

AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA

ITEM # SUBJECT

January 28, 2016

MINUTES

Joe Cohan, Chairman
Trevor Dolby, Member
John Bosta, Vice Chairman
Bob Little, Member
Ken Pitarre, Town Clerk

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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1 Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Joe Cohan

2 Approval of the Agenda for January 28, 2016

Motion by Ken Pitarre to approve

2nd by Bob Little

Motion passes 5 – 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.

Dave Hall – I am running for District 2 representative for VEA

Scott Maddox – I am running for State Assembly. Believer in Less Government

4. Fire Department Report

Trevor Dolby Fire Chief

Statistics

8 runs

4 landing zones

We had a run this morning

Business meeting on Jan 7

4 members attended

6 visitors

Informal training

Reviewed apparatus

Average 3 attendees at each run

24 visits to face book page

5. Town Office Report

A. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation Fiscal Year 2015
Audit by Dan McArthur CPA

Dan McArthur CPA

Town is in good shape financially. Revenue exceeds expenditures.

The town has over 1 years worth of expenses in cash reserves

Trevor – Is it appropriate for us to gloat over this.

How often do you see this in a small town?

Dan – Not very often quite a few small towns struggle financially

Motion by John to accept Audit

2nd by Ken

Motion passes 5 – 0

B. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation Vouchers

Motion by John to pay vouchers

2nd by Bob

Claudia Bowker questions expenses on fire trucks and why the town pays sales tax on some items.

Mike – The Fire Trucks require specialized products for cleaning and maintenance. Some time sit is too big a problem to get companies to fill out forms etc to keep from paying sales tax.

Motion passes 5 – 0

C. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Set Hourly wage for Park/Community Center and Cemetery Maintenance position at \$15.00 per hour. Pay rate to take affect with pay period beginning Feb 22, 2016.

Motion by Ken

2nd by Trevor

Motion passes 5 – 0

6. **Discussion and Deliberation.** Presentation by First Solar regarding updates on Sunshine Valley Solar Project.

Melanie Falls with First Solar reviews the press release and states that Sunshine Valley Solar Project has received a power purchase agreement with Southern California Edison and that construction should start in the fourth quarter of 2018 and be operational in 2020. 310 constructions jobs are estimated and 8 permanent ones. They look forward to being a good neighbor.

7.

A. **For Possible Action** – Discussion and Deliberation. Nye County Emergency Management – Pahrump Valley Fire – Beatty Fire Department. Operations and Procedures for Amargosa Valley Fire Department.

Joe Cohan – Remember comments limited to 3 minutes

Vance Payne – Manager Nye County Emergency Management Services.

Ken – What is status of training for the AVFD for training on safety and equipment?

Vance – Amargosa Valley does not answer to my department

I am responsible for tracking risk assessment for the Nye County Board of Commissioners. My staff has noticed some safety issues at numerous call outs in Amargosa Valley

The Standards that we are looking for are dictated by the National Fire Protection Association. They are designed to protect the safety of Fire Fighters and Equipment and every fire department is supposed to uphold those standards

Nye County Board of Commissioners is ultimately responsible for the risk of any department in Nye County. It is my job to keep them apprised of what is going on with Emergency Services in Nye County.

Regarding the letter that I sent you if there is no attempt at compliance with NFPA Standards by the end of the month they make take action to re claim the equipment. I am responsible for 24 people at Station 51

Please make your department safer or refuse mutual aid.

The main issues are

Liability

Safety

John – Nye County does not have a fire department ordinance. They have no authority to operate a Fire Department in Nye County. These issues need to be addressed. I would like to know which standards were violated.

Vance – Violations were for safety reasons of fire fighters and equipment

How can Nye County help Amargosa Valley Fire Department?

John – We have a fire department ordinance – and have tried to co ordinate with all county units – I am alarmed that we may lose mutual aid

Joe – Vance is here to try and help us

Ken – What is the short cure?

Vance – Have your firefighters wear their protective gear and improve their adherence to NFPA standards

Joe – Vance is here to help us with a safety program

Vance – You need a training plan that adheres to NFPA standards and follows guidelines set by the State Fire Marshall. The State Fire Marshall has reached out to Amargosa Valley You might look at getting a new person to handle the training.

Nita Fuller – Could Nye County EMS help with training?

Vance – Volunteerism is slowing down across the county so staffing a volunteer fire department is tough to do. Matt Clayton is our training manager. All the volunteers in Gabbs are over 65 we have had to adjust the program and equipment to fit what they have.

Nita – How many people do you need in a class?

Vance – The classes can be scheduled over 5 – 6 months and some can be taken online.

