

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
August 23, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Jerry Elliston brought the Tonopah Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 23, 2023 and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Don Kaminski – present via phone
Clerk Marc Grigory – present
Member Joni Eastley – present
Member Zachary Newell – present

The Tonopah Town Board meeting recessed to the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

21 others were in attendance

1. Public Comment
None.
2. Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Town Board Meetings held this day, August 23, 2023.
Agenda approved as submitted.
3. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve meeting minutes, in context, from the following: June 28; July 12; July 26; August 9, 2023.
Member Eastley motioned to approve meeting minutes, in context, from the following: June 28; July 12; July 26; August 9, 2023.
Member Newell seconded.
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
THMP Tour guide/Park host Jeff Martin:
Simerson Construction electrician was on site last Thursday and Friday. Lights for the Silver Top Mine were connected.
Mineral exhibit on display
Rain hit them hard - trails lost on upper half of property
6 cameras installed
Administrative Supervisor Becky Braska:
Bike Night at the Banc Club – Saturday night
Damage to the Convention Center – flooding and roof leaked in Blue Room
Signed up for risk management assessment via POOL/PACT – cybersecurity
TPU Utilities Supervisor Robert Herren:
Asphalt repairs – all done but 1 on Idaho
Discount Drain is in town now and completing the 4 inch line this week.

They'll be back next month to finish the project.

Budget Drilling is coming around the 1st of the month to do well rehabs.

Member Eastley stated that Ed Tomany came before the Board in January with a concern about his sewer. She went on to say that he approached her recently and that it has not been resolved and she asked Mr. Herren to move that to the top of his list.

Town Manager Joe Westerlund:

Rye Patch – about 95% complete

A protest will be prepared against a company that has filed for 1,500 acre feet in Ralston Valley. TPU owns 4,122 acre feet in this valley. TPU needs the water for the customer base.

OHV sign installed at Fairgrounds

Ribbon cutting – Union Plaza Parking Lot – date to be determined

Received contract for galvanized line, needs Chairman Kaminski's signature.

Items donated by Bob Perchetti are on display at the Convention Center.

Vice Chairman Elliston's resignation:

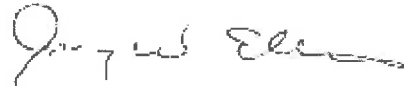
Tonopah Town Board

Chairman Don Kaminski,

Due to personal reasons I must resign from the Tonopah Town Board on October 1, 2023.

It has been an honor to serve on the Tonopah Town Board. I plan on attending both meetings in the month of September.

Thank you,
Vice Chairman Jerry W. Elliston



5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve the request of 5/8ths of 1% Room Tax Grant funds in the amount of \$2,300 from Ladner Rodeo Productions to advertise and promote the September 30, 2023 Tonopah Fall Rodeo.
TJ Ladner thanked the Board for their support through the years.
Member Eastley motioned to approve the request of 5/8ths of 1% Room Tax Grant funds in the amount of \$2,300 from Ladner Rodeo Productions to advertise and promote the September 30, 2023 Tonopah Fall Rodeo.
Member Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a request for Town of Tonopah sponsorship of the September 30, 2023 Tonopah Fall Rodeo for an amount not to exceed \$2,500. If approved, funds will be used for add-on payouts for rodeo participants.
Member Eastley inquired which fund – room tax. Also, has this been approved in the past – yes.
Member Eastley motioned to approve a request for Town of Tonopah sponsorship of the September 30, 2023 Tonopah Fall Rodeo for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve the request of 5/8ths of 1% Room Tax Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Central Nevada Racing Association to advertise and promote the 2023 Tonopah Speedway Racing Season.

Shannon Stringer with the following:

Hello,

My name is Shannon Stringer and I am here tonight on behalf of Tonopah Speedway. Just over a year ago I became involved with the track after seeing the need. This speedway is celebrating its 40th anniversary this season, and I hope to see it continue well into the future. May 2nd of this year James Thibodeaux, and I, went before the County Commissioners and were able to have the lease agreement renewed for another 15 years. This was really exciting, because this track holds many special memories. My kids are currently 3rd generation racers here, and the success of this track means a lot to my family, as well as the community.

