

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION  
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Sara Sweeney, Vice Chair  
Vicky Richardson, Clerk  
Chris Philips, Member

Members Absent: Nicole Silberschlag, Chair

Also Present: Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor  
Maci Cole, Administrative Aide  
Dennis Bunch, Maintenance Supervisor  
Monicka Harter-Hill, Facilities Aide  
Sky Trease, Recreation Director  
Sherman Richardson, Maintenance Worker

Citizens Present:	Allen Stumpf	Shelby Serrano	Jeanne Bleecker
	Loretta Wallace	Tini Mittelstadt	Beary Smith

**APPROVED**

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TOWN BOARD

**1. Call meeting to order/roll call**

Sara Sweeney called the meeting order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Sweeney – Vice Chair, Vicky Richardson – Clerk and Chris Philips – Member were in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. General Public Comment (FIRST)**

Allen Stumpf gave general comment regarding Mr. Bunch coming to the fire department meeting regarding access to the fuel station. Loretta Wallace stated that she would like to see a youth theatre/arts in the community and would like the support.

**4. Approval of the April 11, 2023 agenda**

Sweeney asked to remove items 14, 16, 18-23. Richardson motioned to approve the agenda with the changes asked by Sweeney. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**5. Approval of the March 17, 2023 special budget hearing meeting minutes**

Philips motioned to approve the March 17, 2023 special budget hearing meeting minutes as presented. V. Richardson seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**6. Approval of the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes**

V. Richardson motioned to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

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

Sweeney asked that item be placed on the agenda. She stated that she had asked Stumpf to see if any of the firemen could be drivers for the service. He stated only a handful had the certifications. Sweeney wondered if the Town should hire REMSA. Philips explained that REMSA has a contract with the County and has had questionable results. Sky Trease asked if there are blackout times with emergency service waits. Sweeney stated that Nicole Silberschlag through out the idea of moving \$50,000 into the EMS budget to help recruit. Richardson asked what the money would be used for. Philips stated we are putting the cart before the horse and more research needs to be done on the issue. Richardson suggested inviting EMS to a meeting. Philips believes there needs to be a discussion between the Town and Round Mountain Gold Corporation about the situation. Trease asked if there is a rule with giving incentives to the EMT's. Stumpf stated during his medical incident early this year, he had to take three ambulances to get to Reno. Sweeney asked to table this item. Stumpf explained that maybe a private ambulance service would be an option. There was a gentleman in the valley who has offered this service to the Valley as well as Tonopah. Stumpf stated this person is Tim Gamble and it may be an option. He lives in Manley Ranch and serves in Texas two weeks a month as a paramedic and then flies back to Nevada. Sherman Richardson explained that there is a shortage everywhere but by Federal Law there has to be so many EMTs on the mine site. Stumpf, now with the underground mining starting there has to be 14 responders on site. Wallace asked if the issue of people not wanting the certification or people not wanting to do the job? Can travel teams come here and certify people. Sweeney explained why she's not sure why the numbers have dwindled.

**8. Discussion and possible decision to designate/direct staff to work with Round Mountain Public Utilities customers who are in arrears by writing off compounded interest, help with payment plans for said balances and work to clear up outstanding balances as a whole**

Heidi Bunch explained that this was brought in front of the Board previously but there needs to a designated person(s) to deal with these outstanding balances. V. Richardson motioned for Heidi Bunch and Maci Cole to work with customers who are in arrears and get balances taken care of. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**9. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to purchase fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, 2023**

Item was tabled as updated quote has not been received.

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

H. Bunch stated she was asked to go off of what the Smoky Valley Library District does. She stated that this is similar to FMLA leave. The policy from the library states that the employee is to be here for one year and the employee who needs to apply will miss the year mark by a few weeks. The Town does offer short-term disability to be paid by the employee. V. Richardson asked that we need to look into other options for paid leave. Sweeney agreed with V. Richardson. Monicka Harter-Hill stated this is in line with what the mine does. Trease asked if the Board makes the policy. Can't the Board change the policies? Philips asked why can't we pay maternity leave for a month? Sweeney explained how many weeks are needed due to delivery. H. Bunch explained that this isn't just for those leaving for maternity leave but also for family issues. Bleecker explained the FMLA policy. Trease believes there can be a regular leave policy and a maternity leave policy. Philips stated the Board needs to be careful when they start breaking this apart and would like to supply 4-6 weeks of paid leave and place this as a separate line item. Item was tabled.



