

MINUTES

Joe Cohan, Chairman
 Trevor Dolby, Town Clerk
 John Bosta, Vice Chairman
 Tom Smith, Member

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AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD

- 1 Pledge of Allegiance

LED BY JOE COHAN

- 2 Approval of the Agenda for March 27, 2014

Motion by John Bosta to approve agenda subject to pulling Items 10E and 10F

2nd by Tom Smith

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.

No public Comment

- 4 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on February 27, 2014.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to approve minutes

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

- 5 **Discussion and Deliberation** – Melanie Falls with First Solar and Sunshine Valley Solar Project to provide an update and status on Solar Project.

Melanie Falls with First Solar makes presentation on status of project

The last time we attended an AVTB meeting the Development Agreement was approved.

We are in negotiations with a power purchaser for the project

We are going to increase the output of the project to 110 Megawatts

The build out will start in q\$ of 2015 and end in q4 of 2016. This is longer than projected due to the size of the project.

Employees will be increased to 8 instead of 5

The project will generate increased sales and use taxes. And mean that more money will be spent locally. There will not be an increase in the size of the project.

We will have more panels on the same footprint.

Using the same amount of water and the same site preparation.

The daily traffic will not increase.

The development agreement does not need to be amended.

John Bosta – Can VEA handle the increased output?

Melanie – Yes they can easily handle the increased out.

First Solar is already contributing to the local economy. We have contributed to the Senior Project – Acoustic Festival – Amargosa Chamber Toy Drive – Sponsoring the 3k and 5 k runs during Amargosa Days and we are going to have a booth at Amargosa Days.

Tom Smith – would you be able to attend one of our Economic Development Committee meetings?

6 Fire Department Report

See attached report

7 Town Office Report

A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on February 27, 2013

Preparing park and community center for Amargosa Days

B. Budget Report

2014 – 2015 Budget Revenue Projections are in. Preliminary Budget Hearing is set for May 15 and Approval during AVTB on May 22

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

Motion by Trevor to approve vouchers

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 4-0

Tom we should look at adding Fingerprint checks to the HR policy

Trevor – Nye county used to do that.

D. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Channel 8 News out of Las Vegas has discontinued reporting the weather for Amargosa Valley. Send a letter to the station asking that this service be re instated.

Motion by Tom Smith to approve and send letter

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

E. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Establish date for Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. July 4th or 5th.

Trevor – Most people do not like the idea

John we should ask people in the audience which date they prefer

Motion by Tom Smith to hold Independence Day celebration on the 4th

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

John – we should finance 2 people to get approved thru Fire Marshall as permitted to do fireworks

Amy – I have been to one class and we are going to more classes thru Lantis Fireworks

Trevor – I am opposed to fire works

Jack - Why don't we put on 4 shows ourselves and get them approved

Mrs. Little – Is local AVFD permitted to hold a bonfire instead of the fireworks?

Alex – We could go to Alamo fireworks and shoot them off ourselves

Joe Cohan – Reset to next meeting

F. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Establish budget for Independence Day Fire Works

Motion by Tom Smith not to purchase fireworks till we have a date and program set for Independence Day and we are able to do the fireworks ourselves

2nd by John

Motion passes 4-0

G. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Establish budget for Arena Committee to sell Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Softdrinks at concession stand during evening of Fireworks Display. AVTB to provide funding and proceeds then go to Arena Committee for their events. Funding to include BBQ supplies and Flyer and Mailing to Beatty to invite them to our event.

Motion by John to Ok subject to review of budget

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 4-0

H. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation Approval of HR Manual updates # 2.5 thru 2.10.**

Motion by John to accept new changes

2nd by Trevor Dolby

John – How is the AVFD included in the HR Policy

Mike – at the start of the HR manual it states that AVFD members are covered under the Towns HR Policies

Joe – I think we have someone on the AVFD who was a felon but had it removed by a judge. I think we need to make that change that if they were a felon but had it removed by a judge they can be employed by the Town of be a member of the AVFD.

Trevor – I like what Pahrump had in their policy a few years ago that any employee or volunteer could be fired for any reason. We do not make a distinction between town employees and AVFD members.

Frank Carbonne – You need to amend the motion to include Joe Cohan's changes regarding removal of a felony conviction from someones criminal record.

Trevor – There is a part of this that says AVTB can still look at their criminal record and make recommendations regarding employment or serving on AVFD.

Joe Cohan – Felons are not eligible to be hired by Town of be members of AVFD unless they have a letter from Court saying they are no longer a felon.

Motion by John - Approve additions to HR Manual subject to addition of statement that if a felon has a letter from the court removing the felony then they may be employed by town of be a member of the AVFD.

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 3-1 Nay Trevor Dolby

I. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation.** Approval of Letter of Engagement to retain Daniel C. McArthur, LTD as the Town of Amargosa Valley auditor for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, ending June 30, 2014. Cost \$ 5,050.00

Motion by John to accept Daniel McArthur as auditor for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 4-0

Trevor – This guy is OK for this year but next year we should look around for a younger competitor.

