

AMARGOSA VALLEY TOWN BOARD AGENDA

ITEM # SUBJECT

August 22, 2013

MINUTES

Doc McNeely, Chairman
Trevor Dolby, Town Clerk
John Bosta, Member
Joe Cohan, Vice Chairman
Tom Smith, Member

All Present

NOTE: All times are approximate except for bid openings, public hearings, and any other items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

Special Note: Any member of the public who is disabled and requires accommodation or assistance at this meeting is requested to notify the Amargosa Valley Town Office in writing or call (775) 372-5459 prior to the meeting.

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- 1 Pledge of Allegiance

LED BY *Joe Cohan*

- 2 Approval of the Agenda for August 22, 2013

MOTION by John Bosta subject to pulling 9E 9F and 9H

2ND by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 5-0

- 3 General Public Comment (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

Bob Little American Legion September 3rd, 7 PM working on funding and organization for Boys and Girls State

Ann Rose Status of fixing farm road.

Trevor Dolby E mail photos to Dave Fanning

Doc McNeely County maintains the roads

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Frank Carbone Nye County is in process of picking which roads to repair all roads there are issues with budgets and rights of way. There is a Nye County Ordinance about overloaded trucks.

Doc McNeely There are a lot of trucks hauling material do US Ecology.

Carmen Brown Please see the newsletter for community potluck – more kids activities – Sept 14th 6 PM in community center

Jack Sypolt – Senior Center Building Project. Buildings are on site and being assembled. Progress is being made. The senior center was able to buy a small bus for senior activities.

John Bosta – Congratulations for all your hard work.

Vern Gilliland School starts on Monday Morning

Trevor Dolby – It is against the law to pass a school bus. Please watch out for the kids

Pam Everitt – Amargosa School Counselor

Chuck Saccharin – The cover over the childrens play area in the park has been gone for over 3 years and the toys are deteriorating

Doc McNeely – We want to order a new cover

- 4 For Possible Action – Review and Possible approve minutes of Amargosa Valley Town Board meeting on July 25, 2013...

MOTION John Bosta to approve as presented

2nd by Trevor Dolby

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Motion passes 5-0

5 Fire Department Report

See Report

Rodd Fernandes – Training Officer - . Met with Vance Payne updating our training program.

John Bosta – Accident on Bell Vista – Town of Amargosa Valley first responders provided excellent service and 3 out 4 vehicles were from Amargosa Valley.

6. Town Office Report

A. Update on actions of AVTB Meeting on July 25-2013

Bid Policy is complete

Drug and Alcohol Policy is in hands of Fire Department

A letter was sent to all concerned regarding removing water resources from Amargosa Valley. Community Center and park are getting busy for fall season. Please make reservations in advance.

B. Budget Report

END OF FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30,2013

C. **For Possible Action** – Approval of Town Vouchers

Trevor Dolby – I review all purchases

MOTION John Bosta to pay as presented

2ND Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 5-0

D. **For Possible Action** – Major Purchases

(2) 385 x 65 x R22.5 Tires for front of water tender

See attached.

MOTION by John Bosta to take the lowest price provided by Purcell Tire

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2ND by Trevor Dolby

Motion passes 5-0

E. Discussion and Deliberation – Update on Status of Transportation of Nuclear Waste through Amargosa Valley

Mike Cottingim reviews issues with Transportation of Nuclear Waste thru Amargosa Valley. Letters were sent to Department of Energy expressing our concern and needed training and equipment for our first responders in the event of an accident.

John Bosta – Vance Payne and Jim Medici are also working on this

Doc McNeely – Low level waste has been coming in by train to Pioche and then transferred to truck and drive along Nevada Hwy 6 to Tonopah then south on Hwy 95 to Amargosa Valley and then into the National Security Center.. They are not going thru Clark County.

F. Discussion and Deliberation – Introduction of newest AVTB Member by appointment of Nye County Board of County Commissioners on August 20, 2013.

Tom Smith was introduced by Joe Cohan

7 Committee Reports

A. Human Resources *Nothing to report*

B. Tourism/Economic Development *Joe Cohan drops off the Tourism and Economic Development Committee. Meetings scheduled soon to work on a revised Economic Strategy.*

C. Cemetery *Nothing to report*

D. Planning **NOTHING TO REPORT**

John Bosta – another member is needed on this committee.

8 For Possible Action - Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or Topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas).

Doc McNeely – regarding the proposed First Solar Project. The first I heard about the project was by an e mail from Darrell Lacy. The presentation is scheduled for Thursday September 12th at 7 PM.

John Bosta – The Area Comprehensive plan states they are supposed to go thru the AVTB first. I think we have the cart before the horse.

Motion by Tom Smith to schedule a special AVTB meeting on the 12th for the First Solar Presentation.

2nd by Joe Cohan

Motion passes 5-0

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John Bosta – I was notified by Michael DeLee that on September 12th there is a hearing in the Justice Court regarding water rights and how they affect Devils Hole. A status report is to be issued.

Tom Smith – Nye County and Pahrump are working on transportation alternatives. Maybe we should be involved in this process.

BOCC Chairman Butch Borasky – This program will not be easy. We are looking at bus service to start in Pahrump and then extend to Crystal, Amargosa Valley and Beatty and finally Tonopah.

Trevor Dolby – Nice to see two County Commissioners in attendance. Chairman Butch Borasky and commissioner Frank Carbone. I also want to thank the 3 candidates that volunteered for our vacancy. Crystal Mills – Vern Gilliland and Tom Smith. Thanks again to Joe DeLee and Vern Gilliland and all of their hard work in getting Amargosa Valley started on the road to having an elected Town Board and be responsible for its own budget etc. it is every board members job to recruit people to get involved in the town government. Thanks to all people and business' who donated supplies and time to the Fire Department on Friday August 2nd.

