

MINUTES

ALL PRESENT

Joe Cohan, Chairman
Trevor Dolby, Town Clerk
John Bosta, Member
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*
Joe introduces BOCC Commissioner Frank Carbonne and his wife Jane.
- 2 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.
Pat Minshall – When someone is terminated from their job it is upsetting. But we need to trust AVTB members and Town Administrator that they are doing the right thing for the Town.
- 3 **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation** Approval of Agenda for AVTB Meeting February 27, 2014
Motion by Trevor Dolby to approve Agenda subject to pulling 10G and 10H.
2nd by Tom Smith
Motion passes 4-0
- 4 **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation** Election of Vice Chairman to AVTB
Motion by Trevor Dolby to appoint John Bosta as AVTB Vice Chairman
2nd by Tom Smith
Motion passes 4-0

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ITEM # SUBJECT

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- 5 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on January 30, 2014.

Motion by John Bosta to approve Minutes as submitted

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

- 6 Fire Department Report

Trevor Dolby – computer is down.. There were a couple of Helicopter Landings. There were 5 new people at the business meeting. April 26th is a Fire Department Open House.

- 7 Town Office Report

- A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on January 30, 2014

Getting Community Center and Park ready for Amargosa Days

The Vacancy for the AVTB Position was posted

- B. Budget Report

Income projections for 2014-2015 have been received

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

Motion by John Bosta to pay vouchers as presented

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 4-0

- D. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Participate with other Nye County Entities in the 2017 Hoover Dam Power Allocation.

Motion by Tom Smith to participate in Hoover Dam Power Allocation till October 2016 and then review benefits

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

- E. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation regarding a part time maintenance position for the Amargosa Valley Town Park.

Motion by Trevor Dolby for Town Administrator to handle interviews and hiring of part time maintenance person for Amargosa Valley Town Park

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

F. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation regarding proposed Plan #A for cover over BBQ in Park

Motion by John Bosta to approve Plan as submitted with budget not to exceed \$1380.00

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

G. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation regarding quote for Electrical Engineering for Emergency Generator Project.

Trevor Dolby – I am working on options to this project. To provide emergency generator service to community center. We can do this project in pieces

Motion by Trevor Dolby to proceed with project

2nd by John Bosta

Motion fails 2 aye 2 nay Joe Cohan and Tom Smith

Tom Smith – we need more input we need to budget resources etc and find other funding options for the project

John – I think it is very important to look at the future. We could do this in phases. FEMA should have funding options. We need to prepare for a disaster. We need to provide for the community.

John - Could we send the usage info we have for the Hoover Dam project to VEA and have them tell us what size generator we need?

Joe – We need to look for Grants etc. Let's add this amount to next years budget.

8 Committee Reports

A. Human Resources

Joe Cohan – Nothing to report

B. Tourism/Economic Development

Tom Smith – we had a meeting on February 11th that was well attended. I would like to invite BLM to one of our meetings

C. Cemetery

No one present

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D. Planning

John – We had a meeting regarding our area plan. It was attended by representatives from Nye County Planning

E. Amargosa Desert Memorial Garden

No one present

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

John – Coming home from LV - Beatty has a large sign by the fireworks store that says they are the gateway to DV. We need to do more to promote AV

Joe – They are paying for the sign

Tom – We are aware of the sign. We are working with other agencies to more a part of tourism in this area.

Trevor – I was at Longstreet and they had a busload of tourist stop there.

John – What is the status of the lawsuit against Brian Sandoval for using Tourist money to promote Economic Development Funds were given to solar projects and I do not think that was allowed.

Trevor – There is a vacancy on the Planning Committee and the Town Board has a vacancy. The BOCC is going to make a decision soon. WE need more citizens to serve the community. Mid March is the deadline to apply for the 2 spots open on the AVTB for the general election in November.

What will be the consequences of a positive drug test for the AV employees and fire department volunteers.

Fire department is having an open house April 26th.

- 10 General Business

- A. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Request from Perez General Services to build a new and used tire shop on APN #

019-171-48 (aka 945 S. Sandy Lane). Nevada DMV is requiring an approval letter from AVTB to grant him a permit.

Joe Cohan asks Mr. Perez to explain his plan

Mr. Perez – My request for a business license requires that I get a letter from the Town of Amargosa Valley stating that it is ok to have my business At this location.

Joe – Why does the DMV need a letter

John – is there a home on that address now?

Mr. Perez – It is between Buck Bray and Gary Atkersons house

John – You have to go to the Planning Committee before you come to the AVTB

Joe – I have talked to them and they do not mind. You should go to the planning committee first.