John – Mr. McArthur is contracted with Nye County and a number of other entities and I think he is a good choice for being our auditor.

8 Committee Reports

A. Human Resources *Nothing to report*

B. Tourism/Economic Development *Tom Smith – we have had good meetings and the last one at Longstreet we had the new cab company from Pahrump in to talk to us about their service and see if it was feasible for them to come to Amargosa.*

Next meeting is Tuesday April 8th at Longstreet

C. Cemetery *Nothing to report*

D. Planning *John – we are working with NyeCounty Planning in updating our area plan*

E. Amargosa Valley Memorial Garden *Next meeting on April 9th at 5:15 PM*

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

Trevor – we only have 2 people applied to fill the 3 spots available.

It is hard to get people to apply.

10 General Business

- A. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Recommendation from AVTB to endorse the current applicants to fill the vacancy on the Town Board.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to recommend Bob Little to the BOCC to fill the vacancy on the AVTB

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 4-0

Joe Attendance does not make a person qualified

- B. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. John Bosta. Set a date, time and location for a public hearing on the Adoption of Business Licenses for all Amargosa Valley business’.

John – This is on the Agenda to be able to approve a Marijuana Dispensary in Amargosa Valley. According to our meeting with Nye County DA Brian Kunzi we need to have a General Business License Ordinance. Then we can adopt a special Medical marijuana ordinance. The BOCC is amending their ordinance at the next meeting.

Bobby Lewis – Nye County Planning – Medical Marijuana will be discussed for licensing on April 22nd. Dispensary’s are not to be included in Pahrump. It was decided that a number of factions did not want a dispensary in their area.

Motion by John to schedule a meeting on April 10th at 7 PM

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

Tim Jacobs – there are a lot of business’ that would fail if the Town started charging a business tax.

- C. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. John Bosta Set a date, time and location for a public hearing pertaining to the licensing and regulation of Medical Marijuana Establishments: setting forth the procedures and requirements for the issuance of Medical Marijuana Establishment Licenses; establishing the fees required for such licenses; providing for the imposition of a special business tax; setting forth the provision for renewal of such licenses; and providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating there to; and set an effective date.

Robert Lewis – there are 2 parts to the Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

1. *Licensing ordinance to include the the rest of Nye County.*
2. *The zoning ordinance only concerns Pahrump.*

Frank Carbonne – Again per your Agenda Item you are just setting a date and time for a meeting. More can be discussed later.

John – It is my understanding that the BOCC will issue conditional use permits for areas outside of Pahrump.

Motion by John to schedule a meeting on April 10th at 7 PM

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 4-0

- D. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Trevor Dolby. Authorize Monetary Incentives to motivate the new Fire Chief

1. Pay the Chief \$25.00 for every monthly business meeting she chairs
2. Pay the Chief \$25.00 for every training meeting she is present and training is conducted
3. Pay the Chief \$25.00 for every town meeting where she addresses the Board and delivers a monthly report
4. Pay the Chief \$100.00 for every Mutual Aid Agreement that is developed with adjacent districts
5. Pay the Chief \$100.00 for every applicant (non family) who attends three consecutive meetings and is voted onto the department.

Trevor – I brought this up before and now I want to present in again in a different format. I want to present each item individually.

The chief is a position of honor so is serving on the AVFD. The whole department runs on a volunteer effort. I was hoping to provide an incentive to our chief.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to pay the chief \$25.00 for every monthly business meeting she attends.

Motion fails for lack of a 2nd.

Jack Sypolt – I do not agree with position and Pay structure. There used to be a pittance that was provided when I was with the fire department. The volunteers to incur costs in serving.

Pat – Is the Chief a paid position?

Joe Cohan – No

Pat – we need to look at this as a paid position

Sharon Little – Couldn't we ask the chief to submit vouchers for reimbursement of expenses?

Pat - We would be better to provide a monthly set amount. \$200.00 per month would help cover costs.

*JW – I have learned to have a great respect for the AVFD and the Ambulance Department. They have hauled my *** to the hospital a number of times in the last few months. The Chief should receive something.*

- 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

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.

Jack Sypolt – I suggest \$100.00 per month. She has expenses

JW – I am here for Amargosa Days We need more volunteers

Pat – The senior Auction is a potluck on April 5th.

Alex Mills – Status of Mechanic Position?

Mike – Looking at other options at this time.

Trevor – would it be appropriate to consider a workshop to meet with the chief regarding this issue?

12. **For Possible Action** – Set Date and Time for following AVTB Meetings
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| April 24 th | 7 PM | Regular AVTB Meeting |
| May 15 th | 7 PM | Initial Budget Meeting |
| May 22 | 7 PM | Regular AVTB Meeting and Adopt 2014-2015 Budget |
| June 26 th | 7PM | Regular AVTB Meeting |

Motion by John to accept future dates and times
2nd by Tom Smith
Motion passes 4-0
(to include special meeting on April 10th)

- 13 For possible Action –Adjournment
- Motion by John to Adjourn*
2nd by Tom Smith
Passes 4-0