

# AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA

ITEM # SUBJECT

October 24, 2013

## MINUTES

Doc McNeely, Chairman **Absent**  
Trevor Dolby, Town Clerk  
John Bosta, Member  
Joe Cohan, Vice Chairman  
Tom Smith, Member

**NOTE:** All times are approximate except for bid openings, public hearings, and any other items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

**Special Note:** Any member of the public who is disabled and requires accommodation or assistance at this meeting is requested to notify the Amargosa Valley Town Office in writing or call (775) 372-5459 prior to the meeting.

### AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD

- 1 Pledge of Allegiance

*Led by Joe Cohan*

- 2 Approval of the Agenda for October 24, 2013

*Motion by Tom Smith to approve agenda subject to pulling # E – F and #5.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bosta*

*Motion passes 4-0*

- 3 General Public Comment (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

*Carmen Brown – The school had their first Community Event at the Community Center on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Good Turnout. Events planned for Halloween at a Trunk and Treat at the park along with events at Stateline. Thanks to AVTB for letting us use the Arena. We had over 100 people attend. 26 kids participated. We are looking at partnering with Vegas and Pahrump on 4-H functions. Future areas that we would like to get involved in are Hiking, Shooting and Gardening.*

*Joe Cohan – There will be a Halloween program at Statelin*

*Michele Rook – There will be a Mammogram in the Valley on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.*

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- 4 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on September 26, 2013...

*Motion by John Bosta to approve minutes as submitted*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Smith*

*Motion passes 4-0*

- 5 Fire Department Report

***PULLED***

6. Town Office Report

- A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on September 26-2013

See Agenda Item 10 A. Re OML Violation

First Solar the agreement for Fire Department Suppression was submitted.

10,000 gallon tank on site that AVFD has 24/7 access to for emergencies in area.

- B. Budget Report

See first quarter report.. Admin shows at 24.4% of usage right where it should be

- C. **For Possible Action** – Approval of Town Vouchers See Printout showing how Community Center Power bill gets split apart. Towns cost about 30% of total.

*Motion by John Bosta to Pay Vouchers*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Smith*

*Motion passes 4-0*

*John Bosta questions use of electricity*

*Trevor Dolby we do adjust the amounts due on Community Center Water bill plus water usage is going down at the park.*

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**D. For Possible Action – Major Purchases**

a. Purchase of New Cover for Playground Park Equipment

See quotes from Great Western and USA Shade

See print out of projected funds in Park account.

Recommend USA Shade quote of \$8,355.00 includes cover, steel cable, hardware, delivery and installation. Warranty is voided if they do not install. It weighs over 700 lbs. Will need more than a simple bucket truck to install.

*Motion by John Bosta to approve purchase at \$8,355.00*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Dolby*

*Motion passes 4-0*

**E. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation – Approve sections 2.1.1 thru 2.3.1 as additions to the Town of Amargosa Valley Personnel Manual.**

*Motion by John Bosta to approve*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Dolby*

*Motion passes 4-0*

**7 Committee Reports**

A. Human Resources *No Report*

B. Tourism/Economic Development *No Report*

C. Cemetery *Trevor We had a meeting 6 weeks ago*

D. Planning *No Meeting*

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- 8 For Possible Action - Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or Topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas).

*John Bosta – Thank Linda Brommell for making the OML Complaint regarding AVTB action at last meeting.*

*Trevor Dolby – Mike has unpaid hours and list events that Mike has worked at without being paid.*

*Elections are coming up. Joe Cohan and Tom Smith are being turned out next year and we need new people on the ballet. We need more people to input to the AVTB and tell us what the community wants. I agree with John on the OML violation. Mike and I and the AVTB have been invited to a site tour of First Solars Project in Primm.*

*Joe Cohan – We need to have a discussion about dead trees on 373 and also on Anvil.*

*Trevor Dolby – The issue was raised a few months ago*

*John Bosta – Some people have gone to the State Fire Marshalls office and nothing can be done.*

*Amy Mills – Per State Fire Marshall nothing can be done.*

10 General Business

- A. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Appoint Members to Rock Garden Committee to correct a Violation of Open Meeting Law at the August AVTB Meeting. Current volunteers. Vern Gilliland – Michele Rook – Cheryl White – Colette Johnson and Amy Mills.. Call for other volunteers.

*John Bosta – The Agenda Item says the Rock Garden Committee. The petition says the Doris Jackson Memorial Rock Garden.*

*Joe Cohan – We never voted on saying it was going to be a memorial.*

*John Bosta – It should be referred to as The Doris Jackson Memorial Rock Garden.*

*Motion by Trevor Dolby to appointment Members to the Rock Garden Committee as the volunteers listed in Agenda Item 10A.*

***Motion removed***

***2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bosta***

***2<sup>nd</sup> removed***

*Vern Gilliland – An Advisory Committee is to be appointment by The Chairman of the Town Board.*

*John Bosta – We are dealing with a situation where they are changing the purpose of their committee and what the AVTB asked them to do*

*Tom Smith – There is a second petition*

*Pat Minshall – The fact that the Rock Garden was never approved. Shouldn't that negate all that was done after that?*

*Joe Cohan – We talked to the family about a memorial*

*Vern Gilliland – I would like to resign. I am only here to help Michele. Everytime we are trying to do something we end up butting our heads against the wall. We want to see something done in our lifetimes.*

*Pat Minshall – Problem with Doris Jackson Memorial is that more people have contributed to the Area than just Doris Jackson.*

*Vern Gilliland – I think if anyone had attended our dysfunctional meetings there has been no concensus to giving the project the name of one person. We have requested names from the public. Pavers with peoples names on them are one of the options we are looking at. We are asking the public to please attend the meeting and bring their ideas forward.*

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*We only had 3 people plus the members at the last meeting. If you do not like our ideas please come to the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

*John Bosta – Reads top of petition stating it is the Doris Jackson Memorial Rock Garden Committee.*

*Joe Cohan reads the names of the current volunteers (Vern Gilliland, Michele Rook, Cheryl White, Colette Johnson and Amy Mills) and asks if there are any other volunteers. There are none.*

*Motion by Trevor Dolby to appoint volunteers just mentioned to the Committee.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bosta*

*Motion Passes 4-0*

B. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Establish budget for Christmas in the Park. See quotes from Lantis and Alamo. Last years budget approximately \$2,500.00. Permits etc. have been ordered.