Tom Smith – I am a homeowner here and live 10 miles from the fire station. Many homes are 20 to 30 miles away and go up in 15 minutes. Beatty is only a one mile radius. We have a long response time to cover over 400 sq miles. Our training needs to fit the area.

Vance – NFPA Standards cannot be adjusted for the location. A rural area has the same standards as a small town.

Claudia Bowker – My family has a history in fire fighting. What % of our fire fighters are adequately trained?

Trevor – We are always short of quality fire fighters

Claudia – Would Nye County consider an outpost of firefighters in Amargosa Valley?

Vance – That was done years ago. The county’s financial situation does not allow us to do that now. That problem is not specific to us. We have had to close fire departments up north.

Trevor – It has been done. In 2009 we had 20+ people show up at meetings. In 2008 we had a firefighter 1 training class that lasted 8 months.

Claudia – It may be necessary to pay for fire department personnel

Joe – We need to establish a firefighter safety training program

Vance – Can I contact the State Fire Marshall for you?

Bob Little – We need to get the training manuals and get a program started

Gloria Anjelino – The letter states you need a response by January 31st.

Vance – I will be reporting to the BOCC on any progress we have made.

B. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Pat Minshall.

Paid Fire Chief position for Amargosa Valley. Formation of Committee to set criteria.

Pat Minshall – The actions of Nye County and the Town have gotten us into this mess.

We should bring in a neutral outside person as fire chief and it should be a paid position.

Put advertising out in trade magazines and web sites.

Trevor is not doing his job

We cannot get grants because of niffer reports not being up to date

This needs to be a paid position in order to get everything done and do training

*Motion by Ken Pitarre to agree with Pats comments and form a Committee
2nd by Bob*

Motion passes 3 yes 2 no Trevor John vote no

8 For Possible Action - Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or

Topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas).

John – The action we took is in violation of our Fire Ordinance and we may need to amend the ordinance

Trevor We may see agenda item 7A again next month. March is the deadline to get applications in the clerks office for AVTB vacancies

We need 3 names

Bob – On the February agenda we will have a presentation on re building the kitchen with a budget and plans.

9. General Business

A. **For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation
Presentation by ABC Recycling regarding Application for Class III
Landfill at ABC Bill Site on Diaz Road.**

a. Address outstanding conditions on checklist from Nye County
Planning dated August 8

Jim Smyth – We need to bring the engineer back we have not completed the hydrology study

Joe Cohan – All of the questions from the Nye County request have not been answered

George Tucker – I live close to the waste site. How many of the 9 questions have been completed

Jim Smyth – Item 7 is to be delivered soon.#4 when done.

The engineer will have completed them within 30 days

George – You say it is to be a recycling facility

Robert Ford – Rubber tires are to be included

George – Then you are storing rubber tires?

Tootsie Cohan – If we let one waste facility in here then how many more are coming. We do not want this

Motion by Ken Pitarre to deny application

2nd by John Bosta

Motion to deny passes 5 – 0

Claudia Bowker – You have toxic ponds above your water table. If they spring a leak into your landfill that could be a problem. I do not have a preference. I grew up by Love Canal in New York and they had cases of childhood Leukemia.

b. Status of Trespass case w BLM/US Department of Interior decided 9-23-2015

Court upheld the \$24,000 fine and \$3.8 million in penalties

c. Current Status of Property and work being done there

There is an active mine reclamation permit on the site

d. Copy of Permit for current Green Waste Processing Facility mentioned in Section 1.0 Location Criteria of Landfill Application.

Greenwaste recycling is included in the mine reclamation permit.

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

Pulled

C. 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.

Allin Lynn Nye County Deputy introduces Cedric Sweet new Nye County Deputy covering Amargosa Valley and Beatty

11. For possible Action –Adjournment

Motion by John to Adjourn

2nd by Bob

Motion passes 5 – 0

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF NEVADA

COUNTY OF NYE

The undersigned, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That he/she is over the age of 21 years; that he/she posted or caused same to be posted, at the places below mentioned, the Agenda for the Amargosa Valley Town Board's Meeting for January 23, 2014, not later than 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2014. The undersigned further deposes and says: That on or before January 20, 2014, he/she delivered or caused to be delivered, the notice of the Agenda to the above meeting to the Amargosa Valley office of the United States Postal Service not later than 9:00 a.m.

Subscribed and sworn before me
This *day of January* , 2014.

NOTARY PUBLIC

POSTED:

Amargosa Community Center 821 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley NV
Amargosa Library 829 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
Amargosa Clinic, 845 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
American First National Bank, 1600 S. Highway 373, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
U.S. Post Office 750 E. Sage Avenue, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
Amargosa Senior Center, 443 E. Desert Seniors Lane, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020