

ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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Also Present: Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Dennis Bunch, Maintenance Supervisor
Sherman Richardson, Maintenance Worker
Maci Curiel, Administrative Aide
Lacie Baker, Maintenance Worker

Citizens Present:	Allen Stumpf	Shelby Abbott	Pam Franks
	Rachel Ray	James Swigart	Deena Paulick
	Brant Paulick	Sam Faga	C. Larrabee

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, Vicky Richardson – Clerk, Chris Philips – Member and Janet Jorgensen – Member were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Sam Faga introduced Rachel Ray to the Board as the new community relations and corporate responsibility contact.

4. Approval of the August 8, 2023 agenda

Sweeney motioned to approve the August 8, 2023 agenda as presented. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 5-0.

5. Approval of the July 21, 2023 special meeting minutes

Jorgensen motioned to approve the July 21, 2023 special meeting minutes. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

6. Smoky Valley Ambulance is requesting help in sponsoring three of our EMT's in a instructor class

Sweeney motioned to table this item. Philips seconded; motion passed 5-0.

7. Friends of the Wild (horses and burros) are asking for a letter of support for the Draft Ordinance that will be presented at a Public Hearing scheduled for September 19, 2023 at the Nye County Commissioner Chambers at 10 a.m. We are also asking for the public to call in or come to the meeting to show support. The Ordinance is asking the helicopter roundups be stopped in Nye County

Priscilla Lane and Annette Shaw made a presentation to the Town Board regarding support of a draft ordinance presented to show support of the Friends of the Wild. They asked that Bureau of Land Management stop gathering horses and burros with helicopters. Sherman Richardson asked how will the horses be gathered if not by helicopters. Discussion of using cowboys. Discussion on where the animals will be relocated to after gathered. Brant Paulick advised the Board not to write a letter of support as most horses are feral and not wild. B. Paulick stated he would share photos of where horses are running out native animals. Lane stated that BLM is not being transparent and won't share data. Jim Swigart asked that the Board look at the issue at hand from both sides. Deena Paulick asked if they are taking the animals off BLM land and putting onto Forest Service. She advised that the Friends of the Wild look into that transfer. Discussion between the Board and Friends of the Wild regarding humane treatment of the animals. Jorgensen stated she is not in favor of support of this ordinance as the plea is based on feelings and not data and merit. Philips asked how will this affect the cattleman's livelihood and would like more information. Richardson motioned to take no action. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 5-0.

8. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for August 8, 2023

Sweeney motioned to approve the 2022/2023 invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for August 8, 2023. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

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9. Discussion and decision to interview Town Manager candidates: Pamela Franks, James Swigart and Brant Paulick, in a second interviewing process

The Board did a second round of interviews with Pamela Franks, James Swigart and Brant Paulick. After the interview process, all three thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

10. Discussion, decision and deliberation regarding hiring of Town Manager for the Town of Round Mountain and entering into a contractual agreement with successful candidate

Sweeney thanked everyone for coming to the table for the second round of interviews. Jorgensen asked that whomever is picked to collaborate with the other candidates due to the information provided by all. Philips stated he was in favor of Swigart. Sweeney was in favor of Swigart. Richardson stated Swigart sat on the Board for six years with the previous Town Manager and she has concerns. Silberschlag stated that it is incredibly hard to be the town manager and that the Board oversteps. Silberschlag stated her pick is Swigart. Swigart stated that he wants to look forward and not backwards. Philips explained that if the Board operates within the law, every member of the Board has a say. Richardson is concerned about taking over the golf course and her choice for Town Manager is Pam Franks. Jorgensen stated that she hopes Brant works with the new manager and that Swigart had her until he brought up taking over the golf course. Her pick is Pam Franks. Philips made a motion to enter into a contractual agreement with Jim Swigart as the next Round Mountain Town Manager. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 3-0. Richardson and Jorgensen voted no.

11. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

H. Bunch read the following correspondence into record:

1. Northern Nye County Hospital District agenda for 8/3/23; rec'd 8/3/23
2. Nye County Board of County Commissioners agenda for 8/1/23, rec'd 8/2/23
3. Nye County Regional Transportation Commission minutes for 2/21/23, rec'd 8/3/23
4. Nye County Regional Transportation Commission minutes for 4/12/23, rec'd 8/3/23

H. Bunch stated that she had participated in the recent LEPC meeting and that she had asked for Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department to be considered in the SERC grant for two gas meters. Stumpf stated that the department needs to do some inventory for Nye County. Silberschlag updated the Board on the mat room and stated that the pool is still in operation. Interim Fire Chief Sheldon Self has quit the mine and will be heading home to his family. The car show had a great turnout. Philips explained that the advertisement was horrible and needs to be distributed to further out areas. The theatre program is running well.

12. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Franks asked the Board how many roads are being repaired as well as the schedule of work. Silberschlag explained she will give more details as time draws closer. She stated there will be a community clean-up prior to help kick off the project. Swigart thanked the Board for their recommendation as next Town Manager and Richardson for her comments. He then thanked Franks and B. Paulick.

13. Adjourn meeting

Sweeney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Philips seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 22 OF August, 2023

Harold Silberschlag
Chair

Jana Sweeney
Vice Chair

Richardson
Clerk

absent. Chris Philips
Member

absent. Janet Jorgensen
Member