



## AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

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By: Rebecca Lucas  
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### AGENDA

Amargosa Community Center  
1640 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020  
Thursday January 26, 2023 @ 2:30 PM

Carolyn Allen, Chairman  
Scott Harris, Vice Chairman  
Mike Cottingim, Town Clerk  
Sara Rivers, Member  
Brenda Dymond, Member

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**Second:** Carolyn Allen  
**Vote:** 5-0 pass

- 6. **For Possible Action** – Set date and time for Public Solar Meeting for February 23, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Community Center, to discuss Public Opinion on two topics. Endorse Nye County Policy of No Large-Scale Solar Projects on Federal land in Nye County, or Amargosa Valley Town Board responsible for negotiating on behalf of Amargosa Valley with the Federal Agencies involved in Solar Projects in Town of Amargosa Valley Township.

**Motion:** Sara Rivers motions to approve date and time presented.

**Second:** Brenda Dymond

**Mike Cottingim:** I would like to amend so that we leave a time open so that when we discuss policy and we are not limited to yes or no answers or only 1 or 2 options. We allow for public input and comment.

**Sara Rivers:** Amends her motion to now allow an open discussion to explore new options brought forward by the community.

**Trevor Dolby:** What happened with the meeting from last week? I took notes. Was this a meeting or not?

**Carolyn Allen:** It was not an official meeting. It was not agendized.

**Vote:** 5-0 pass

- 7. **For Possible Action**- - Discussion and deliberations- Approve, Deny, Adopt, or Amend Amargosa Valley Town Board to request Nye County Finance to issue a Credit Card to Amargosa Valley with care, custody and control to be the Chairman of the Board (Carolyn Allen). Credit limit of \$7,500.00. Town Board guarantees the credit card account will be processed on a timely basis, and all charges will be properly documented and paid each month.

**Mike Cottingim:** We had a town Credit Card for years and managed it just fine. It somehow got taken away and then given back without board approval then we ended up a year behind on payment. Now that we have brought ourselves current and somewhat financially stable, I am requesting that we ask the county to reinstate it to the Town. What is used for is when a business isn't a vendor, we can use the Town Credit Card to pay the bill. It gets ran as a different system. The credit card is its own vendor and I would like to see a separate voucher list for it.

**Motion:** Mike Cottingim motions to approve agenda item as presented

**Second:** Sara Rivers

**Trevor Dolby:** Another common use for the Credit Card was payment on the mailouts for the newsletter.

**Rebecca Lucas:** From the point of view of the office this is a good idea because for the longest time when we had Amazon shut off we were relying on people to pay for things out of their own pocket and that's just not the proper way to run a town.

**Vote:** 5-0 pass

- 8. **For Possible Action**- Discussion and deliberations- Approve, Deny, Adopt, or Amend - Ask Nye County Road Crew to place a 20mph Speed Limit Sign on N. Sandy Lane to slow down traffic due to harmful dust hazards to residents.

**Carolyn Allen:** This was brought to my attention by Sherry Ottenger, she lives on North Sandy Lane. This is a hazard in general but also poses a Health Hazard to some like Sherry who has

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and other personnel matters.

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13. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting.

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14. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (up to 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 (FIRST). PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR LAST NAME

**No comment**

15. **Board Members Comments** (This item is limited to announcements or topic proposed for future workshops/agendas)

**Mike Cottingim:** I had a question about how the value of our investments went down \$45,000. Usually when the value of an item goes down that's a balance sheet entry. I sent the question the Mr. McArthur and he responded but I still don't understand. Carolyn and I met with the DA yesterday about the Marijuana Money and we are taking care of that. The DA will send a demand letter and we will move forward.

**Rebecca Lucas:** Regarding the loss of value in your assets. Dan explained this to me a little more. He stated he has to put the loss of value in to audit but that number holds no real value. If we were to sell that item today, we will be able to make back every penny we spent on it. The full explanation on it is hard to follow but to sum it up it is something that has to be put in there but doesn't negatively impact the value of the object or our financials in anyway.

**CarolynAllen :** I would like to know if we budgeted \$10,000 to an ambulance service we no longer have?

**Rebecca Lucas:** I was not aware of that but I will ask Dan about it in my meeting with him tomorrow.

**Brenda Dymond:** I would like to send a letter to the Water District Director to see if we have enough water available to support all those solar projects they plan to put up.

16. **For Possible Action-** Set date and time for February 23, 2023 Board Meeting at 7pm.

**Motion:** Mike Cottingim motions to approve and see if we can stet dates from March till end of the year.

**Second:** Scott Harris

**Vote:** 5-0 pass

17. **Adjourn**