Over the weekend, I began to wonder how accurate are the numbers I am presenting to the Town, asking for the 5/8th room tax? After doing some research I was able to find the exact numbers of how many racers entered each class on every date ran this year at Tonopah Speedway. I have attached those numbers, and I am happy to say, it has been even more than I thought possible. Out of the 325 entries this year, 207 of them have been from out of town. Of those 207 racers, they travel with family, friends, pit crew etc. I would guess to say each racer travels with 4 people and would anticipate that is actually on the low side. These people come to our town, stay in our hotels, visit our restaurants and stores, buy our fuel, etc. Also, as "out of town racers", I am only counting true out of towners, not people from our local surrounding communities. Additionally, we are having consistently high car counts over our holiday weekend, (4th of July) and severe weather.

You may be wondering, if the track is doing so well, why am I here to ask for advertising money. Tonopah Speedway has always been a non profit, and run 100% by volunteers. All money made by Tonopah Speedway goes back into the track in the form of payouts, track maintenance and expenses. The most significant expense is track maintenance and preparation. Tonopah Speedway does own a water truck and grader, and volunteers do all the work to the track, but fuel, batteries and tires are huge expenses. However, without those, we wouldn't have a good track to race on, and racers wouldn't be back. The second largest expense is payouts. Tonopah Speedway is well known in the racing community for its good payouts. That is continuing to bring racers from out of town, even with the price of fuel being almost \$5 per gallon. Instead of paying out only the top few cars, Tonopah Speedway pays back 1/2 the field, plus one. Meaning, if 12 cars entered the race, the top 7 would earn a payout. Even if that payout is small, it keeps the drivers coming back. In Tonopah, racing and the speedway are solely for entertainment purposes and not to make money. Our goal is to give the town good, clean family fun.

This year we have also implemented students getting in free, every Friday night. We are encouraging all our local friends and family, as well to pack the stands.

Please continue to support Tonopah Speedway. We really can't do it without you. Thank you!

T-shirts to be given away at the track.

Member Eastley motioned to approve the request of 5/8ths of 1% Room Tax Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Central Nevada Racing Association to advertise and promote the 2023 Tonopah Speedway Racing Season.

Member Newell seconded. No further discussion.

Motion carried 5-0.

Tourism & Events Coordinator Chrissy Pope provided AI statistics to the Board.

The report consisted of visits made to the Tonopah Speedway and area.

Data becomes available 30 days after an event.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve a letter for the Friends of the Wild (horses and burros) in support of a proposed bill banning helicopter, motorized vehicles or drone roundups of wild horses and burros within the boundaries of Nye County.

Member Eastley stated she does not support this. This is public land and BLM doesn't get to make the rules about gathers on public land that is done at the Federal Government level through Congress. For the health of the range land and the feral horses they need to be rounded up.

Herds need to be managed.

Priscilla Lang and Yolanda Magley via phone.

She started this group in December 2022.

She thanked the Board for letting them give their presentation.

Ms. Lang conveyed her thoughts regarding the treatment of horses and burros during helicopter roundups.

She requested the Board's support of their ordinance to ban helicopter roundups.

Chairman Kaminski stated as a Town entity they should not take a political position on this against Nye County, BLM or anybody else. He went on to say he liked the presentation and he thought as individuals they could help them but as a Town entity they should not take sides on this whether it's political or not.

Vice Chairman Elliston opened the item up to public comment.

TJ Ladner: how many horses are we allowed to have around Tonopah and surrounding areas? Ms. Eastley stated she didn't know the HMA number.

Chrissy Pope gave statement. Copy unavailable.

Dawn Gudmunson opposed this item.

Sam Jeffrey also opposed this item and stated Ms. Lang is looking to take away the most effective tool to round them up. They are already overpopulated and unhealthy.

