the snow freezes and turns to ice.

Commissioner Bruce Jabbour: original policy stated that they would not plow until after the storm was over. He stated that didn't work for him. He also stated that he asked Mr. Bolling to give the Board a number, they must have a measurement to consider.

Vice Chairman Eastley repeatedly asked; who told you that you have to adopt a policy? Mr. Bolling finally responded: "it's just common knowledge to have a policy"; no one told him to create a policy.

Vice Chairman Eastley stated this policy needs to be posted on the Town's website.

Mr. Bolling reiterated that this is a Nye County policy not just Tonopah, each area will be treated accordingly.

Chairman Kaminski asked when the list needs to be submitted. Mr. Bolling stated before the January RTC meeting or for the meeting in February.

No action was taken by the Board during this discussion.

5. **Recognition of Jeff Martin – 10 Years of Service with the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Historic Mining Park December 2013 – December 2023.**

Plaque and certificate presented by Chairman Kaminski and Mr. Westerlund.

Photos taken.

6. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to recommend which roads in the Town of Tonopah should be included on the Regional Transportation Commission Pavement Preservation Chip Seal List for Calendar Year 2024.**

Thomas Bolling, Beau Gott, and Adam Gromis – Nye County Public Works:

Minimum of 5 miles of roads next year. Bolling suggested most traveled roads be repaired first.

Dynamite Road – grading the road 6 times a year. Recommend chip seal to avoid use of manpower for maintenance to gravel and his opinion was that the road would be safer. Lt.

Ramirez – great idea to pave it. It would be patrolled more. And his opinion was that it would make the road safer.

How long will chip seal last? 3-5 years for first layer. More durable as more layers go on. Vice Chairman Eastley motioned to designate Member Baker and Mr. Westerlund to recommend the roads in the Town of Tonopah that should be included on the Regional Transportation Commission Pavement Preservation Chip Seal List for Calendar Year 2024. Clerk Grigory seconded. Vice Chairman Eastley voiced her concern for the trees and bushes growing out and blocking visibility, forcing one to creep out into the street to see oncoming traffic. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to direct staff to draft a Tonopah Town Ordinance for future consideration and adoption by the Tonopah Town Board that will define what a nuisance is within the Town of Tonopah, and abatement policies and procedures of identified nuisances within the Town of Tonopah boundaries.**

Sam Jeffrey & Ray Jensen addressed the Board.

Mr. Jeffrey wants something done about the potential fire hazard structures in town as well as abandoned vehicles. He was told there is a County ordinance in place. He can file a complaint with the Clerk's office.

Mr. Jeffrey stated he felt it was the Board's duty to file complaints with the Nye County Clerk's office.

No action was taken by the Board.

8. **Discussion, deliberation and possible action to authorize going out to bid for the Tonopah Archery Range Project.**

Mr. Westerlund addressed the Board.

Vice Chairman Eastley motioned to authorize going out to bid for the Tonopah Archery Range Project.

Member Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on Department Budget Reports.**

Looked good per the Board.

10. **Correspondence**

Department of Taxation extension letter

11. **Approval of vouchers for payment.**

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

Vice Chairman Eastley motioned to approve vouchers as presented for payment.

Member Baker seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. **Public Comment**

Chrissy Pope with the Tonopah High School Rodeo Club – Coyote Derby update. Thank you for granting 5/8 Room Tax funds.

Mr. Jabbour was happy to hear the report from Ms. Pope regarding the Coyote Derby.

Ms. Kaminski: Thank you for the donations to the Remember Me Wreaths Program

13. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

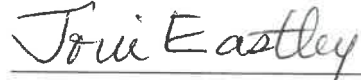
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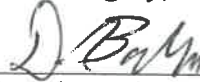
Don Kaminski, Chairman



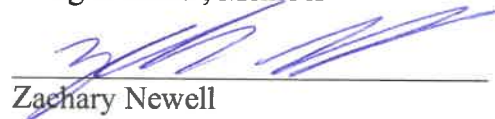
Joni Eastley, Vice Chairman



Marc Grigory, Clerk



Douglas Baker, Member



Zachary Newell

Tonopah Town Board Meeting Minutes

For meeting held: *December 13, 2023*

Approved at meeting held:

January 10, 2024

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 27, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Kaminski brought the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Present:

Clerk Marc Grigory
Trustee Joni Eastley
Trustee Douglas Baker

Absent:

Vice-Chairman Zachary Newell

7 others were in attendance

1. **Public Comment**

Vice Mayor Donald Abbott of Sparks Nevada introduced himself to the Board.

2. **Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees Meeting held this day, December 27, 2023**

Agenda approved as submitted.

3. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve meeting minutes, in context, from: December 13, 2023**

Item tabled.

4. **Library Board Member's/Manager's Comments**

Trustee Eastley would like proof that acting librarian Jessyka Boteler has enrolled in her classes. She requested that Chairman Kaminski inquire.

Item reopened at 7:06 p.m. at the request of Trustee Eastley. She stated she is concerned about the lack of daily oversight at the Library. She went on to say she wasn't implying anything improper is going on. They need someone they can go to daily. The Town has no oversight over the Library, they are their own taxing district. The Town, however, prepares and submits their budget as well as processes their payroll and accounts payable. They need to be encouraged to do this on their own. If the Town is going to continue providing this service, the Town needs to be compensated. She suggested an item on a future agenda.

5. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to set date, time and location to hold Budget Workshops for discussion of the Tonopah Library Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025**

Trustee Eastley moved to set date, time and location as: February 23 and March 22 at 10:00a.m. at the Convention Center to hold Budget Workshops for discussion of the Tonopah Library Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to enroll the Tonopah Public Library in the POOL/PACT's Enterprise Risk Management Excellence Program**

Trustee Eastley urged the Board to approve this item. It will help provide structure and guidance for the Library. She pointed out that the Town is also enrolled in this program.

Clerk Grigory moved to approve enrollment of the Tonopah Public Library into the POOL/PACT's Enterprise Risk Management Excellence Program.

Trustee Baker seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. **Correspondence**

None.

8. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

Clerk Grigory moved to approve vouchers as submitted for payment. Trustee Baker seconded. No further discussion. motion carried 4-0.

9. **Public Comment**

None.

10. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

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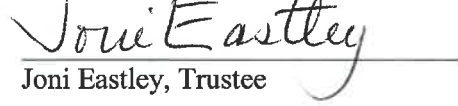
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