Motion – Trevor Dolby to approve and issue a letter as submitted.

John – Commercial Buildings need Nye County Planning Department approval. The septic – Power and Water needs to be for a commercial property.

Mr. Perez – We have a lot of work to do. We were told 3 years ago we could not open up in a residential area.

Joe - Asks Frank Carbonne do we need a business license. If it is commercial they will need permits from Planning etc.

John – A building on Farm road was denied because of not enough power. DMV is involved because of the tires. Why is DMV requesting information from the town?

Mr. Perez – I am just asking for permission to open a business.

Trevor – I don't think the AVTB has the authority to approve or deny a business. I think it is OK to give him the letter.

Mr. Perez – states he needs the letter from the town okaying his business. He knows what he needs to do business

Tom Smith – Talk to Dave Hall and get his Ok then we are OK

Mr. Perez – I will do

Motion dies lack of a 2nd.

- B. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Closure of Town of Amargosa Valley Bank Account # 1450800042 at American First National Bank.

John Bosta – The charge of \$12.00 is a cost of doing business

Joe Cohan – When I was on the sheriff dept we had to submit requests in advance.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to close the account

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 4-0

- C. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Nomination of Dan Mills to the position of Assistant Fire Chief of the Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department.

Amanda Mills – I was at a meeting of AVFD when were told we needed to fill this position. We would like to remove this position and fill it later. We do not have anybody else to fill this position.

Motion by Tom Smith to leave position open for 1 year until we have more trained personnel to fill the position.

Joe Cohan – what are the qualifications for this position. Is Dan the only one qualified?

Amanda – We have one captain and one chief.

John – We removed Dan as chief and we have Amy as the Chief now. If something happened to Amy we could end up with Dan as Chief

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

D.. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Tom Smith

- A. How do we request signs on US 95, State Hwy. 373 and County roads

I reviewed the situation with the signs at our last meeting and asked how do we get more signs for the Wildlife Refuge – Dunes and local business’.

Joe Cohan – all you need to do is get the cost and bring it to us

Pat Minshall – Remember the Burma Shave type of signs we could use those or some storage vans and place signs on the side of them.

- B. Public Transportation between Amargosa Valley, Beatty and Pahrump

Tom – I would like to see transportation expanded to Beatty. What are the costs. There is a new taxi service in Pahrump.

John – Bonnie is applying to NCREDA regarding starting a cab system.

Tom – Do we have local support for this?

Richard – I reviewed with Bonnie the idea of having a central hub that people could contact about needing rides to Pahrump etc.

- C. Invite BLM to attend AVTB and Tourism and Economic Development Committee meetings

Tom – I would like to invite a representative from BLM to attend one of our meetings and answer questions we have.

- D. Invite small industries tour our area ie. Drone studies, logistics

Tom – We need to support small business’. Have a checklist for them to complete so it is easier to get started.

- E. Rural Area Development – Use and Regulations – How developing a business in our area is less costly and restrictive

Tom, we are not Pahrump – we are not growing that much. We are more rural more industries like mining and agriculture would come here.

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John – The BOCC is working with someone to bring a Medical Marijuana facility to Amargosa. Pahrump has restrictions. We need to promote our area to people in Colorado.

Ed Munton – Marijuana is still a federal crime.

John – Twice the state of Nevada has approved Marijuana for medical use.

F. Discuss applications for Federal money to promote Amargosa i.e. Big Dunes and the Wild Life Refuge

Tom – OK for us to pursue funding.

G. CERT for Amargosa in line with the Radio Club.

See letter from Gene Butler

E. Discussion and Deliberation – Gene Butler update on various organizations and activities

See letter from Gene Butler

F. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation** Approval of Plan for Corrective Action for Fiscal year 2012-2013 regarding expenditures exceeding appropriations.

Motion by John Bosta to approve as submitted

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

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

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

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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.

Pat Minshall – Mike knows what is going on in this town

Carlos Perez – I am speaking to you as a family member. Amargosa is a beautiful place. I took a French family to Pahrump and they spent money in Pahrump to repair their car when it could have stayed in Amargosa Valley. There are many things we could do. We had a chance to move to Vegas but we turned it down to stay here. What side of the game are we playing. What do we want. Mr. Cohan was a good sheriff's deputy. Nowadays it is tough to find a sheriff's deputy. Use of alcohol and drugs is bad business. Drugs are strong and hurt our area. I am making this building for all of you. I will help all of you.

12 For possible Action –Adjournment

Motion by Tom Smith to adjourn

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0