

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD**  
**May 24, 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 May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Tonopah Town Board meeting recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting at 6:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

**Present:**

Vice-Chairman Jerry Elliston  
Clerk Marc Grigory  
Member Joni Eastley  
Member Zachary Newell

19 others were in attendance

**Public Hearing**

Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget of the Town of Tonopah; discussion, deliberation and possible decision to adopt, or amend and adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget of the Town of Tonopah.

Administrative Supervisor Becky Braska presented:

Changes to page 4 - tax rates – column 1 from .2550 to .1992 and column 4 from .6918 to .0482

Page 12 capital projects wasn't carried over - \$50,000

Page 24 sewer capital projects – request Board increase from \$255,000 to \$275,000

Relining project wasn't completed for FY23 and would like to move funds into FY24 to complete project.

Clerk Grigory abstained as he abstained from the budget workshop due to conflict of interest.

Member Eastley disclosed her affiliation with Tonopah Main Street, no personal benefit.

Member Newell motioned to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget of the Town of Tonopah.

Member Eastley seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0-1.

## Notice of surplus property bid opening and award of bids

Sealed bids received and opened for 5 pieces of equipment. All bids received prior to 4:00 p.m. this day.

Dave Speakman - 2008 Chevy \$305

Geoff Dawes - 1978 Clark forklift \$600 – **Highest Bid**

Geoff Dawes - 1970 John Deere backhoe \$1500

Geoff Dawes - 2008 Chevy Silverado \$800 – **Highest Bid**

Geoff Dawes - 1992 Dodge Truck \$600 - **Highest Bid**

Dale Boni - 1970 John Deere backhoe \$1250

James Wallace - 1970 John Deere backhoe \$2526

Michael Anderson - 1970 410 backhoe \$5551 – **Highest Bid**

Michael Anderson - 1978 Clark forklift \$501

Michael Anderson - 1963 Michigan Loader \$2251 – **Highest Bid**

Member Eastley motioned to award the highest bid as read by the Town Manager.

Member Newell seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

### 1. Public Comment

Bethany Thompson: new resident and food and beverage manager for Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah Brewing Company and Belvada.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Town Board Meeting held this day, May 24, 2023.

Item 6 tabled.

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

Town Manager Joe Westerlund:

Preconstruction meeting McSharry Construction tomorrow at 10 a.m. - Union Plaza Project  
Sewer relining pre-bid walk around with Las Vegas Drain Cleaning  
Future Fence was here on Monday and completed fencing around AC units at Convention Center

Town's ready for Butler Days – stage and bleachers are set. Fairground is clean

Fencing ready to go for Street Dance

Legacy Racing – grader brought up and working the roads

Member Eastley: Charters of Freedom Project – breaking ground June 6<sup>th</sup>

Foundation Forward will be on site

Jim Butler Days raffle - \$34 away from having \$21,000 in raffle prizes

### 4. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to accept 2024 insurance renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 23/24 funds.

A&H Insurance - Brad Pearce and Kayla Woods presented.

Around \$8,000 increase over last year. This year's cost: \$46,835.45

Member Eastley motioned to accept the 2024 insurance renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 23/24 funds.

Clerk Grigory seconded.

No further discussion. motion carried 5-0.

5. Introduction of Tonopah Lithium Corp. and its Tonopah Lithium Claims Project and discuss the possibility of becoming a water customer of Tonopah Public Utilities. No action will be taken by the Board.

Graham Ballachey presented. Introduction of his team members.

Rise in need of lithium especially for ion batteries.

Resource found about 6 miles north of town. Over 12,000 acres. High grade deposit.

No endangered species found. Ms. Eastley inquired about when they will begin the permitting process. Mr Ballachey: somewhere around next year. Starts a 2 year clock for permitting.

Leaching process explained.

Water rights purchased in Lower Smoky Valley.

They are looking for other water sources – hence tonight’s introduction.

Ms. Eastley: conservatively you have around 2,350 acre feet of water certificated right at this time. How much additional do you need from the Town?

Mr. Ballachey – maximum of 1,450 acre feet.

Ms. Eastley: within that aquifer how many acre feet are committed to TPU users?

