



AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

By: Rebecca Lucas 3/6/2024

**Amargosa Community Center
1640 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
Thursday February 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

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

NOTE: All items are approximate except for items on the agenda at a specific time. Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda. The items may be combined. The items may be removed. The discussion of an item may be delayed. **NOTICE: It is anticipated that the items of business before the Town Board February 22, 2024 will be fully completed on that date. However, should item(s) not be completed, it is item(s) could be carried over and be heard before the Town Board beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the next day.**

Public Comment during the Town Board Meeting on **February 22, 2024**, will be for all matters, off the agenda, and heard during individual action items. The Town Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Town Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Town Board, or if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Town Board meeting.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Town Board Meeting has been posted at the following locations. Amargosa Community Center 1640 E. Farm Road, ~ Amargosa Library 1660 E. Farm Road, ~ Amargosa Clinic 1690 E. Farm Road, ~ American First National Bank, 1600 S. Highway 373, ~ U.S. Post Office 750 E. Sage Avenue, ~ Amargosa Senior Center, 880 E. Desert Seniors Lane, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020. Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Town Board is available to members of the public upon request, contact Rebecca Lucas @ (775) 372-5459 or Town@townofAmargosa.com Amargosa Valley Town Office, 1640 E. Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020,

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Special Note: Any member of the public who is disabled and requires accommodation or assistance at this

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meeting is requested to notify the Amargosa Valley Town Office @ (775) 372-5459 prior to the meeting. You can also watch us live streaming thru YouTube on our own Amargosa Valley Town Office Channel

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1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of the Agenda for February 22, 2024** (Non-action item)
3. **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 public comment

4. **TIMED PRESENTATION:** 7:15 Gridliance to present information regarding their new Electrical Transmission Line through Nye County and Township of Amargosa Valley. Size, Location, Capacity and Benefits.

See presentation material

5. **TIMED PRESENTATION:** 7:45 Paul Carr of Family Center of NV to present his business plan for a Family Therapy office in Amargosa Valley.

Pulled

6. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Amargosa Planning Committee to recommend endorsement of Gridliance’s plan for New Electrical Transmission thru Amargosa Valley.

Joe Labassorie: We approved of the endorsement. We recommended to put all powerlines on one side.

Motion: Carolyn Allen

Second: Mike Cottinigm

Vote: 4-0 Pass

7. Motion by AVTB to approve, amend or deny Gridliance’s plan for a new Electrical Transmission line through Nye County and Town of Amargosa Valley as presented.

Motion: Mike Cottingim motion to approve and endorse.

Second: Brenda Dymond

Vote: 4-0 Pass

Pat Minshall: Looks like it will be a few years before its finished. I want to see if they can provide information to our high school kids on how to get those higher paying jobs.

Rebecca Lucas: Is there any way we can get help with funding for sports programs to Amargosa. Any bit helps and the kids don’t have a whole lot to do. My husband and I are trying to bring Jr High and HS rodeo teams to the valley but the arena needs too much work right now.

Michael Simpson: IS there any information of how much extra traffic we will have on the roads

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or housing for workers?

Carolyn Allen: We are looking in to it but can not say at thi8s time.

Scott Whittemore: Training we have reached out to Great Basin College to provide training. We will come to the job fair next year. Sports programs what we can do is in terms of where the board wants us to spend money this is a great area to look at. The housing ang traffic is a big part of the BLM process. We are a little early on the Beatty Project. Traffic impact will be minimal due to the lines being adjacent to the existing lines.

8. Reports

- A. **Town Office Report (Vouchers, Employment, Email) Approval of Vouchers Presented by Deputy Town Clerk.**

Rebecca Lucas: All are pretty regular, just a few more of the water testing samples that regular. Total bills: \$24,616.24

Motion: Mike Cottingim

Second: Brenda Dymond

Vote: 4-0 pass

- B. **Fire Department Report (Monthly Report and other concerns regarding Town Office)**

Bruce Jensen: Training working on auto extraction and pre plan for business. Work done on command 42. More stuff to auction off if board approves.

