

AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA

ITEM # SUBJECT

April 24, 2014

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

ABSENT

MINUTES

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

LED BY JOE COHAN

- 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.

Joe Cohan – Comments tonite regarding the business license ordinance need to be directed to the proposed amendments to the ordinance regarding business license' and Medical Marijuana Establishments

Carmen – Movie Nite tomorrow nite in the gym. Saturday May 3rd is a work day in the park to prepare for Amargosa Days. Many new activities are scheduled for the kids in the park.

Bob Little – American Legion meeting is May 6th at 7 pm.

- 3 **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation Approval of Agenda for AVTB meeting on 4-24-2014

Motion by John Bosta to approve Agenda subject to pulling # 10A.

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Passes 3-0

Pat Minshall this item should not be pulled.

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

Motion by Trevor Dolby to approve minutes as presented

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 3-0

- 5 Fire Department Report

Chief Mills – Report not available. We did get approved to attend the Fire Show in Reno in October.

A. For Possible Action - Discussion and Deliberation. Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department to use Town Vehicle (Expedition) to attend Fire Show in Reno in October.

Motion by John Bosta to approve use of Town Vehicle for transportation to show

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 3-0

Per Chief Mills fuel is to be re imbursed.

6. Town Office Report

A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on March 27 and April 10, 2014

B. Budget Report See Attached

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

Motion by Trevor Dolby to approve Town Vouchers as submitted

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 3-0

- 7 Committee Reports

A. Tourism and Economic Development

Tom Smith is gone

B. Cemetery

Clean up day scheduled for May 3rd

D. Planning

John Bosta – No meeting has been scheduled.

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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 – We did have the amendments on the Business License Ordinance reviewed by the Nye County DA's office

Trevor – Regarding the Business License and Medical Marijuana issues. We are trying to schedule a workshop. We have had the business license ordinance in place since 1997. We are trying to compliment what Nye County is doing. We need a little more info. Only 3 AVTB members are present. We hope to have 5 at next meeting.

John – Please ask people to come to podium to speak.

Joe – Please read and understand the proposed amendment to the ordinance. Trying to get prepared for the Medical Marijuana Industry. The proposed fee for the business license is \$20.00 and only if you have a state business license. We are not going to be involved with business' that do not have a state business license.

- 10 General Business

- A. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Trevor Dolby. Compensation for Fire Chief.

PULLED

- B. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Review of July 4th Celebration.

Mike We do not have a licensed Pyro Technician available for the 4th.

Motion by John Bosta to not have a fire works show on July 4th. Maybe we could do a bonfire.

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2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 3-0

Larry Cantwell – There was a show at Alamo Fireworks. We could talk to them and maybe use their facility.

Amy Mills – They have a state Pyro license but it is only good at their facility.

Tony Guerra – Can licensed mining technicians do this?

Sherry Donegan – Can we just go to Lathrop Wells and watch their show?

Trevor – Alamo has no interest in coming here and putting on a show

Amy – We could buy Fireworks from Alamo and set them off there.

C. **For Discussion Only** – Jack Sypolt – Cert Training and participation from Amargosa Valley.

Trevor – I attended the Cert Training

Jack Sypolt – Cert stands for Civil Emergency Response Training. In event of a disaster regular first responders cannot deal with all accidents. He lists all of the training that is included in the course. We want to schedule one here in Amargosa Valley for our citizens.

Bonnie Groenert – Info will be in the newsletter.

D. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Proposed Business License Ordinance for Amargosa Valley. See attached documentation and suggestions provided.

Richard Classen – I have been here 14 years. I have a signed petition regarding taxation of business' It looks like this will cover about 80% of the people.

Joe Cohan – This one is only for people that have a state of Nevada business license.

Richard – Does this cover all business? Majority of people do not want a marijuana business in Amargosa Valley. Please move slowly when discussing extra taxes.

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John – A Medical Marijuana Establishment needs to get local ok before state will give a license. The medical marijuana industry was added to the transient room tax ordinance. We are amending an ordinance that is already in place. We are trying to explain this to people.

Richard – It looks like this is more open and marijuana brings undesirable people to our area.