*Vern Gilliland – The food is donated. This program started with a \$1,000 dollar donation from Alamo Fireworks.*

*Motion by John Bosta to set budget at \$2,000 for fireworks for Christmas in the Park.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Smith*

*Motion passes 4-0*

*Trevor Dolby – We have room taxes to use to Promote the Town. I do not like Fireworks. We need more ideas for promoting events.*

*Tony Guerra – We need ideas for promoting Amargosa Valley to let people who are at the Dunes know what is going on in Amargosa Valley.*

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C. For Discussion Only – Tom Smith – Public Safety in Amargosa Valley

*Tom Smith – We should have 2 deputies soon. The previous NCSO deputy was seen quite a bit. We need to do something in our community so that law enforcement is more visible.*

*Gene Butler – I will talk to Tom Later*

*John Bosta – Nye County approved a tax for Police enforcement. I wonder how will the Sheriff use the new tax dollars in the budget. How do we know if we are getting our fair share. Our Sheriffs office has not been manned since 2005.*

*Trevor Dolby – I am grateful to Tom for bringing this up. We need to communicate more with NCSO.*

*Joe Cohan – John could you please see how much we are to receive from the tax increase?*

*Tom Smith – Asks the public to please contact him with any suggestions.*

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D.. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation – Trevor Dolby – Issue Check to Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department for balance of funds in account # 26258.

*Joe Cohan – This is money that belongs to the Firemans Association*

*Motion by Trevor Dolby to authorize payment to Amargosa Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association for the balance in account # 26258*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Smith*

**MOTION AND 2<sup>ND</sup> NEVER BROUGHT TO A VOTE**

*Linda Brommell – Are there 2 sets of By Laws? I would like to see this postponed. The NRS states that AVTB is supposed to appoint the Fire Department. The AVTB is responsible to see where the money is to be spent and who is in charge of the Fire Department.*

*John Bosta – We became a Town so we could control the Fire Department. We must follow our own Ordinance.*

*Linda Brommell – Our ordinance is in conflict with NRS. Is it Ok for Trevor to be AVTB Liason to the fire department and be on the Board for the Volunteer Firefighters Association?*

*John Bosta – There was \$13,000 in the account 3,000 was to go to the balance due on the Tender leaving a balance of about 10,000. And then expenditures brought it down to 8,000. The proposal is to give the account balance to the Amargosa Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association.*

*Linda Brommell – Per NRS – 269.250 AVTB is responsible to appoint members to the Fire Department.*

*Nita Fuller – The Firefighters Association money was raised then we tried the 501C3 and then all the money was confiscated. We had raised money for the new tender. Nye County took money out of the General Fund. They took firefighters association money to finish the tender. My husband was chief at the time. The money belongs to the Firefighters Association and we have helped the community. They are not squandering the money.*

*Linda Brommell – That money was raised for equipment. Our Bylaws are in conflict with the NRS.*

*Joe Cohan – They are trying to prove where the money belongs and where does the money go.*



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*Colette Johnson – AVTB does not have authority over the Fire Department.*

*John Bosta – The balance in that account should go to the Firefighters Assoc.*

*Nita Fuller – Anybody can join the firefighters association*

*Pat Minshall – The fundraiser in October 2009 raised about \$8,000 to be used by Fire Department for equipment not for the Association. Look at how much money was in the account prior to it being seized.*

*Motion by Tom Smith to table the issue till next AVTB meeting*

*2<sup>ND</sup> by Trevor Dolby*

*Motion passes 3-1 John Bosta voting nay*

*Vern Gilliland – The amount that was raised at the fundraiser was matched by Solar Millinium. In 1986 Joe Richards gave \$20,000 and this was matched by Nye County. The Firefighters Association can receive donations. The Fire Department cannot.*

E.. For Possible Action – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of discussion regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

***PULLED***

F. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting

***PULLED***

G. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation – Linda Brommell. See Petition. Permission to form ad hoc committee to bring options to AVTB regarding memorials in the Park and surrounding area.

*Motion by John Bosta to approve Agenda item as submitted*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Dolby*

*Linda Brommell – this committee would like to be formed to give options to Memorial Rock Garden Committee. Will the AVTB consider options.*

*Joe Cohan – We have a committee for this purpose and we do not need 2 committees. Please bring your suggestions to them.*

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*Colette Johnson – Will the Adhoc committee negate what the other committee is doing or do you want to have memorials in another area? Will this expand where they are now.*

*John Bosta – Does an ad-hoc committee need our permission to form. I do not think we need to give them permission. I would like to see all people work together. Two committees making suggestions would make our decision difficult. We would like to see just one suggestion come forward.*

*Joe Cohan – Please take your info to the current Rock Garden Committee.*

11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

*No public comments made*

13 For possible Action –Adjournment  
*Motion by Tom Smith to adjourn*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Dolby*  
*Motion passes 4-0*