Hunter Burkett with NDoW stated helicopter roundup is a vital tool for managing horse population. No other effective tool that is socially acceptable to remove horses from our rangeland.

Ryan Perchetti opposed this item. He stated he has years of experience with horses. Roundup via horses would not be effective.

Item died due to lack of motion.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to write-off delinquent, uncollectable charges from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) Accounts Receivable in the amount of \$4,593.14

Member Eastley motioned to approve the write-off of delinquent, uncollectable charges from Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) Accounts Receivable in the amount of \$4,593.14.

Chairman Kaminski seconded.

No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to adopt, amend and adopt or reject Town of Tonopah Resolution 2023-09, a Resolution to approve applying to the Nevada Division

of Environmental Protection Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for a Principal Forgiveness Loan to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review Report, in the amount of \$85,000 with a match of \$15,000 to be funded from Tonopah Public Utilities Replacement Account Fund 21555.

Member Eastley motioned to adopt Town of Tonopah Resolution 2023-09, a Resolution to approve applying to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for a Principal Forgiveness Loan to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review Report, in the amount of \$85,000 with a match of \$15,000 to be funded from Tonopah Public Utilities Replacement Account Fund 21555.

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

11. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan and Principal Forgiveness Loan in the amount of \$85,000.00 to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review Report.

Member Eastley motioned to approve application to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan and Principal Forgiveness Loan in the amount of \$85,000.00 to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review Report.

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

12. Correspondence

None.

13. Approval of vouchers for payment.

The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.

Member Newell motioned to approve vouchers as presented for payment.

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

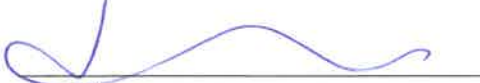
14. Public Comment

None.

15. Adjourn.


Meeting adjourned at 7:16 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

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Approved at meeting held:
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TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Tonopah Convention Center

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6:00 p.m.

Trustee Jerry Elliston brought the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 23, 2023

Chairman Don Kaminski – present via phone

Vice-Chairman Zachary Newell – present

Clerk Marc Grigory – present

Trustee Joni Eastley – present

21 others were in attendance

1. Public Comment

Former Fire Chief Sam Jeffrey addressed the Board with concern about the condition of Tonopah and fires that were set to local structures.

He suggested the Board draw up ordinances.

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees Meeting held this day, August 23, 2023.

Agenda approved as submitted.

3. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action to approve meeting minutes, in context, from the following: July 12; July 26; August 9, 2023.

Vice Chairman Newell motioned to approve meeting minutes, in context, from the following: July 12; July 26; August 9, 2023.

Clerk Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Acting librarian Jessyka Boteler and library employee Mike Sain:

They are trying to figure out how to retrieve the circulation report

Thinking about leaving the co-op. Member Eastley inquired: what is the co-op. Ms. Boteler stated that it is an interlibrary book loan system.

No benefit from the co-op, costing too much. Postage, for example.

Mr. Sain: asked for quote from ByWater to transfer records and track books and dvd's that are checked out. This would eliminate the co-op and book lending with other libraries.

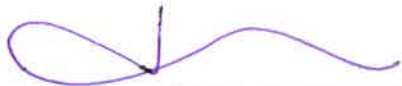
The Board requested this be brought to the Board for their perusal and decision.

Member Eastley inquired about how classes were going. Ms. Boteler: "they're going".

Mr. Sain stated someone wants to offer Spanish classes, no charge.

Grant money was not all spent and the balance will need to be repaid.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action on Department Budget Reports.
Item was added to agenda in error.
6. Correspondence
None.
7. Approval of vouchers for payment.
The Board reviewed and signed vouchers.
Member Eastley motioned to approve vouchers as submitted for payment.
Vice Chairman Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Public Comment
None.
9. Adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Jennifer Mills, Deputy Town Clerk

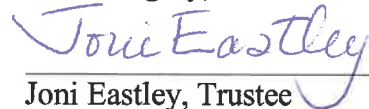


Don Kaminski, Chairman



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