Mr. Westerlund: around 6,200 acre feet in the basin. TPU has 4,500 of them. Currently using 750-800 acre feet/year.

Discussion about water consumption. First concern is to the Town residents.

6. Nye County Animal Services update with option for Q&A. No action will be taken by the Board.

Item tabled.

7. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to allow Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Conference use of Joe Friel Park: Field 2, restrooms, score board, lights and concession stand on June 21, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jennifer Klapper presented.

North vs. South softball game with BBQ on June 21<sup>st</sup>

Use of scoreboard, lights and restrooms

Member Eastley motioned to allow Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Conference use of Joe Friel Park: Field 2, restrooms, score board, lights and concession stand on June 21, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Elliston seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to allow the Tonopah Rodeo Club to use the Tonopah Fairgrounds to host a turkey shoot on June 18, 2023.

Chrissy Pope presented.

Event to be held at the new expansion area. Targets will be used, not actual turkeys.

Chairman Kaminski stated he would require a safety officer to watch down range.

Member Eastley motioned to allow the Tonopah Rodeo Club to use the Tonopah Fairgrounds to host a turkey shoot on June 18, 2023.

Vice Chairman Elliston seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities loaded rates for FY 23/24.

Ms. Braska stated these rates are based on the COLA increase. These are the rates that would be billed when a job is done.

Member Eastley motioned to approve Town of Tonopah/Tonopah Public Utilities loaded rates for FY 23/24.

Member Newell seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve town staff to move forward with a grant application to Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation for ADA compliant bleachers, ADA compliant picnic tables and a new announcers booth at the Tonopah Fairgrounds. Town funding not to exceed \$6,520.77.

Mr. Westerlund presented.

Member Newell motioned to approve town staff to move forward with a grant application to Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation for ADA compliant bleachers, ADA compliant picnic tables and a new announcers booth at the Tonopah Fairgrounds. Town funding not to exceed \$6,520.77.

Member Eastley seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

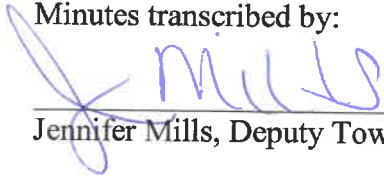
13. Public Comment

Cindy Kaminski/Rotary Club Fishing Derby - The ponds are not in good enough condition. Canceled for this year.

14. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:


  
Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:

  
Don Kaminski, Chairman

  
Jerry W. Elliston, Vice-Chairman

  
Marc Grigory, Clerk

  
Joni Eastley, Member

  
Zachary Newell, Member

Tonopah Town Board Meeting Minutes  
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Approved at meeting held:  
July 26, 2023

**TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**May 24, 2023**

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**Tonopah Convention Center**

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**6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Kaminski brought the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Present:

Vice-Chairman Newell

Clerk Grigory

Trustee Eastley

Trustee Elliston

19 others were in attendance

**Public Hearing**

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Becky Braska presented.

Column 1 on page 4: tax rate from .0015 to .0010

Tax abatement decreased and increased the total ad valorem revenue: from \$75,000 to \$102,792

Consolidated tax decreased from \$5,608 to \$5,551

Trustee Eastley motioned to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget of the Tonopah Library District; discussion, deliberation and possible decision to adopt, or amend and adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget of the Tonopah Library District.

Trustee Elliston seconded.

No further discussion. motion carried 5-0.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees Meeting held this day, May 24, 2023.

Agenda approved as submitted.

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

Library employee Mike Sain:

Written report submitted to Board. Participating in parade and handing out coloring books.

New library program discussion. He and Jessyka had problems signing in.

4. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to accept 2024 insurance renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 23/24 funds.

Trustee Eastley motioned to accept the 2024 insurance renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 23/24 funds.

Trustee Elliston seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

Member Eastley motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted for payment.

Vice Chairman Elliston seconded.

No further discussion.

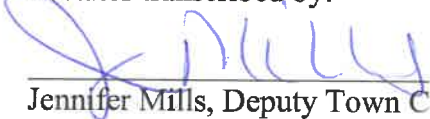
7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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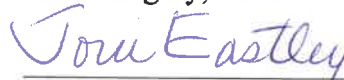
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