

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 – 11 A.M.**

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Maci Cole, Administrative Aide
Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Fire Chief

Citizens Present: Jeanne Bleecker
Beary Smith
Sherman Richardson

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1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Nicole Silberschlag called the meeting order at approximately 11 a.m. Silberschlag – Chair; Vicky Richardson – Clerk and Chris Philips – Member were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of the April 4, 2023 agenda

Richardson motioned to approve the April 4, 2023 agenda as presented. Philips seconded; motion passed 3-0.

4. Discussion concerning the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Town of Round Mountain budget, including but not limited to the following:

- a. **Presentation regarding and/or consideration of overall revenue and expenditure projections;**
- b. **Presentation regarding budget preparation process and calendar;**
- c. **Presentation regarding and/or consideration of strategies to address any projected revenue shortfalls; and**
- d. **Consideration of department presentations of their budget request.**

Silberschlag presented her salary schedule proposition. Jeanne Bleecker went over payroll costs such as benefits for full-time and part-time employees. Total of all payroll estimated by Bleecker was \$977,388. Silberschlag stated her proposal has summer hires working 40 hours a week, lifeguards working 18-weeks to extend the pool season and arcade workers will get 20 hours a week, up to three employees. Philips asked about revamping the step/grade chart for the Town. Bleecker estimated the taxes that will go into the budget this year by the information provided by the State of Nevada. Abatement/property taxes estimated at \$556,865 and net proceeds \$16,277; consolidated tax \$508,413. She is waiting on the safety tax numbers from the Nye County Comptroller. Bleecker gave balance funds for each account.

Sara Sweeney entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Fire Chief went over his capital outlay and budget requests. He asked about increasing the stipend for the volunteer firemen as the money is used to purchase apparel and to take family out to eat when the firemen are training. Discussion of spending stipend. Beary Smith explained that that fund is sometimes donated to community member/firefighters who are in need. Discussion of funds spent out of fire fund versus PSST tax funds. Discussion of fire training ground fencing. Smith explained that the cars can be practiced on when people have access to the cars after they have been cut up. Philips asked if the area is posted. Dennis Bunch asked why the training grounds need to be fenced when they could use the area by the sewer ponds which is already secured. Olmedo stated that would be fine with him. Smith explained that they would like to do some training near the park due to not being able to spray items near the pond. Silberschlag asked if the fire department does any fundraising. Olmedo stated the department does not. Olmedo explained that the fire industry is moving to battery powered tools and he would like to move towards that also. Silberschlag asked that some of the capital outlay requests be moved over to the PSST fund for purchase. Silberschlag asked that two radios be purchased from the 2022/2023 budget, two from the 2023/2024 PSST budget and two from the 2023/2024 capital outlay budget. Richardson asked if these are necessary for purchase. Silberschlag explained that the future of funding needs to be examined and that the fire department need to step up and fundraise to get the things that are needed for their department. She stated that it is the Board's responsibility to make sure taxpayer money is spent wisely. Silberschlag asked why the department would like the fireman's stipend be increased. Olmedo stated that the funds are used for apparel, food when out of town. Silberschlag asked why can't this come out of his regular budget? She would like a line item for apparel like there is for the Christmas party. She feels that the account feels like a slush fund. Philips stated that it is still public money and there needs to be accountability and the Board needs to know what is happening with those funds. Olmedo explained that once the money leaves the Town as a check it is no longer public funds when it is a stipend. Smith explained that the department voted to take the funds to use as a group instead of individual and if there are stipulations then it is not a stipend for the service. Silberschlag asked why does it need to come out of the Town account into the firemen's account? Why not just use it in the account it is already in. Richardson explained that she spoke to other departments and the Round Mountain volunteers and chief get the largest in the State. She asked Smith why the department doesn't want to be transparent. Smith asked if this stipend is for services or per diem, the funds shouldn't be accounted for as it is not an expenditure account. Philips explained that the money should be tracked and that if the fire department is donating to the community – make it publicly known. Smith explained that the department doesn't expect for the Town to purchase Carhartt sweatshirts and don't expect the Town to make up the difference. They take pride in their decal. Silberschlag asked if there were computers this year. If Olmedo doesn't order gas meters, it will need to be in the 2024/2025 budget year. Philips asked about discussing Olmedo's contract. Silberschlag stated that she will get guidance and to table that thought. Richardson thinks the volunteer stipend of \$1,000 a month is reasonable. The apparel budget will be \$3,000. Olmedo stated that command will need tires. Sweeney asked if the EMT's can be included in the fire department Christmas party. Olmedo stated that in the past there was a division and now that he is chief that has went away. Olmedo is working on getting a Conex for storage. Philips said to look at M&K or Out West Buildings. Olmedo is trying to get it for free. Philips advised Olmedo to purchase all the earpieces, etc. for the radios. Discussion of increasing the utility line item for power by \$5,500.

Summer laborer will be hired for eight weeks, summer hire for 18 weeks and arcade workers had varied weekend hours for 19 hours a week. Discussion of the pay scale as presented by Silberschlag. Blecker reminded the Board to adjust the budget due to overtime and comp time. No change of pay to the town manager position. Discussion was made to full-time positions with an updated pay scale to be presented to the Board at a later meeting. Silberschlag will come back with an updated scale and job descriptions.

D. Bunch discussed well house security fencing and meters. He would like to get on the same schedule to swab the wells as Tonopah has so there is no mob/de-mob cost occurrence. Silberschlag stated that the Hadley water system would be budgeted around \$300,000. She advised D. Bunch to stay below the \$300,000 and make the

meters a capital outlay project. Bleecker gave an overview of what is remaining in the Hadley water account. D. Bunch invited the Board members to stop by his office to look at the carbon bowls from the old wells since there were questions.

Discussion on the roads and the need for repairs. Possibility of moving \$1.6 million from the general fund to the road fund to fix roads in the Hadley subdivision. Smith asked if the paving of the roads will raise the taxes.

Trease discussed the t-ball field and splash pad projects scheduled for this year. She stated that she would like to update the portable stage and lighting, office furniture, holiday decorations, card reader and LED lighting out front of the Teen Center and event budgets. Silberschlag discussed possible revenue ideas for Recreation. Sweeney asked about Food Truck Fridays. Trease made a call and it was found out that the kitchen is a full-service kitchen where people can prep in the kitchen. Trease stated that the Health Department stated it is comparable to a Denny's Restaurant. Bleecker stated that there is a possibility that the Town take over the functions from RMYA. Trease was told to purchase a mop machine. The rust remediation project was discussed to put the item back into the budget, running and operating the pool in the winter and should the \$100,000 be put back into the budget in order to account for money being put into capital outlay. \$150,000 was put into capital outlay in the case that that pool rust remediation needs to be resolved. The Board discussed the locations of fields, locking of fields and plans moving forward.

5. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Smith gave general comment on the fire chief's pay. He wanted to know if this had been discussed. The chief's stipend will be discussed at a later meeting. Smith explained that the current chief does a lot more than any other volunteer chiefs. He stated it wasn't his position to get into that discussion. H. Bunch reminded the Board to use the agenda forms when needing items placed on the agenda.

6. Adjourn meeting

Philips motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Richardson seconded; motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 9 OF May, 2023

Nicole Silberschlag
Chair

Sara Sweeney
Vice Chair

Richardson
Clerk

Christopher Bleecker
Member

Smith
Member