9. General Business

- A. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Presentation by Desert Rock Garden Committee

Vern Gilliland and Michele Rook – We had a workshop on August 14th. Members are Vern Gilliland – Michele Rook – Cheryl White and Amy Mills. First scheduled meeting is September 4th at 5:15 PM. We welcome input from the community

Doc McNeely the Nye County Coalition was the original proponent of the rock garden. It was to be a demo project to teach kids how to grow desert plants.

Vern Gilliland – Budget is not needed. We have volunteers and donations of plants.

Linda Brommell – there is another petition regarding a memorial wall so more people could be recognized.

Vern Gilliland – One idea was paving stones on a walkway with names of people important to Amargosa Valley.

Motion – Trevor Dolby to recognize the Desert Rock Garden Committee as an official advisory committee to the AVTB

2nd by Tom Smith

Motion passes 5-0

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- B. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Approval of Town of Amargosa Valley Disposal Policy

Motion to approve by Trevor Dolby

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 5-0

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- C. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Sheila Rau clarification of purpose of VEA Contribution of \$1,000 to Amargosa Valley Chamber for Amargosa Days and Status of Payment of Balance of Bills. (\$1,492.42)

Sheila Rau I want to apologize to Doc McNeely regarding the VEA donation to Amargosa Days. The money that is left in the account is not specifically left over from the VEA donation. That money in the account is to be used for any Amargosa Days expenses. VEA's purpose in the donation was to be used as needed by the Chamber in the promotion or running of Amargosa Days. It was not the intent of VEA to displace any body else' donation.

- D.. Discussion and Deliberation – Explanation by Amargosa Valley Radio Club regarding article in Mirror on 7-25-2013

Gene Butler – The concern is really with a piece of equipment in Amargosa Valley that is causing interference. But that is not correct. We are not causing any problems with Nye County Radio's.

Frank Carbone – The reporter of the article just copied information that was given to her. We got a demonstration on 3 radio systems. New digital radios are the best.

- E.. For Possible Action – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of discussion regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.

PULLED

- F. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting

PULLED

- G. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Presentation and Formation of Emergency Operations Committee. Status of Bid on Transfer Switch.

Jack Sypolt – A committee is being formed for emergency operations in the valley.

Regarding the fire on August 2nd. A lot of traffic was diverted thru Amargosa Valley and some of it ended up at the end of Farm Road. Dorothy Dolby took food from the senior center to the fire fighters. They had no portable restroom facilities. We could have had a team out directing traffic and helping with providing services to the fire fighters. Our goal is to co ordinate resources in the valley in the event of some sort of disaster. Losing Electricity etc.

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John Bosta – Vance Payne said they were going to install a generator behind the fire house. The Generators at station 51 are not coming to Amargosa Valley.

Jack Sypolt – We need a generator about 150 to 200 KW to be able to power the community center complex and the well at the Nye County road yard. We were successful in winning the bid for the Transfer Switch at Yucca Mountain and we got it for a price of \$1,800 which is about 20% of what it is worth.

Motion by Trevor Dolby to spend \$1,800 to purchase the transfer switch

2nd by Joe Cohan

Motion passes 5-0

H. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Trevor. Moving Fire Truck to new site on Farm Road.

PULLED

I. For Possible Action – Discussion and Deliberation. Responsibility for payment of t shirts for AVFD. Cost \$25.00 each minimum order 12.

Rodd Fernandes – We have a dilemma. Some people have shirts and some do not.

Dan Mills – We just got an e mail quote on shirts for \$8.00 each with no set up or extra cost. We are part of the town and feel they should support us.

Doc McNeely – Amargosa Valley Volunteer Firefighters fund is to be used for shirts etc.

Jack Sypolt – We could use more volunteers and shirts would attract more people. The town should spend a few bucks on some shirts.

Doc McNeely – We do not have money in the budget for this. We are overspending the budget now by putting new tires on so many vehicles.

Butch Borasky – Frank Carbone and Chuck Schimer donated cash to buy shirts for the Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Trevor Dolby – Why can't we spend some money and move the funds from another account.

John Bosta – I thought the money for the Amargosa Valley Volunteer Fire Department was frozen. Why can't that money be used?

Doc McNeely – Explains that minutes are needed from their meeting to open their own account.

Sheila Rau – I want to thank those who donated and it is important for our Fire Department to have proper identification. Liability is a big issue.

11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.

Linda Brommell – I am disappointed that a committee was formed (Rock Garden Committee) without proper agendaing. There is nothing about forming a committee on the Agenda. We violated NRS and OML without properly disclosing the formation of a new committee.

Collette Johnson – Last month it was stated that a committee was to be formed.

Joe Cohan – read from last months minutes – showing that a committee was instructed to be formed.

Carlo Perez – 10 year resident. AVTB is here to think about the kids. The rocks are blocking access to the helicopter. AVTB needs to think about their decisions and how they affect the community. AVTB is tasked with providing wisdom for the citizens and helping the citizens make the right decisions for the town.

Clara Spears – Trevor Thanked everybody for their help. Then confronted Doc. They should get along and work together. Rocks have been there for a long time and I do not know what they are for.

12. For possible Action – Set time and date of next AVTB meeting.

AVTB Meeting Thursday September 26, 7 PM

Motion by John Bosta to hold next AVTB Meeting on 9-26-2013

2nd by Joe Cohan

Motion passes 5-0

13 For possible Action –Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Joe Cohan

2nd by John Bosta

Motion passes 5-0