**11. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to designate Daniel C. McArthur an auditor for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024**

H. Bunch explained that she could not find a letter designating Daniel C. McArthur as auditor for the Town of Round Mountain. V. Richardson stated she would like to find someone else. Sweeney thought McArthur did a good job and understands our accounts. V. Richardson wasn't impressed with his presentation of the audit. Philips explained that he can do the audit to State standards but the Town can hire someone to do an independent audit. Sweeney explained that she liked McArthur's presentation and that he is competent. V. Richardson didn't feel that way. Philips explained the independent audit again. H. Bunch reminded the Board that due to members available, the vote would have to be unanimous. Sweeney motioned to designate Daniel C. McArthur an auditor for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Philips seconded; V. Richardson voted no. Sweeney and Philips voted yes. Motion did not pass.

**12. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding the issuance of a Display Fireworks Event Permit for the Town of Round Mountain for an Aerial display at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July event on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in the Hadley Subdivision of Round Mountain which was heard by the Nye County Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2023**

H. Bunch explained that the firework display was approved at the Board of County Commissioner meeting on April 4, 2023. Philips motioned to approve the issuance of display fireworks event permit for the Town of Round Mountain for an aerial display at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July event on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in the Hadley Subdivision of Round Mountain. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**13. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision of rec. project budgets for approval**

Trease explained that she is using funds to build an arcade and discussed her vision. Sweeney asked if Trease had looked at cameras for the area. There will be a naming contest for the arcade. Philips asked who will handle the concessions. Trease stated there will be arcade workers hired. Philips asked if they need their food handler license. Trease stated that her and Harter-Hill both have their food handler licensing and can oversee the workers. Philips made a motion to go with the arcade budget with lighting and cameras as described in Sky's report. V. Richardson seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**14. Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Update**

Item was removed.

**15. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision on request to purchase 72" deck mower from Buildings and Grounds Capital outlay**

Dennis Bunch explained that this year's capital outlay had a budget for a 72" deck mower. He has found one through Sourcewell with a bagger for under \$20,000. Harter-Hill explained that the clippings could be used for composting for the community garden area. Philips moved to buy the mower as described from Buildings and Grounds capital outlay. V. Richardson seconded; motion passed 3-0.

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

Item was removed.

**17. Discussion and possible decision concerning approval of the Town of Round Mountains tentative budget FY 2023-2024**

Bleecker stated she has made a lot of progress on the budget. Without the purchases made tonight, the ending fund balance will be around \$4.7 million. Trease reminded Bleecker of the splash pad project. She stated the t-ball field will be around \$100,000 and the splash pad will be between \$200,000-\$300,000. She stated she has received a bid for \$250,000 but has added more work to the project. Philips explained that the Board had been speaking about this for months, why don't we have the scope of work done? Trease stated that she has been working on it with Silberschlag. PSST tax will be \$36,790 for fire and sheriff departments. The tentative budget is due April 17, 2023. The Board thanked Bleecker for all her help.

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

Item was removed.

**19. 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.

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

Item was removed.

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

Item was removed.

**22. 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.

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

Item was removed.

**24. Correspondence, awards and announcements**

Bunch read the following correspondence into record:

1. Gmail from Deane P. Lazenby, re: Free disaster planning classes dated 03/28/23, rec'd 03/28/23
2. Gmail from Arnold Knightly, re: Online Treasurer's Tax Auction April 11<sup>th</sup>, Deposits due April 5<sup>th</sup> dated 03/28/23, rec'd 03/28/23
3. Letters of interest for Round Mountain Town Board rec'd 03/29/23
4. Gmail from Arnold Knightly, re: Flood Watch issued for Northern Nye County from Saturday to Tuesday dated 04/06/23, rec'd 04/06/23
5. Nye County Regional Transportation Commission Meeting agenda for 04/12/23, rec'd 04/06/23
6. Nye County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting agenda for 04/11/23, rec'd 04/06/23
7. Tonopah Town Board / Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees agenda for 04/12/23, rec'd 04/07/23



Sweeney asked when the Board of County Commissioners meet to pick for the last person on the board. Philips asked about the HVAC system that malfunctioned. D. Bunch stated all the models are from 1996. The one over the gym has to be totally replaced.

**25. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for April 11, 2023 meeting**

V. Richardson motioned to approved. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

**26. General Public Comment (SECOND)**

Bleecker will have the tentative budget ready for the next meeting. At that time, changes can be made. Smith stated that with the increased traffic in the fire house, he noticed that people had been in the filing cabinet.

**27. Adjourn meeting**

V. Richardson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 9 OF May, 2023

Nicole Silberschlag  
Chair

Sara Sweeney  
Vice Chair

V. Richardson  
Clerk

D. Bunch  
Member

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Vacant, Member