

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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
Monicka Harter-Hill, Facilities Aide
Sherman Richardson, Maintenance Worker
Lacie Baker, Maintenance Worker
Sergio Olmedo, Volunteer Fire Chief

Citizens Present:	Lisa Davila	C. Larrabee	Taylor Damon
	Allen Stumpf	Shelby Abbott	Eric E. Reid
	Robert Trelford	Beary Smith	Tony Philips
	J. Nockideneh	Ashley Sutherland	Nichole Parks
	Atrayu Pickering	Jonathan Olsen	



1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Nicole Silberschlag called the meeting order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Silberschlag – Chair, Richardson – Clerk and Philips – Member were present. Sweeney – Vice Chair and Jorgensen – Member were present via telephone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Robert Trelford discussed driving his car into a sink hole. Taylor Damon thanked the Board regarding a presentation for the EMTs.

4. Approval of the June 20, 2023 agenda

Richardson approved the agenda as presented. Philips seconded; motion passed 5-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department bank account with Nevada State Bank and prior authorization on any spending from account

Silberschlag explained that she is thankful for those in attendance and wants to open this up for discussion. She stated that this is a discussion of the firefighter's stipend and how it is spent. She stated that Beary Smith called her and she was glad he did so there could be a discussion. She stated that once the check is issued it has been questioned as to how the money can be spent but in the past, the fund was managed by the Town Manager. She has concerns. Smith presented receipts for items such as groceries for department, a remote start installation and hotel room charges. Silberschlag explained that there is a generous training budget that is not being utilized. A concern is that receipts are not being turned in and it is leaving the volunteer's checking account with a low balance. Philips asked the fire fighters why not spend the money in the Town budget instead of the stipend. Tony Philips asked why not just turn in receipts. Smith stated that in losing the town manager – this is where the divide happened. Allen Stumpf stated that under Chief's Sweeney, Texiera and Brown that they didn't give a crap and Chief Olmedo makes sure the department gets the training. Silberschlag explained that the department needs to stop spending money out of the fire department fund. That is what the fund is for. Discussion of how many started the fire fighter 1 class verses finishing the fire fighter 1 class. Smith stated that 14 people started and only 4 finished. Philips recommended that the fire department turn in their sign-in sheets for reimbursement. Silberschlag stated there is now a travel form and it should be completed prior to class. Eric Reid asked the Town Board if they would like receipts turned in monthly or quarterly. Silberschlag stated that reimbursement should be done timely. Rob Trelford stated that any funds reimbursed into his account becomes traceable with the IRS. Discussion on different ways to reimburse. Troy Davis stated that with all the discussion of reimbursement possibly there should be a credit card assigned. Lisa Davila asked if there was a debit card used. Silberschlag stated that she doesn't want to manage the Fire Departments stipend fund. She stated she believes the next step is to put this on the agenda, for discussion of reimbursement. Olmedo explained that he has records of those who have certificates for training. Reid asked what is a fair number of what is used to feed individuals and that the team can sit down and come to a consensus on a fair reimbursement on all the receipts submitted. Smith explained that there will be some receipts for drinks/snacks for fire fighter 1 training. Richardson thinks that the reimbursement limit should be increased. Discussion on county per diem rates. Reid explained that they are Town firefighters and not County firefighters. Davila stated that she feels that the debit card was used as it was an easier avenue to pay for items and now there are issues with reimbursement. She explained there should always be transparency and how will this be corrected in the future. Smith stated that he wants the statement to stop that the firemen are not transparent. He explained that the Town Manager has always been the overseer of this account. Philips stated that no one has slandered anyone and that this discussion is regarding monies spent out of the fire fighter fund instead of the fund that was established for that use. Sam Faga stated that receipts can be found, that you have to be accountable and how you are running the department is going to look different in the future. She advised everyone to be financially sustainable going forward. She stated that all the trainings, etc. need to be looked at for serving the community. Stumpf stated there need to be clear rules of engagement going forward. Reid discussed expectations between fire department and Board. Smith asked that the debit card be reinstated as they have training in Pahrump. Philips made a motion to turn the debit card back on. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to possibly audit the Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department bank account with Nevada State Bank

Philips motioned to strike this item. Smith explained the department is internally auditing the account. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

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

Silberschlag explained that this should have been on the June 27 agenda but she will not be present. Olmedo explained that community members are asking him if he is embezzling money. He stated that ever since he asked for a raise – everything has changed so he will no longer be the chief as of June 30, 2023. He stated that arrangements are being had to see who the next chief will be. He hates to be the talk of the town and he doesn't

like his integrity questioned. Philips thanked him for his service. Philips made a motion to accept the resignation of Chief Olmedo effective June 30, 2023 waiving the 30-day clause. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

8. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Silberschlag thanked the firemen for the time they spent on putting together their reimbursement items. Smith stated he doesn't approve of the statement that there was stolen fuel by the department and he would like evidence submitted and he has a request to know who is stealing fuel. Trelford thanked Olmedo for his time. Stumpf thanked Olmedo for 20+ years of service and has been the best chief he has ever served with.

9. Adjourn meeting

Philips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 25 OF July, 2023

Lucote Silberschlag
Chair

Jana Sweeney
Vice Chair

Richardson
Clerk

Chris Buey
Member

Janet Joss
Member