

**AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA**

**ITEM # SUBJECT**

**September 26, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**ALL PRESENT**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY DOC MCNEELY**

Doc McNeely, Chairman  
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.**

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- 1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2 Approval of the Agenda for September 26, 2013

*Motion by John Bosta to approve subject to pulling items 6D-9D and 9E*

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

*Motion passes 5-0*

*Trevor wants 9C to be a discussion only item*

*John wants to leave it as an action item*

*Doc reviewed the agreement with the developer and Nye County, and as negotiations develop we will be involved. Some duties will come to the Town thru a Memorandum of Understanding.*

*John Bosta – lets review during the Agenda item. Keep items in order.*

*Trevor – Agrees with John*

- 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.

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*Gene Butler – Working with the Chamber of Commerce on the information signs. Gene had a sample of what signs would look like. Asked about how the non profit was coming. He is going to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting.*

*Jack Sypolt – Update on the Senior Citizens Building Project. Utilities are due the first of October. Paving by the end of October. Modifying the building. Contact Jack to volunteer. Scheduling a workshop with the Emergency Operations Center. Co Ordinating operations within the Town and with Nye County thru Vance Payne.*

- 4 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on August 22, 2013 and September 12, 2013

*Motion by Tom Smith to approve minutes*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Cohan*

*Motion passes 5-0*

*Trevor Dolby said Ann Rose complained about a pot hole in the road and sent the info to Dave Fanning and the hole was fixed.*

*Doc McNeely answered some questions about First Solar*

- 5 Fire Department Report

*Joe Cohan – Why did we lose 2 people?*

*John Bosta – Vance Payne said that Jim Medici was going to check on radiation level detectors.*

*Dan we have one detector but it is not calibrated*

6. Town Office Report

- A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on August 22 and September 12-2013

Check has been received for two new tires on Fire Truck. This is being coordinated with Nye County. They are paying for 8 new tires on rear of truck and coming to Amargosa to mount and install. Plus we are having two of the other tires purchased mounted as well.

Looking at establishing a separate account within Eden that we can deposit about \$400.00 per month into and in 7 years when tires have timed out we have resources available.

Response to First Solar questions from September 12, 2013. (See Attached)

At BOCC Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> they did approve donating two old trucks to Town of Amargosa. We now have policy in force that we can dispose of them by bid process.

Cover in the park for the playground equipment. Verified current cost at \$6,100 plus \$500.00 to \$1,000 to install. We are monitoring budget to see if we have sufficient income and

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reserves to pay for it in January 2014. The \$6,100 exceeds our budget for either operating expense or miscellaneous costs.

B. Budget Report Next month we will have the first quarter of 2013-2014 Fiscal year available

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

*Motion by John Bosta to pay as presented*

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

*Motion passes 5-0*

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

**AGENDA ITEM PULLED**

We did bill the Insurance Company for the Fire on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and received a check back for \$3,584.50. This is a policy that we are starting for commercial fires only.

Purchase

24	Imprinted Matching t-shirts	357.60
24	Imprinted Matching Caps	285.60
3	Polos to complete previous order (womens)	119.97
1	Polo to complete previous order (mens)	34.99
1	Gold Chiefs Badge	60.95
1	Nickel Captains Badge	51.95
2	Nickel Lieutenants Badge	103.90
	TOTAL	\$1,014.96
	LESS \$220.00 RECEIVED LAST MEETING	-220.00

TOTAL DUE 794.96

All Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department will have co-ordinating shirts, caps. Officers will have badges. Some of the members already have badges.

7 Committee Reports

A. Desert Rock Garden Committee

*Vern Gilliland – We want the public's input on what to do with the current project. We have an open house scheduled across the street on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. We are supplying hot dogs and it is a pot luck. There is a contest on how to name the project. Drop names off in the Town Office. We will be having a donation of plants at the right time. Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM.*

*Doc McNeely – I will donate 2 plants when ready.*

B. Tourism/Economic Development

*Doc McNeely – No meetings in the past month*

C. Cemetery

*Michele Rook – we had a meeting this evening. We are working on updating the records and a system to mark each row.*

*Vern Gilliland – Do not need vaults for cremations*

D. Planning

*No meeting*

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

*Tom Smith – I would like an agenda item at the next meeting regarding Public Safety*

*John Bosta – I would like the Town Administrator to establish a workshop to work with the Nye County Comprehensive 2011 Master Plan and coordinate our updated Area Plan to include the projected Solar Projects. Also I would like to see about transferring the Fire Department Funds to their own bank account.*

*Trevor Dolby – The Town Administrator can handle some agenda items. The job of the AVTB is to set policy. We have 6 months to recruit new AVTB Members. Tom and Joe may not run for their positions. Recruitment is necessary to involve more of the community.. John Bosta and I went to the Water Board Workshop.*

*When is daylight savings time. November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Doc McNeely – Regarding information in the newsletter about First Solar. First Solar is not selling to VEA. VEA is providing the conduit for First Solar to get their electricity to market. First Solar is looking for buyers of their electricity. The Solar Millennium site has been assumed by Pacific Solar and will use Photovoltaic Cells like the First Solar project.*

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9. General Business

- A. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Approval of balance of Bid Policy and Procedures Manual. Co Ordinates with Bid Policy and Forms approved at previous AVTB Meeting.