- C. **Planning Committee (Past or Future Meetings and topics)**

Joe Labassorie: March 2nd canvas for open grow. Planning committee meeting is now on March 19th.

- F. **Tourism and Economic Committee (past events, future events)**

Rebeca Lucas: We are looking for vendors and car show applications for Amargosa Days. Amargosa Days is the 26th and 27th of April.

- G. **Senior Center Report (Monthly Report and/or other concerns)**

Dave Hall: 2 commodities in February. 3 square is trying to get rid of an abundance of food. If we can find volunteers we can do 2 commodities a month. 250 families we distributed to in feb. If there is a need to anybody during the month come see us and we can help.

- 9. Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.

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- 10. For Possible Action – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with the AVTB’s management representatives regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

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

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12. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation to acknowledge the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Attorney General in the Opinion of the Attorney General File No. 13897-452 whereby the Open Meeting Law was violated by failing to record its May 30, 2022 meeting pursuant to NRS 241.035(4).

Motion: Mike Cottingim

Second: Carolyn Allen

Vote:4-0 Pass

Mike Cottingim: One of our budget meetings the last year to year and a half we have our act together and it is going well.

13. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation to approve, amend or deny Agenda Item submitted to Nye County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 19, 2024 to acquire Property Tax Defaulted Properties as presented in Back UP.

Motion: Sara Rivers

Second: Mike Cottingim

Vote:4-0 Pass

Joe Labassorie: I really would not want us as a group want to vote to take their property.

Mike Cottingim: It is already in their name.

Joe Labassorie: Nye County would have to pay the people who own the property would be entitled to the money over the bid.

Carolyn Allen: It is already in the county trust and it has already gone past that point.

Bruce Jensen: Can we procure water suppression sources on these properties?

Mike Cottingim: We are open to it. It is still early in the process but we are open to the idea.

Brenda Dymond: I am only concerned of the property on Spears. It has a lot of junk cars and needs a lot of cleaning up.

14. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Motion to approve, amend or deny Minutes from AVTB meeting January 25th and Public Hearing Meeting on February 1st.

Motion: Mike Cottingim

Second: Sara Rivers

Vote: 4-0 Pass

15. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Motion to approve, amend or deny Mr. Bostas requests as stated in letter at last AVTB meeting. AVTB does not have the expertise to answer these requests properly and recommends Mr. Bosta contact the Nevada Attorney General as a private citizen

Motion: Carolyn Allen

Second: Mike Cottingim

Vote: 4-0 Pass

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16. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Motion to approve, amend or deny request from AV Fire Chief to hold silent auction for equipment listed in Back up

1. Chevrolet 350 engine block
2. Solven Tank
3. Husquarvana Chain Saw.

Motion: Mike Cottingim

Second: Brenda Dymond

Vote: 4-0 Pass

Mike Cottingim: We have 3 clip boards in the office for you to place your bid. We will open the bids on Mrach 13th at 12pm.

17. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Motion to approve, amend or deny the budget of 16,561.34 as presented for Amargosa days.

Motion: Carolyn Allen

Second Mike Cottingim

Vote:4-0 pass

Rebecca Lucas: We have a rough estimate of things to pay for like a live band, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, porta potties, an extra dumpster, some funds for an arena event, fireworks, and gun raffle, shirts to sell.

Mike Cottingim: we purchased some more canopies and we also have some projected sponsorships to help off set the costs.

Sara Rivers: For the gun raffle no AR's

Rebecca Lucas: We are going old school and no more AR's.

18. **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

Rebecca Lucas: 6 Star Horse Training is putting on an arena event this Saturday for an event at our local arena.

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

Sara Rivers: Thank you to everyone about their concerns since my mom passed.

Mike Cottingim: Carolyn and I are working on a number of things to help us with theses solar projects and they are in your favor.

Brenda Dymond: I was wondering if we can have a capital projects workshop?

Carolyn Allen: We need to set a date at next board meeting.

20. **Adjourn**