

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Sherman Richardson, Maintenance Worker
Dennis Bunch, Maintenance Supervisor
Monicka Harter-Hill, Facilities Aide
Sky Trease, Recreation Director
Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Fire Chief

Citizens Present:	Allen Stumpf	Shelby Serrano	Beary Smith
	Eric E. Reid	Ashley Sutherland	Sam Faga
	Jennifer Johnson	Robert Trelford	Jeanne Bleecker



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 Jorgenson – Member were in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Sweeney stated there had been a birthday party at the park and she didn't know that the park had to be reserved and that the water had to be turned on. Sweeney texted Monicka Harter-Hill and this was taken care of quickly. She thanked the staff.

4. Approval of the May 23, 2023 agenda

Silberschlag asked to remove Items 5-6 and Items 22-26. Sweeney motioned to approved the agenda with the changes requested. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

5. Approval of the March 17, 2023 meeting minutes

Item was removed.

6. Approval of the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes

Item was removed.

7. TIMED ITEM – 5:35 p.m. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to set public hearing date and time for Round Mountain Town fiscal year 2023-2024 final budget

Silberschlag stated that the final budget hearing is set for May 23 at 5:35 p.m. Silberschlag stated that she made changes to the final budget. She explained that she had to make changes as presented by the Department of Taxation. Net proceeds were not budgeted last year but were budgeted this year.

8. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING – Adoption of the 2023-2024 Town of Round Mountain final budget

The Town Board voted to approve the 2023-2024 final budget as presented. Philips motioned for approval. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

9. TIMED ITEM – 5:45 p.m. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding public opening and announcement of all bids received for the “ROUND MOUNTAIN SPLASH PAD PWP #NY-2023-346”

Heidi Bunch explained that no bids were received.

10. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding the recommendation to award and/or reject bids for the “ROUND MOUNTAIN SPLASH PAD PWP #NY-2023-346”

Philips motioned to extend the date by two weeks. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

11. TIMED ITEM – 5:50 p.m. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding public opening and announcement of all bids received for the “ROUND MOUNTAIN HADLEY SUBDIVISION ROAD REPAIR PWP #NY-2023-345”

Silberschlag stated that one bid was received from Road & Highway Builders, LLC. Silberschlag read the bid into record. The bid was \$1,774,800 for 457,000 sq. feet. Eric Reid asked if this is the same contractor doing the trenches on the highway. Jennifer Johnson stated there is a problem with signage and hazards. Beary Smith asked if the ice heaves will be ground down.

12. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding the recommendation to award and/or reject bids for the “ROUND MOUNTAIN HADLEY SUBDIVISION ROAD REPAIR PWP #NY-2023-345”

Philips motioned again to approve the bid from Road & Highway Builders, LLC. in the amount of \$1,774,800. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

13. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to help recruit Emergency Medical Technicians and/or ambulance drivers for the Town of Round Mountain

It was stated that Rodd Fernandes and Commissioner Bruce Jabbour were invited to this meeting. Ashley Sutherland can help with recruitment. She stated there are only five people who actively run. There is a need for more people. Silberschlag asked how the Town can help. Sutherland stated there is no trainers and she is working to get her instructor license back. The mine paying for the EMT training was discussed. Sweeney asked Sergio Olmedo to reach out to the fire department to see if anyone would like to run on the ambulance. Discussion of a leave pool for volunteers.

14. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to purchase cellphones for employees and to charge department funds appropriately

Board directed staff to explore other options. Item tabled.

15. Discussion, deliberation and possible adoption of the Town of Round Mountain cellphone policy

H. Bunch went over the changes to the cellphone policy drafts in the Round Mountain Town cellphone policy. Sweeney motioned to approve the updated cellphone policy as presented. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

16. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding adopting and implementing a special leave accommodation section into the Round Mountain Town Personnel Policy manual

H. Bunch discussed paying short-term disability on each employee as provided by Nye County. Silberschlag explained that this helps take the burden off the employee when they have to choose their job over their health. Sweeney asked about the duration of the short-term benefits. H. Bunch explained that if an employee chose to purchase long term policy – now is the time to do so. Sweeney motioned that the Town will pay for all full-time employees to have a short-term benefit package starting July 1, 2023. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

Sweeney motioned to update the special leave accommodation with short-term benefit information. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

17. Discussion and decision on proposal to buy dump trailer for Buildings and Grounds/RMPU use

D. Bunch handed out pictures of the dump bed when it hauls dirt. He stated the gates are spreading apart and are not closing. The trailer is 14 gvwt. He stated that the car trailer is in need of major repair and the dump trailer can haul the mini-x and Bobcat. Silberschlag asked what was budgeted in capital outlay. D. Bunch stated a 3-sided building was budgeted and is not needed. Philips asked how much to fix the dump bed. D. Bunch stated nothing. Richardson motioned to purchase the dump trailer. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 5-0.

18. Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Update

Olmedo stated the only update he has to provide is the air compressor is back up and functioning. Next month, some firefighters will go to Pahrump for Haz-Mat testing. Air packs, face masks were tested last month. Sweeney asked if the firemen are good to go with fireworks. He stated he that the firemen are up in the air as to whether they will be in town. Two assistants will be out of town. Three people are needed for firing but he will need people out in the trucks. H. Bunch asked about the racks needed for fireworks. Smith stated 300 more tubes are needed. He stated there will need to be lumber purchased and the department is looking into building a launch trailer.