Joe Cohan – We have more drugs coming in

Tracie Demille – medical Marijuana has been in California for a while and did not work. We need to separate between a business license and the Medical Marijuana issue. Indian Casinos allowed the government to come in and increase taxes. We have what we need to exist. We may lose what we have. I am trying to get away from extra fees.

Richard - I left California to get away from Regulations. AVTB is here to protect us from more regulations.

Wayne Brotherton – This looks like an election in North Korea. The taxes start low but then go up. Clark County now charges 15% sales tax on new vehicles. Obama Care is not lowering taxes.

Theresa Jacobs – 8 pages of info was removed. \$20.00 is not a big deal. This has been a rough year. \$20.00 is not a big deal. If you have a back yard business you are not affected. Medical Marijuana does help some people. We need revenue.

Bonnie – This town can remain poor. We cannot keep the post office open.

Tony Guerra – We need more business'

JW Cunningham – We have had problems here for 15 years. Not for or against Medical Marijuana. Need more facts. Do we need the revenue? Marijuana is still a federal offense.

Tootsie Cohan – We need jobs for my kids. \$20.00 is not a big deal marijuana is coming whether we need it or not.

Dave Hall – We need funding for the senior citizens center. Nye County spends 85% of their revenue on HR costs. We need to be involved so Nye County does not take our revenue.

Larry Cantwell – I have developed a lot of communities and growth has been a cancer. If we have low taxes and space we do not need growth. There are a lot of people who do not want the Marijuana Establishments here. We do not need it here.

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Theresa Jacobs – A lot of people have met in groups and I support growth. Do not include me and my husband in your group.

Trevor – We continue to hear from citizens

Skip – Where was the support when the grease pit was opened up. We do not have the ability to stop anybody. Is the \$20.00 really that big a deal.

Mike Simpson – In the valley since 1988. I think more regulations will come with this. Violations – 6 months in jail or \$1,000.00 fine. We can always rescind or remove it. We need to remove the penalties.

Joe Cohan – To repeat we are only having a license for those business' that have a State of Nevada Business License.

John Bosta – We will not enforce the penalties. If you have a state license then u need a town license. We are simply amending the current transient room tax ordinance.

Claudia Bowker – AVTB has the cart before the horse. Info that was sent out was a waste of time. An Ordinance is not required at this time. We do not need to be concerned yet. Nye County pay change the rules.

Jim Thomas – We are setting up controls in the event Medical Marijuana comes into Amargosa Valley. It is a gateway drug. I am against Marijuana. I believe Recreational Marijuana will be approved. The Medical Dispensary should be in Pahrump. AVTB can ban this type of business if it wants.

Richard Classen – This is our biggest turn out. Move Slowly on this issue.

Joe Cohan – we are trying to get the word out to everybody.

1. Schedule a time and place for a workshop regarding a Business License ordinance in Amargosa Valley.

Motion by John Bosta – Schedule a workshop for May 7th at 7 PM

2nd by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 3-0

2. Formation of a committee to study the proposed ordinance and requirements and bring suggestions to the AVTB.

Dies for lack of a motion

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- E. **For Possible Action** – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030 to consider character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or the physical or mental health of Amargosa Valley Fire Department member Alex Mills. .
- F. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.030 to consider character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or the physical or mental health of Amargosa Valley Fire Department member Alex Mills.
- G. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation regarding recommendations to Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department Chief for administrative action against Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department member Alex Mills which may include termination, suspension, reprimand, retention or no action.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to recommend that the Fire Chief suspend AVFD member Alex Mills till the paperwork is complete on his record and a decision is made on the open case file.

2nd by John Bosta

Passes 3-0

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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.

Skip - I want to thank the road department for Fixing Saddleback

Jack Sypolt – I attended the LEPC meeting with Amy and Trevor. We got \$7,000 for the town.

Bob Little – I have a copy of the NRS' and we are having a meeting at Martell's market at 5:00 PM tomorrow . If we do not have the dispensary we do not want the rest of the marijuana establishments.

Richard - Theft is a blight on our area. We should have neighborhood watch.

Tootsie Cohan – Meetings need to be scheduled during regular town meetings.

12 For possible Action –Adjournment

Motion by John to adjourn

2nd by Trevor

Motion passes 3-0