

**TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049
August 9, 2023
6:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

The Tonopah Town Board meeting was called to order August 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm by Chairman Don Kaminski. Chairman Kaminski led the pledge of allegiance.

The Tonopah Town Board recessed to the Tonopah Library Board of Trustees at 6:29 pm and reconvened at 6:43 pm.

Present: Don Kaminski, Chairman
 Marc Grigory, Clerk of the Board
 Joni Eastley, Board Member
 Zachary Newell, Board Member

Absent: Jerry Elliston, Vice Chairman

Fourteen others were also in attendance, two via teleconference.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Klapper thanked the board for all of their support of the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Conference and shared with the Town Board the “Tonopah” items provided to the Judges attending the conference. Seventy-four judges (both active and retired) attended the conference and stayed a total of four nights. Mrs. Klapper also read highlights from the many positive letters she received from judges attending the conference.

Kat Galli speaking as private citizen, Mrs. Galli wanted to give a “shout out” to TPU. TPU staff replaced a sewer pipe that ran through her property. Robert (Utility Supervisor) spoke directly with her and her husband regarding the work to be done. TPU did a fantastic job. They put everything back the way it was supposed to be. Had she not seen the huge hole going through her property she never would have known they were there.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE TONOPAH TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD THIS DAY, AUGUST 9, 2023,

The Agenda for the August 9, 2023, Tonopah Town Board Meeting was approved as presented.

3. DISCUSSION DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES, IN CONTEXT, FROM: APRIL 12; JUNE 14; AND JUNE 28, 2023

Joni Eastley motioned to approve the meeting minutes for April 12, 2023, and June 14, 202, as presented and table the June 28, 2023, minutes pending corrections. Zachary Newell seconded. Discussion: Mrs.

Eastley asked that the minutes for the June 28, 2023, meeting be reviewed, specifically item numbers three and seven. Item three should expand Mr. Grigory's comment to include that Mr. Grigory received a response from the Nevada Commission on Ethics and was advised that he should "disclose that his personal business participates in certain Main Street and possibly other organizations events" but he does not have to abstain from voting on said items presented to the Board. Mrs. Eastley requested that staff also review the audio for item seven as she does not believe she abstained from this item, but she did disclose her affiliation with the Nevada State Mining Championships and the Elks. Ms. Braska stated she would have staff review the recording and make the correction if necessary. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD**

Chairman Kaminski presented the Outstanding Citizen Award to Jennifer Klapper for July 2023.

5. **TOWN BOARD MEMBER'S, DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S, NYE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S, TONOPAH MAIN STREET AND NYE COMMUNITIES COALITION COMMENTS.**

Town Manager Joe Westerlund congratulated Jennifer Klapper on receiving the Outstanding Citizen Award. Mr. Westerlund reminded the board that he and Robert Herren, TPU Utility Supervisor, were currently in Reno attending the Tri-State Conference. Mr. Westerlund updated on the status of the Union Plaza Events Parking lot. Mr. Westerlund thanked the Otteson Family, Chrissy, Ariel and everyone else who participated in making the Rock and Bottle Show a great success. Mr. Westerlund reported that Town Maintenance has been working at Rye Patch and has cleaned up 95 % of the front pond. Mrs. Eastley asked what the cleaning consisted of. Mr. Westerlund responded it consisted of pulling all the weeds and cattails around the pond. Once that has been accomplished will have the pond dragged. Maintenance will continue working out there at least two days a week until everything is done. Maintenance will be at the Mining Park two days a week as well helping Jeff Martin get the new signage installed.

Jeff Martin, Park Host/Tour Guide at the Mining Park reported that Simerson Construction was delayed again due to equipment shortage, so they won't be back until October. The grant close out is next year sometime so they still have time to get that done. Mr. Martin commented as Town Manager Westerlund stated the new Signage is currently being installed. There are eighteen signs total, six are complete as of this date. Mr. Martin discussed the success of the Rock and Bottle show. They received compliments from everyone for having the silver smithing classes at the Mizpah Hoist House.

Administrative Supervisor Becky Braska reported that the Town is sponsoring a Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 15th at the Convention Center. The pool closed August 5th because the lifeguards started back to school yesterday. Ms. Braska reported that she is working to put everything together in preparation for the 22-23 Financial Audit. Ms. Braska advised that some of the board members may be receiving a letter from her with questions from the auditor. She asked board members, if they do receive a letter, to please answer all of the questions and return to Dan McArthur.