19. Discussion regarding possible fundraising ideas for the Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

Olmedo stated that he hasn't had time to sit down and talk to his department about this as they have been training for HazMat and a Fire Fighter 1 class in August. Silberschlag asked how many are going for Fire Fighter 1 – Olmedo stated two. There are 17 members and 5 junior firefighters. Silberschlag asked how many Fire Fighter 1's there currently are. Olmedo stated two. She then asked how many are taking the class. Olmedo stated three. Olmedo stated that when the mine went to 7 on, 7 off – he loses those people when they go home. Silberschlag stated this is about being sustainable and responsible and that the Town can't keep continuing to fund the department for items when other items need to be purchased throughout the Town. She stated that volunteers don't volunteer for the money. She stated things will look really different in 2024/2025 budget season. Creativity needs to be done in order to help fund the department. Smith stated that fundraising is \$106 per capita. Sweeney

explained that her family has always supported fire department fundraisers and feels that people in the community will support. Smith explained his schedule. He explained that technically the department is not even supposed to do extractions as Fire Fighter 1's. They are supposed to be Fire Fighter 2's. He stated they are trying to get to a standard to be legal across the Board. He told the Board that if they want to do fundraising [on behalf of the Department] then go ahead and do it. He stated that the Department is trying to get up to speed after being left being left this way. Philips came a scenario and asked that the crew be split and work on some fundraising project. Sky Trease stated that she is willing to help raise funds, if needed. Olmedo stated that they aren't saying they will never do fundraising – but it's kind of hard to split the crews. But he does have ideas and it will happen. Sherman Richardson stated that he is willing to come help the department. Sam Faga explained that with the 4th of July event – there are opportunities for the department to make funds. The question was brought up what happens when there isn't money to train. Silberschlag stated if you don't have time to fundraise – you won't have money to train. Sutherland stated that the EMTs are also collaborating on fundraising and would like to team with the fire department. Olmedo stated he feels like they [the Board] is acting like the department doesn't want to fundraise. That is not the truth. Smith explained that the group that actively participates is already stretched thin. Sweeney asked if the Town is committed to pouring funds into the non-active department members, then those members should pour effort into the department. Sutherland stated that some members only want the title of fireman. Sweeney stated that she loves that members wear their gear and pour so much effort and time into the department. She stated maybe those that don't want to give effort shouldn't have any gear. This is a commitment. Volunteering takes time. Faga stated that they could do a boot drive and JAG kids can do community service. Allen Stumpf stated that a lot of background items are being done behind the scene. The firefighters are busy focusing on that part of their lives and want to see the fire fighter testing going. Jorgensen stated that no one said you have to start big – just start. Richardson asked why there are only two going for Fire Fighter 1. He stated that eleven people signed up for the class. Olmedo stated that everyone is welcome. Robert Trelford stated this is very time consuming and people wash out. Jorgenson reiterated that family, coworkers, friends and others are willing to help.

20. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding contract between Town of Round Mountain and Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Fire Chief

Olmedo asked the Board to postpone this until the June 27, 2023 meeting. Silberschlag asked if that will give Olmedo time to meet with his department. Olmedo stated he had not had time to sit down and figure out what all he wants to get out of this and that he is not ready to discuss this tonight and would like to move it to next month. The Board asked for a scheduled tier for what's expected, classes that are taught and responsibilities. Sweeney motioned to table item until June 27, 2023. Richardson seconded; motioned passed 5-0.

21. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to adopt revised Town of Round Mountain salary schedule to be effective July 1, 2023

Sweeney motioned to table until June 13, 2023. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

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

Item was removed.

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

Item was removed.

24. Discussion and deliberation on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting

Item was removed.

25. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with the Town's management representatives regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters

Item was removed.

26. Discussion and deliberation on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting

Item was removed.

27. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to designate Daniel C. McArthur an auditor for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Richardson stated no. She explained that she has a call into an accountant and feels that there needs to be a fresh start with someone more involved. Silberschlag asked when a new auditor needs to be designated and asked Richardson to bring names to the next Board meeting. Philips asked if the new auditor will be familiar with the county policies. Silberschlag directed staff to find out what the county needs for the audit. Richardson made a motion to table the item for a further meeting and to not designate Daniel C. McArthur as auditor. Philips believes that before they choose not to designate Daniel C. McArthur as auditor to make sure the Board has all their information together. Richardson changed her motion to just tabling the item until the next meeting. Jorgensen seconded; motion passed 5-0.

28. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

H. Bunch read the following correspondence into record:

1. Nye County Board of Commissioners agenda for 5/16/23, rec'd 5/11/23
2. Gmail from Arnold Knightly, Notice of Vacancies, rec'd 5/11/23
3. Northern Nye County Hospital District agenda for 5/1/23, rec'd 5/12/23

Philips asked about the Northern Nye County Hospital District meetings. Silberschlag stated that the softball/Little League seasons are finished. She thanked everyone who helped. Silberschlag discussed the pool and issues. Discussion of splash pad options. Lots of broken water lines in Round Mountain [Old Town]. She thanked the staff for their long hours. Silberschlag stated the library will help with the Gazebo Park mowing, if needed. Arcade items are being ordered/delivered. She thanked Monicka for her extra attention to giving great customer service. Silberschlag discussed a possible arena at the horse corrals for 4-H. Lots of new hires on coming aboard. Sweeney asked about the days on the racquetball room. Trease stated she is just now getting up to speed on the project. D. Bunch stated that the sound deadening and flooring need to be ordered. Dynamic Sports will be in town June 9-10.

29. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for the May 23, 2023 meeting

Richardson motioned to approve the Town of Round Mountain invoices a present for May 23, 2023. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

30. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Richardson thanked everyone for their attendance and for voicing their opinions with respect. Reid stated that Stumpf came to training to sit in and now his job is in jeopardy. Can the Board help in resolving the matter?

31. Adjourn meeting

Philips motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 13 OF June, 2023

Nicole Silberschlag
Chair

Sara Sweeney
Vice Chair

Richardson
Clerk

~~Andrew Fisher~~
Member

Janet Jones
Vacant, Member