

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
December 27, 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 at 6:00 p.m. on December 27, 2023 and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened as the Tonopah Town Board at 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Joni Eastley
Clerk Marc Grigory
Member Douglas Baker

Absent:

Member Zachary Newell

7 others were in attendance

1. **Public Comment**

None.

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

Agenda was approved as submitted.

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

Item tabled.

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

Tonopah Historic Mining Park - Host Jeff Martin:

Nevada Museum Association 2024 Annual Conference to be held October 15-18, 2024 in Tonopah. 150 members. Mr. Martin stated they will solicit contributions for meals.

Vice Chairman Eastley suggested the Tourism fund.

Mr. Martin stated they would solicit mining companies for meal sponsorships, as well.

Administrative Supervisor Becky Braska:

Showed the Board promotional items purchased from room tax grant funds. Items will be used for gift baskets.

2nd extension filed with D-Tax for 22/23 audit. Numbers from Nye County are not ready.

Town Manager Joe Westerlund:

List of roads (chip seal) sent to Board members for review, submitting to Nye County Public Works Director Tom Bolling next.

Appeal filed with State demographer, hearing set for January 19th at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Lighting of the tree last week. Around 130 people. Positive feedback.

Downtown Park - Usage agreement with Nancy Cline.

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

Ms. Braska stated: Preliminary revenue numbers will be available from the State on February 15th. Vice Chairman Eastley moved to set date, time and location as: February 23 at 10:00a.m. at the Convention Center to hold Budget Workshops for discussion of the Town/TPU Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Vice Chairman Eastley amended her motion to include the second budget workshop with date, time and location as: March 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Convention Center.

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

6. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to proclaim January 2024 as National Radon Action Month in Tonopah**

Vice Chairman Eastley moved to proclaim January 2024 as National Radon Action Month in Tonopah.

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

7. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve a letter of support for Longshot Space Technology Corporation's request to rent a parcel of land at the Airport to build a facility for hypersonic flight tests. Letter to be submitted to the Board of Nye County Commissioners**

Mike Grace addressed the Board and provided information on this project.

Vice Chairman Eastley moved to approve a letter of support for Longshot Space Technology Corporation's request to rent a parcel of land at the Airport to build a facility for hypersonic flight tests. Letter to be submitted to the Board of Nye County Commissioners.

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

8. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve the Engineering Agreement between the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities and Shaw Engineering in the amount of \$500,540.00 for the 2023 Watermain Rehabilitation Project, with funding for this agreement to come for the State Revolving Loan Fund Program**

Chairman Kaminski inquired: was this put out to bid?

Mr. Westerlund explained: In 2015 the Town went out for engineer of record, based on scoring Shaw Engineer won and was selected by a board. This was approved by the State. Engineer portion does not have to go out to bid.

Vice Chairman Eastley: Items 8 and 9 total about \$800,000, is there a requirement on the part of the State that we have to have the money in the bank?

Mr. Westerlund: SRF has a new way of doing this. We don't have to pay we ask for an invoice and submit that for payment. ARPA will have to be paid up front. Ms. Braska stated there is a grant depreciation and water construction account we can draw from.

September 2026 is the projected completion date. Zero cost to the Town.

Vice Chairman Eastley moved to approve the Engineering Agreement between the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities and Shaw Engineering in the amount of \$500,540.00 for the 2023 Watermain Rehabilitation Project, with funding for this agreement to come

for the State Revolving Loan Fund Program and the Engineering Agreement between the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities and Shaw Engineering in the amount of \$282,440 for the 2023 Watermain Rehabilitation Project, with funding for this agreement to come from the ARPA Grant awarded to the Town of Tonopah.
Member Baker seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve the Engineering Agreement between the Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities and Shaw Engineering in the amount of \$282,440 for the 2023 Watermain Rehabilitation Project, with funding for this agreement to come from the ARPA Grant awarded to the Town of Tonopah**
This item was combined with item 8 for approval.

10. **Correspondence**

Notice of Bypass Projects on the Priority List Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

11. **Approval of vouchers for payment**

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

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

12. **Public Comment**

None.

13. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:



Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk


Approved:

Don Kaminski, Chairman




Joni Eastley, Vice Chairman

Marc Grigory, Clerk



Marc Grigory, Clerk



Douglas Baker, Member



Zachary Newell, Member

Tonopah Town Board Meeting Minutes
For meeting held: December 27, 2023

Approved at meeting held: January 10, 2024

TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 13, 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 on December 13, 2023 at 7:45 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Zachary Newell

Clerk Marc Grigory

Trustee Joni Eastley

Trustee Douglas Baker

10 others were in attendance

1. **Public Comment**

Vice Chairman Newell: new heater arrived.

2. **Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees Meeting 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.**

Trustee Eastley motioned to approve meeting minutes, in context, from: November 20, 2023. Vice Chairman Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Ms. Boteler and Mr. Sain:

Mr. Sain stated the current water heater is out in the old library and he purchased a new one. He offered to install it but the Board prefers a certified electrician to do the installation.

5. **Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve increasing the Library's late fee from 10 cents to 25 cents.**

Acting librarian Jessyka Boteler and Mike Sain addressed the Board.

Trustee Eastley stated that there was no backup for this item, it was lacking justification for a 250% increase. Ms. Boteler stated that 10 cents isn't enough incentive to return books on time.

What business needs need to be met for the increase, other than Ms. Boteler's personal opinion for the increase? Mr. Sain agreed with Ms. Boteler that it would be an incentive and that it would match what other libraries are charging and what is set up in the system

they are currently using. Trustee Eastley asked Mr. Sain what statistical information he has. He stated it is difficult to pull reports from this current system.

Chairman Kaminski inquired if it's possible to change the system from 25 cents to 10 cents, yes, per Mr. Sain.

Clerk Grigory asked if they are collecting 25 cents, yes, per Mr. Sain.

Vice Chairman Newell motioned to approve increasing the library's late fee from 10 cents to 25 cents. Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-1-0. Trustee Eastley with a nay; completely inadequate backup and justification for a 250% increase.

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

Looked good per the Board.

7. **Correspondence**

None.

8. **Approval of vouchers for payment.**

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers.

Trustee Baker motioned to approve vouchers as presented for payment.

Trustee Eastley seconded. No further discussion. motion carried 4-0-1.

Vice Chairman Newell abstained due to the Central Nevada Hardware invoices.


9. **Public Comment**

None.

10. **Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:


Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:


Don Kaminski, Chairman


Zachary Newell, Vice-Chairman


Marc Grigory, Clerk


Joni Eastley, Trustee


Douglas Baker, Trustee

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