Ms. Braska said in her opinion The Rock and Bottle show was extremely successful. It was well attended. Everyone she spoke with had nothing but good things to say about the show. Ms. Braska also reported that the 8% General Fund Room Tax monies collected in fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, hit an all-time high of \$1,021,723. This year revenues from room tax were an increase of \$380,000 over last year and over \$500,000 from the year before that. Ms. Braska stated that there are three reasons for the increase in room tax collections 1) Increase in tourism; 2) Increase in workers from the various mining operations staying in town; and 3) Hotels/Motels have significantly increased room rates over the past few years.

6. **DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUEST OF 5/8TH'S 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**

The board had questions, and no one was present from Central Nevada Racing Association to present the item and answer questions. Therefore, the item was tabled.

7. **DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD THE REHABILITATION OF PRODUCTION TPU WELLS SEVEN, EIGHT, AND TEN TO BUDGET DRILLING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,000 TO BE PAID OUT OF TONOPAH PUBLIC UTILITIES WATER-WELLS FUND 21502-98-21-81-7754**

Joni Eastley motioned to award the Rehabilitation of Production TPU Wells Seven, Eight and Ten to Budget Drilling, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$44,000 to be paid out of Tonopah Public Utilities Water-Wells fund 21502-98-21-81-7754. Zachary Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. **DISCUSSION DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT BUDGET REPORTS**

The Board had no questions on the budget reports presented, no action was taken.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No comments on the correspondence presented.

10. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT**

Zachary Newell motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Marc Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

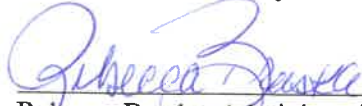
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

12. **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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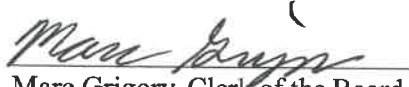
Rebecca Braska, Administrative Supervisor

Approved by:

Don Kaminski, Chairman



Jerry Elliston, Vice Chairman



Marc Grigory, Clerk of the Board



Zachary Newell, Board Member



Joni Eastley, Board Member

Tonopah Town Board
August 9, 2023
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Approved: August 23, 2023

**TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER

Library Board of Trustees Chairman, Don Kaminski called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Present: Don Kaminski, Chairman
Zachary Newell, Vice Chairman
Marc Grigory, Clerk of the Board
Joni Eastley, Trustee

Absent: Jerry Elliston, Trustee

Six others were also present.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

2. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE TONOPAH LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD THIS DAY, AUGUST 9, 2023.

The agenda for the August 9, 2023, Library Board of Trustees was approved as presented.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES, IN CONTEXT FROM APRIL 12, JUNE 14, AND JUNE 28, 2023.

Joni Eastley motion to approve the meeting minutes, in context for April 12, June 14, and June 28, 2023, as presented. Zachary Newell seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER'S /MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Town Manager Joe Westerlund advised that the parking bumpers for the new Library will be installed tomorrow if the contractor did not install them today.

Acting Librarian Jessyka Boteler asked about getting the part needed for the heater at the Library. Vice Chairman, Zachary Newell advised that Central Nevada Hardware has the part on order and is donating the part to the Library. Mr. Newell stated that the part is on backorder at this time but as soon as he has a delivery date, he will let her know.

Ms. Boteler asked about updating the procedures manual. The only one that she has located is several years old. Ms. Braska said Ms. Boteler should update the information in the manual she has then present it to the Trustees for approval.

Chairman Kaminski asked Ms. Boteler why she did not attend the last meeting. She informed the board she was out of town visiting family. Mr. Kaminski stated that she had an item on the last agenda to increase fines and late fees, but since no one was at the meeting to answer questions, the board had the item tabled. Mr. Kaminski stated he would like to see it back on the agenda at the next Library Board of Trustees meeting.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT BUDGET REPORTS.

The Board had no questions on the budget report presented, no action was taken.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT.

Zachary Newell motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Marc Grigory seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.


Transcribed by:


Rebecca Braska, Administrative Supervisor

Approved by:


Don Kaminski, Chairman


Zachary Newell, Vice Chairman


Marc Grigory, Clerk of the Board


Jerry Elliston, Trustee


Joni Eastley, Trustee

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