

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Also Present: James E. Swigart, Town Manager
Heidi Bunch, Administrative Supervisor
Sky Trease, Recreation Director

Citizens Present: Lisa Davila C. Larrabee Dale Barber
Craig Barber Brandon Simcox



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 and Chris Philips – Member were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Jacqueline Cashmere, liaison with RCDA was present on the phone and introduced herself.

4. Approval of the January 23, 2024 agenda

Philips motioned to approve the January 23, 2024 agenda. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

5. Approval of the January 9, 2024 meeting minutes

Sweeney motioned to approve the January 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Philips seconded; motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion, decision and possible decision regarding Nye County Bill No. 2023-23. “A Bill proposing to add to the Nye County Code Title 15, titled Building and Construction, by Adding Chapter 15.09, titled Recreational Vehicle Parks, to establish the requirements including location, development standards and plans, water, sanitation and refuse collection; and providing for the severability, constitutionality, and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto and addressing Nye County Board of County Commissioners with letter of support and/or concerns

Silberschlag read Bill 2023-23 into record. Philips stated that this Bill itself has some reference – but is not applicable to Round Mountain and straps businesses and residents. He is opposed to this Bill. James Swigart explained that the Tonopah Town Board wrote a letter of opposition regarding this Bill. Heidi Bunch read the letter into record. Rebecca Lim, local business owner wrote a letter of opposition of this Bill. Swigart stated that he has spoken to Bruce Jabbour and reason like those stated in the Bill is one of the reasons why he left Las Vegas. The Board has 30 days to give comment. Dale Barber read Rebecca Lim's letter into record. Craig Barber read the Nevada Administrative Code in reference to this Bill. He stated that the document from Nye County reads just like the Code. He stated that he believes that the County has taken the Code and adopted it as their own ordinance. He stated if Pahrump has issues with RV parks, Public & Behavioral Health has the teeth to deal with these issues. There doesn't need to have another layer of bureaucracy. Swigart stated if this is in regards to Pahrump – it will affect all of Nye County. It's all about the money. Philips stated it was another layer of bureaucracy. If Pahrump has issues – the Pahrump needs to address. Once the ordinance is in place – the Board can readdress this. None is applicable and makes no sense. Silberschlag asked if a letter is enough. Swigart stated that when this is put on the Commissioner agenda, there will be a representative to state the Board's standing. Swigart will get in touch with other small communities. He stated that people can attend the Commissioner meetings in Tonopah via satellite. Silberschlag stated to write letters. Philips motioned to reject Nye County Bill No. 2023-23 with a letter of Board standing to be submitted to Nye County Commissioners. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 4-0.

7. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for January 23, 2024

Janet Jorgensen entered meeting via phone at 5:48 p.m.

Sweeney motioned to approve the invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for January 23, 2024. Philips seconded; motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion, decision and possible decision regarding updated Town of Recreation – Knights Klub Arcade fee schedule for 2024

Swigart stated that the recreation director is present and the fee schedule is here for review, if changes are needed. Richardson asked about the 10 credits for play. Why does this leave a half credit? Sky Trease stated that this was a recommendation from Tigapo so that people are encouraged to keep their cards as the cards are expensive. Sweeney stated that there is an app where you can get more credits. Richardson stated that with the party package, the Town is losing \$190 at a minimum. Trease stated that the rates are generously in favor of the customer. Richardson explained that the Town is a business. Silberschlag feels that this is not expensive. When you break down the numbers. Trease stated it is her experience that when she lines out the patrons about the money, people pull the trigger. Philips explained that the arcade is providing a service to the community and a place where kids can gather safely, instead of paying of vandalism. Richardson agreed that this is for the community. Swigart stated that he does see kids in the community and asks them if they use the facility. He would like to see kids picking up garbage for free play. C. Barber stated he will be in the arcade tomorrow as he didn't know there was one. Sweeney asked if Tonopah has pinball machines. Lisa Davila asked if at the end of the month – a winner is picked for highest tickets? Trease stated that wasn't working anyways and it is back on the table. Silberschlag asked about a prize box/wall to get rid of tickets as they use them. Sweeney asked if the patrons can turn their cards back in. Trease asked like an incentive? C. Barber asked if the Board is looking at profitability. Look at how much was sent versus the rate of return. How long in busses, pay for food, electricity, labor. By the 4th or 5th year you will need new equipment. Philips explained that when this was designed, it was to provide a service. He asked if the games were leased. Silberschlag sated no. Richardson stated that the arcade doesn't want to operate in the red either. Silberschlag suggested holding off on increasing of fees. Philips agreed and wants to reevaluate at a later date. Philips made a motion to set fees as they are with the caveat to review in six months to adjust if needed. Sweeney seconded; motion passed 5-0.

9. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

Bunch read the following correspondence:

1. Gmail from Amanda Marshall, re: Bill No. 2023-23 RV Park Standards Draft for Review, rec'd 12/27/23
2. Nye County Board of County Commissioners agenda for 1/3/24, rec'd 12/28/23
3. Nevada Commission on Ethics to host Briefing for Candidates and Campaigns, rec'd 1/4/24
4. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library Board of Trustees agenda for 1/10/24, rec'd 1/5/24

Swigart informed the Board that the ponds have life rings. Silberschlag is worried about the boat at the ponds. Swigart stated it is for rescue use only. The wrestling mats are waiting for the carrier to pick up. The fire department were burning weeds. Recreation looking to bring a representative out in regards to scoreboards as the old ones are obsolete. Sweeney stated that the athletic fund might have money to help out. Swigart had a luncheon with Loretta Wallace and Sonja Miller about the Smoky Valley Theatre Group. Philips wants to know if there is a Park and Recreation grant available for the scoreboards. Board asked Swigart to work with Nye County School District on getting their help. The steps at Town Hall have a temporary fix. New chairs have been delivered and the old chairs are in the connex. Richardson asked about street lights that are out. Bunch explained on the Town website there is a place to report light outages. Philips stated that the sign at Highway 376 is out. Swigart will be going to the Regional Transportation Commission meeting in Pahrump and the Tonopah Town Board meeting. Richardson wanted to congratulate two Town employees who received their D1 certification. Philips wants a blinking stop sign at Hadley Circle and Electrum Drive intersection. Silberschlag asked if the Board can get more road tax.

10. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Craig Barber wanted to inform the Board, on behalf of Stonewall RV Park, that the maintenance team helped him with 520 feet of trenching and for help on intersections and issues that arose during the construction phase. Especially to Dennis Bunch, Trina Miura and Lacie Baker. He stated that this project would not have been completed without the help of the Town. Silberschlag thanked the recreation department for help during ART class. Trease read the following into record: "Good evening, I would like to address you as a soon to be former employee (If you guys didn't know, I put in my notice so yeah, I am not going to cry about it right now. I might. Oh shoot.) of the town but more importantly as a deeply invested, long-term member of this community. First, I would like to thank this Board for the support my department has received over the last six months. We've been able to accomplish things that have been neglected and issues that have been outright ignored for years. I am grateful and humbled to have worked with an amazing group of people on these projects. I watched first hand as these projects infused life back into the community at the time when it was desperately needed. It is with a heavy heart that I step away from this role. I deeply love this community and I believe that you all are in the best position yet with Jim at the helm to make lasting change. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Second, I would like to voice a concern that I have a board member, Vicky Richardson. I do not believe she upholds or represents the values set by this board. I have heard her on multiple occasions speak despairingly about the local businesses, the gold mine and the town itself. I have personally felt attacked, unsupported, and left in some very venerable positions because of her. I believe she puts inappropriate pressure on town employees to get information rather than go through the proper channels. I believe she has gone so far as going through employee files. She has spread malicious gossip to other groups we have worked with in the community, such as the library. During and after the Harvest Festival, that left me in a position sitting of one of my first days off in weeks, in the library, wearing my pajamas – cleaning up the mess she had made with them and then going home and crying after an event as I felt I had poured my heart and soul into. It was a great group of people. She has multiple times attacked me for calling myself a single mother. She has repeated this to my friends, my employees and going so far as targeting me on Facebook saying that if I have time to date other men, I am not truly a single mother. She is constantly criticizing many events I put one, being as petty to say I took too long to hand her \$10 in bingo winnings while I was physically running in the background to get everything done.

When I came to the fire department with advice trying to help them with tax and vendor issues, she laughed at my input. She has pressured my department to put on events that took time from my family and time from, my time off during the holidays that she only bothered to attend for 10 minutes. She has consistently spread malicious gossip about my relationship with my ex-husband. Those comments have been very painful to both me and my children. I just last week had someone stand in my office and tell me that Vicky pays attention to and repeats when she sees my ex-husband’s vehicle at my house. I have had gym patrons come to me saying that Vicky was putting pressure on them to speak ill of me, mining them for dirt on me. One of them said, it made her so uncomfortable the things that were being said to her about me that she will no longer be going in the business but will only use the drive-thru.

I was told by multiple people to watch my back because Vicky has her pick for town manager and when that person wins, the first order of business is to see to it that I am fired because I am quote – unquote, “The whore of Babylon”. She stood in front of the county commissioner and accused me of being at the bar every weekend and alluded to me having a drinking problem.

All of this to say, I love this community, I’ve poured my heart and soul into it and I want see it thrive. There are so many good reasons to build a life here. There are also reasons why people don’t like living in a small town. The malicious gossip, back biting and the mean girl groups. It has been my experience as a town employee and member that Vicky continues to put forth the negative aspects of small-town life while choosing to ignore and mock all of the positive progress this current board has made.

Thank you for your time.”

Davila congratulated the two employees who passed their D1 test. She reminded the Board not to overlook this as it is a good thing.

11. Adjourn meeting

Philips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Richardson seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED THIS DAY 13 OF February, 2023

Gisela Silberschlag
Chair

Jana Sweeney
Vice Chair

Vicky Richardson. absent
Clerk

Chris Blevy
Member

Janet Jorgensen - approved via phone
Member