

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Nicole Silberschlag, Chair
Sara Sweeney, Vice Chair
Chris Philips, Member
Janet Jorgensen, Member

Members Absent: Vicky Richardson, Clerk

Also Present: James E. Swigart, Town Manager
Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Allen Stumpf, Volunteer Fire Chief

Citizens Present: Sarah Madsen
Bruce Jabbour

Trevor Madsen
Brandon Simcox

Shelby Stumpf



1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Nicole Silberschlag called the meeting order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Silberschlag – Chair, Sara Sweeney – Vice Chair, Chris Philips – Member and Janet Jorgensen – Member were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Volunteer Fire Chief Allen Stumpf gave an update on the fire department. He stated that in 2023 there were 43 calls. Currently there have been 2 calls for 2024. He stated there are some vehicles out of service. Fireworks will be disposed of on Saturday. Currently there are 12 adults, six juniors that are active and three on non-active status. The department is currently recruiting and holding classes. Stumpf introduced Hagen Madsen who notified his father of a small fire at their home in January. He was presented with an honorary junior firefighter status.

4. Approval of the March 5, 2024 agenda

Heidi Bunch asked that item #5 be removed as it has the wrong date on the agenda. Sweeney motioned to approve the March 5, 2024 agenda with the changes suggested. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes

Item was removed.

6. Approval of the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes

Sweeney motioned to approve the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes as approved. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding the conduct of Vicky Richardson, Round Mountain Town Board Clerk and possible removal of her appointment to the Board

Swigart presented Vicky Richardson's letter of resignation to the Board chairman and asked that it be accepted into record. Sweeney stated that Richardson's conduct was unbecoming and wants to vote her off and not accept the letter of resignation. Jorgensen stated she agrees and wants to follow suit. Commissioner Bruce Jabbour stated that the letter from Richardson is just backup. Sweeney motioned to accept Richardson's letter into record. Philips seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Silberschlag read the following resignation from Richardson into record. "It has become clear that being in small town politics is not for me. I have made it my mission to understand and educate myself about all things concerning being a member of the board. I have never hesitated to ask questions or voice my opinions, even when it went against majority. I am not a "yes man" nor will I be. I pride myself on being prepared before meetings, not during. For example, out of 5 people, I was the only one to have 2 employee reviews ready, despite all of us having 6 days to prepare. Having a different opinion, not liking someone, and being transparent is not unethical or illegal. I have had multiple conversations with Bruce Jabbour and Brian Kunzi asking for guidance regarding open meeting laws and county policies over the last 8 months. For the last 5 months I have questioned both about legalities of decisions being made, both men, who are very experienced in such, agreed that yes things were being done wrong. To this day, neither have provided support or follow through with my concerns. Please understand that on the board or off the board, I will continue to voice my opinions and concerns. Effective immediately, I gladly resign from my position as Clerk of the RMTB. I look forward to attending future meetings as a member of the public. Respectfully, Vicky Richardson". Swigart read his letter into record, "I have always believed in treating everyone with respect, listen to their point of view and try to find common ground. "Getting along with others" is one of my five values I hold dear to my heart. I also would say constructive communication is critical to the success of an individual or group. I requested a meeting with TRM board members Vicky Richardson and Nicole Silberschlag to work out any differences in hopes to move forward to determine what is best for them, the board and the town, Vicky Richardson refused. Bruce Jabbour, Nye County commissioner representing the North, being very aware of the situation also requested a meeting with Vicky, Nicole and myself, Vicky refused this too. It is my conclusion that if the other individual refuses to speak how can concerns, issues be addressed or anything solved? Avoidance is never a solution to conflict resolution. I trust the board will do what is best for the community, I will support their decision." Jabbour stated at the last meeting he attended on speaking with Chairman Silberschlag on the removal of the town manager and with being the chair, by default, she took on that responsibility. The Board member in question, questioned this. The District Attorney stated the Town needs a town manager. Jabbour advised the chair to get the town back on track with interviewing, etc. Jabbour explained he told Silberschlag not to hover over employees. Jabbour stated that Richardson questioned an Open Meeting Law violation at a going away party. He saw the email where Richardson declined to sit with Swigart. I was refused for the record, Jabbour explained. Richardson asked Jabbour if she was entitled to FMLA. He discussed excused absences by going through the chair. Richardson then asked Jabbour if she should resign. He told her that she could jump back into the pool in the future and discussed the process. Jabbour stated this was before Richardson gave her resignation letter. Jabbour refrained from the character part and stated that the letters be put in as backup of the agenda item as it is public record. Philips would like it know that the Board are all fair and cordial and not opposed to fair opposition. This Board has never expressed negative feelings towards public and would like to keep the positive ball rolling. Silberschlag stated it is okay to disagree and to stand behind a decision. Sweeney stated the Board appreciated the different view point. Silberschlag stated that Richardson brough drive and life to the Board but [the Board] can not sit here and accept the resignation for harassment, bullying. Time to stand up and say this isn't right and we won't sweep this under the rug. Silberschlag wants Richardson removed from her appointment. Jorgensen motioned that due to the conduct of Vicky Richardson that she is removed from her appointment to the Board. Sweeney seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to set next budget workshop date for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Board chose to do the next budget workshop on Monday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Philips motioned such. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 4-0.

9. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to set date for workshop for Town of Round Mountain ordinances and Declaration of Reservations

James Swigart discussed the Declaration of Reservations and the history of them. He explained ordinances, public nuisance issues. Philips explained that the Town of Round Mountain is running under a charter. Silberschlag asked if this could be done during the normal Board meetings. Jorgensen suggested that Philips work on it and then come back to the Board as a whole. Philips explained that the county collects the fees and the Town doesn't get any due to the charter. Jorgensen suggested that the Board figure out what steps needs to be taken. Sweeney motioned to table the item until after the budget workshops are complete and the appropriate steps are figured out. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

10. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for February 27, 2024

Sweeney motioned to approve the invoices for February 27, 2024 as presented. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 4-0.

11. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for March 5, 2024 meeting

Philips motioned to approve the invoices for March 5, 2024 as presented. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

12. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

H. Bunch read the following correspondence:

1. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Budget Workshop Agenda for 2/23/24, rec'd 2/20/24

Swigart stated that interviews for the recreation director position had been held. Two employees at the Nevada Rural Water conference this week. The sign at the Simpson Center will be set next week. Round Mountain Gold Corporation donated a plate and bolts. Swigart working on scoreboard quotes. The ballfield will have blue huts taken down there. Team working with Jamie Rotter. The old brush truck will be turned into a sprayer. Silberschlag asked about tball field dugouts. Swigart attended a commissioner meeting. Discussion of the snow plow policy. Will drop it down to three inches and at the call of the town manager and maintenance supervisor. Swigart spoken with Commissioner Carbonne, Joanie Easley and Tom Bolling regarding the roads today. They defined the areas in Hadley and Old Town Round Mountain. There are two lights out at the Mormon Church and it was stated that these were the Town's responsibility due to the fuel tax. The County filled 26 potholes. Sweeney asked about the asphalt circles around town. Philips concerned about people doing brodies on streets. Would like notice put in paper and have people call the sheriff's office with complaints.

13. General Public Comment (SECOND)

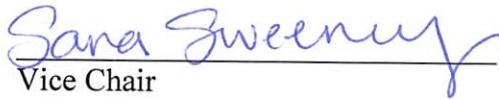
Bunch explained that individuals have asked about campers at the parks. Swigart explained that the arena panels are in. Swigart thanked Jabbour and his support. In the commissioner meeting today, some are offended by others who have to travel to the North and that Commissioner Cox is termed out. Sweeney will be attending the Republican Party venue. Silberschlag explained that the [we] are heading in a new direction with the ballfields, arcade, giving opportunities to kids in the community. As a Board, they need to continue to stand behind Swigart and have people talk to him. The Board shouldn't have to come to Board with grievances. They should go to Swigart. If they had already contacted him, then come to the Board. Swigart thanked Silberschlag. He can't fix it if he doesn't know there is a problem.

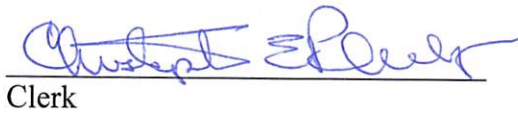
14. Adjourn meeting

Sweeney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 26 OF March, 2024.


Chair


Vice Chair


Clerk


Member

Vacant
Member