

# AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA

ITEM # SUBJECT

November 21, 2013

## MINUTES

Doc McNeely, Chairman  
Trevor Dolby, Town Clerk  
John Bosta, Member  
Joe Cohan, Vice Chairman ABSENT  
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.

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## AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD

- 1 Pledge of Allegiance

*LED BY BOB LITTLE*

- 2 Approval of the Agenda for November 21, 2013

*Motion to approve subject to pulling items 9I, 9J and 9e by John Bosta  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom smith*

*Trevor Dolby – comments regarding his proposed development agreement. And John Bosta’s comments at the BOCC meeting. Review page 6 of the 2011 Nye County Comprehensive plan. Review time line of Development agreement and meetings with First Solar. Mentioned Nevada Energy and should be Valley Electric Association.*

*Motion passes 3-1 Trevor Dolby against*

- 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.

*Bob Little American Legion on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm*

*Jack Sypolt Went to Baja 1000 with a group from Amargosa and all returned safely. At NSSAB meeting they mentioned that the U233 and U235 shipments are being made with out any date or route notifications. 5<sup>th</sup> annual groundwater open house is in Beatty on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Senior project is moving along*

*Frank Carbone - More people are looking at coming to the county*

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*Carmen Brown – Senior Manager at Senior Center 40 people attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the senior center. We normally get 15 to 20 people show up for dinner. November 2<sup>nd</sup> we had the fund raiser and tractor show. \$110.00 was raised during the car wash. We have a movie nite for the school scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Community Potluck on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with a school camp. The local 4-H group got set up. There is an arena event on Saturday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM.*

*Mr. Munton – While at the senior center the cook did not put gloves back on when serving a meal after washing dishes.*

*Carmen – cook is busy washing dishes, serving meals etc.*

*Jack Sypolt – Amateur Radio Club was rated #1 in Nevada at a recent event. Emergency Operations committee is working on rehabbing the building behind the fire department.*

*Frank Carbone – Discusses issues regarding the public administrator and what the policy is and who needs to be called when the need arises.*

*Michele Rook – The Clinic has hired a new Physicians Assistant. Jason Rusk. They will be starting in February 2014. I do not know if he will be living in Amargosa.*

*JW Cunningham – I live on Roberts Road and think the solar project needs to move faster. We need it now. I have 40 signatures in favor of project.*

- 4 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on October 24, 2013...

*Motion by Trevor Dolby to approve*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

- 5 Fire Department Report

A. Report from 10-24-2013

B. Report from 11-21-2013 *Membership up by 2 Added Alex Mills and Nita Fuller. There was a burn exercise trailer class on site 11-20-2013*

*Presented by Dan Mills See attached*

6. Town Office Report

A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on October 24-2013

B. Budget Report No report due

C. **For Possible Action** – Approval of Town Vouchers

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*Motion by John Bosta to approve Payment*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

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

1. Caps, Shirts and Badges for Fire Department - \$220.00 from prior donation

*Motion by Tom Smith to approve purchase as presented*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

**E. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation Set Budget for AVTB Contribution to 2014 Amargosa Days**

*Motion by Tom Smith to set budget for AVTB Contribution to Amargosa Days at \$3,000.00*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

**F. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Establish procedure for using Budget Contribution to Amargosa Days and Paying Vendors. Recommend Vendors get approved thru Town Office and Submit Invoices for Payment thru Eden to a maximum equal to 6E. Above.

*Motion by John Bosta amended to read that raffle prizes may not be purchased with the \$3,000 provided by AVTB.*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

**7 Committee Reports**

A. Human Resources *None*

B. Tourism/Economic Development *Tom Smith – We have added the following members to the committee – Monica Chavez – Morgan Lynn – Steve Stine – Bonnie Groenert – Tony Guerra – and Gene Butler. Plus Tom Smith is chairman. Approved by Chairman Doc McNeely*

C. Cemetery *No Report*

D. Planning *No report*

E. Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden Committee *See agenda Item 9B*

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*Michele Rook – Jim Rook Sr. won the name contest with Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden.*

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

*John Bosta – We recently took a site tour of First Solar project at Primm, Nevada*

*Trevor Dolby – 1. Obama care. We need to be aware of cost of insurance if Mike Qualifies for health care. And also the volunteer firefighters.*

*2. Fire Department is having an open house during Christmas in the Park*

*3. I have received personal threats due to my actions on AVTB plus been slandered in the newspaper.*

*4. Georgeanne is going to put my phone # in the newsletter. We are having a real problem with scrappers.*

*Ed Munton – Weapons are a deterrent*

*Tom Smith – We became an elected board due to county actions regarding our fire department. I want to thanks Nye County in helping us grow our community.*

9. General Business

A. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Planning Committee request to appoint Mike Cottingim as a committee member.