*Motion by John Bosta to approve as submitted.*

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

*Motion passes 5-0.*

- B. Discussion and Deliberation – Update from Jack Sypolt on status of Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board.

*Regarding the shipments of U233 scheduled for Mid 2013 . They have not started yet. We have asked to give more input to the DOE regarding these shipments.*

*Doc McNeely – Regarding radiation detection devices. Could you ask them what devices we should be using to work with vehicles and trucks that are involved in accidents?*

*Gene Butler – Pahrump has all new equipment from LEPCE.*

*Trevor Dolby – We only have 1 detector.*

- C. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Trevor Dolby. Regarding the Development Agreement between Nye County and Sunshine Valley Solar Project. The Amargosa Valley Town Board should input and be co signors to the agreement.

*Doc McNeely – I talked to Darrell Lacy and AVTB will negotiate a separate agreement regarding issues that the Town controls.*

*John – In the proposed agreement the town is excluded*

*Doc – The current agreement is in the old format*

*John – We are an elected Town Board and we are entitled to a seat at the table. We need to establish the fact that we must be involved. We must be stated in the contract along with Nye County. We also need to update our area plan. The solar project in Tonopah is a big*

*contributor to their economy. We need to take action and make sure we are a part of the agreement.*

*Doc – Please mark up and agreement as you see fir and you and I can meet with Bobby Lewis the new Nye County Planning Manager. We need the planning committee to update the Area Plan.*

*John – The committee that last set up the area plan was a town group and Jan Cameron was involved.*

*Doc – Will you bring back to us a plan of action to the next AVTB Meeting?*

*John – The law gives us the ability to make policies and ordinances.*

*Motion by John Bosta to insert AVTB next to every mention of Nye County in the current development agreement.*

*Doc McNeely – This is just a beginning document*

*Trevor Dolby – 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Motion*

*John Bosta – Motion withdrawn*

*Trevor Dolby – 2<sup>nd</sup> withdrawn*

*John – The current document we have makes no mention of Amargosa. Is this the document that Nye County is going to use as the Development Agreement?*

*Doc – No this is the agreement that Nye County was using with Solar Millennium . We were an advisory board at that time. This is a recommendation. This is a starting point not a finished document.*

*John – This Board needs to take a stand that we are a part of the negotiations and sit at the table and sign the contract.*

*Doc – Do you want to make a specific motion.*

*John – Yes*

*Motion by John Bosta – The Town Board of Amargosa Valey informs the county that we will be a member of the negotiating team and a party to the contract and not only will it be approved by the BOCC and approved by The Town of Amargosa because the current Nye County Comprehensive Plan says that land issues are exempted to the town. This agreement needs to come thru our Town first and we need to tell them what we want in the contract.*

*Doc – That is a pretty long winded motion*

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*Trevor – yes*

*John – I do not like arguing back and forth. In the motion the town informs the county that we are entitled to sit in the negotiations of the contract and we are a party to the contract and that we sign off on the contract equal to Nye County.*

*Trevor – That fits my agenda item*

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

*Doc – We have a motion on the floor is there any other discussion?*

*Joe Cohan – Darrell Lacy did say that they were going to use the old contract and go with that. I think this what they are going to go with. John is right we should put Amargosa Valley in the contract.*

*Motion passes 5-0 .*

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

***PULLED***

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

***PULLED***

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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.

*CLAUDIA CARTER – The NRS statues state that it is wrong to abandon animals but we have a lot of dogs running loose in our neighborhood and barking all night long. We went to the dumpster transfer sight today at 12:00 and there were two dogs down in the dumpsters. People have forgotten and need to be responsible for their animals.*

*Joe Cohan – You can write your own citation and take the people to court. Like a public nuisance. Barking is a noise nuisance. Also animal control can write a citation.*

*John Bosta – Animal Control was under EMS and now Nye County is thinking about privatizing animal control*

*Tom Smith – This will be in my agenda item next week.*

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11. For possible Action – Set time and date of next 3 AVTB meetings.

AVTB Meeting      Thursday October, 24 7 PM  
                                 Thursday November 21 7 PM  
                                 Thursday December 19 7 PM

*John Bosta – Motion to approve dates and times as presented*

*Trevor Dolby – 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Motion passes 5-0*

12 For possible Action –Adjournment

*Motion by Joe Cohan to adjourn*

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

*Motion passes 5-0*