*Appointed by Doc McNeely*

B. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden Committee. Approve Funding for purchase of Memorial Stones to be placed in Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden.

a. Pallet of 12 x 12 Stones is \$333.00

*Motion by John Bosta to approve purchase of stones as presented.*

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

*Trevor Dolby – We have heard from a number of people in the valley that think we have other needs for the \$330.00. Plus they feel the Memorial garden should be placed somewhere else.*

*Vern – Individuals purchase the stones from the Town and order the engraving. In this fashion the pavers are available and the people purchase them from the Town office.*

*Grace Munton – We have three geologists in the valley. Has anybody checked with them on how long these should last. Granite lasts a lot longer.*

*Vern – The stones are made without large chunks of material and are done this way so they hold up better to the engraving. I would assume they would last a long time.*

*Motion passes 3-1 Trevor Dolby against*

Engraving is \$25.00 per stone. In blocks of 20. \$30.00 Individually.

See 9C. Regarding Payment of Stones, Placement and Reimbursement to Town.

b. Establish cost to public of purchasing Stone, Engraving delivery and Placement in either Park or Memorial Garden. Whole sale cost is 3.00 for 12 x 12 ,

*Motion by John Bosta to establish cost at \$3.00 per stone plus engraving.*

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

*Motion passes 3-0-1 Trevor Dolby abstaining*

C. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden Committee. Approval of Guidelines for the placement of stones and plants in the garden.

*John Bosta – How will stones be placed in the Garden. Will they be placed in cement?*

*Vern – No they will be placed in the walkways.*

*John Bosta – Maybe somebody will just come in and take them?*

*Vern – I do not think so*

*Motion by John Bosta to approve guidelines as submitted*

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

*Motion passes 4-0*

- D. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Release of funds in Account # 26258 to Amargosa Valley Firefighters Association. Per Nye County Comptroller current balance is \$8,612.39. AVTB Members who are also members of Amargosa Valley Firefighters Association should recues themselves from voting. Firefighters Association to execute release of financial obligation of Town of Amargosa Valley and Nye County. No more funds will be owed to the Amargosa Valley Firefighters Association, Inc.

*John Bosta – The Towns Auditor recommended in 2010 that these funds need to be returned to the Firefighters Association. If some of the valley citizens feel there needs to be a further audit then they should pay that cost.*

*Motion by John Bosta to pay funds to Firefighters Association in the amount of \$8,612.39*

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

*Motion passes 3-0-1 Trevor Dolby abstaining*

- E. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Trevor Dolby. Proposed Development Agreement between Town of Amargosa Valley and Sunshine Valley Solar Project.

***PULLED***

- F. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Doc McNeely.

a. Endorsement of the Development Agreement between Nye County and The Sunshine Valley Solar Project.

*Motion by Trevor Dolby to remove Item 9G.*

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

*Motion passes 3-1 John Bosta against*

*Motion by Tom Smith to approve Item 9Fa.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Doc McNeely*

*Trevor I like #b better*

*John – We are overlooking item #G*

*Tom Smith – It is important that we support the agreement.*

*Motion passes 3-1 John Bosta against.*

Or

b. Endorsement of the Development Agreement between Nye County and the Sunshine Valley Solar Project with proposed additions and/or modifications.

*No Action taken*

**G For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation**

Review of Version 2 of Development Agreement between Nye County and Sunshine Valley Solar. Recommend changes or additions to Agreement and forward these to Nye County Planning Department to be included in Version 3 of the Agreement to be presented at BOCC meeting on December 3, 2013.

***PULLED***

**H. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Trevor Dolby.**

We should have been included as co signors on the Development Agreement for the Sunshine Valley Solar Project. But since we were excluded we want to go on record as a Town Board and state that we support First Solar and their Development of the Sunshine Valley Solar Project.

Proposed Resolution:

The Amargosa Valley Town Board supports First Solar and their Development of the Sunshine Valley Solar Project in Amargosa Valley.

***NO ACTION TAKEN***

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

***PULLED***

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

***PULLED***

- K. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Request Planning Committee to update 2009 Amargosa Valley Area Plan to include New Solar Projects and coordinate with 2011 Nye County Comprehensive Plan.

*Motion by Tom Smith per Agenda Item*

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

*John Bosta this is redundant*

*Trevor – I think this is necessary and we need help with our area plan*

*Frank Carbonne – We are going to start in January 2014 to update the area plan*

*Cheryl Beeman – I will send a letter to The Town Board and work with the town office on getting started in January*

*Motion passes 4-0*

- L. **Discussion and Deliberation – Trevor Dolby** – What sort of trees to be planted on SE perimeter of park. See Proposal from Carmen Brown and Mike Cottingim on Development of unused space in park.

*Mike is instructed to develop a budget and a plan to develop the vacant park areas.*



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- M. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Approve Purchase of Emergency Standby Generator to provide backup power to Community Center Complex.

*John Bosta – We need about a 100 to 125 KW Generator and they cost about \$25,000 to \$29,000 I think we would be better off purchasing a better , newer generator that is running than an older one. We need to look at budget and general fund balance.*

*Motion by John Bosta to table #M and come up with a specifications and a price for this generator during the next AVTB meeting.*

*2ndby Tom Smith*

*Motion passes 4-0*

10 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.

*Gene Butler – At the last LEPC meeting they were discussing using solar energy for emergency purposes. Vance Payne with Nye County EMS wanted to know what size generator we were getting.*

11 For possible Action –Adjournment

*Motion by John Bosta to adjourn*

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

*Passes 4-0*