

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Roger Morones, Vice Chair
Wes Hubred, Clerk
Lisa Davila, Member
Liandra Dutton, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor
Tini Mittelstadt, Administrative Aide
Josh Christensen, RMPU
Mitch Mittelstadt, Maintenance Foreman
Anna Berg, Recreation Director

Citizens Present:	Oz Wichman	Michelle Lopez	Caitlin Swazey
	Tasha Giraud	Tyfini Brown	Pearlene Nockideneh
	Ranay Guifarro	Erin Berg	Ruben Lopez
	Sara Sweeney	Sharon Wehrly	David Boruchowitz
	Brenda Teeple	Cheryl Briseno	Logan Stumpf
	Herminia Stumpf	Tammie Rascon	Sergio Olmedo
	Andrew Swazey	Julie Buswell	Shelby Stanley
	Sam Lauver	Aissa Nockideneh	Cory Hansen



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jim Swigart: Ok it's 4:30 p.m welcome everyone. I'm James Swigart I'm the Chairman for the Town of Round Mountain Board.

Wesley Hubred: I'm Wes Hubred, Clerk.

Lisa Davila: Lisa Davila, member.

Liandra Dutton: Liandra Dutton, member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (FIRST)

Tasha Giraud: On behalf of PTO I just want to thank you guys for giving us this building with no fees for the Father Daughter Dance on the 7th of April. I appreciate it and thank you very much.

Michelle Lopez: Michelle Lopez on behalf of baseball.

Erin Berg: Erin Berg.

Ruben Lopez: Ruben Lopez.

M. Lopez: I am here today to make a request to the Town, that the water be turned on at the Town baseball fields for the opening day of baseball this Friday March 31st. If the water is not turned on, there will be no bathrooms or serving of hot food at the concession stand. We have our opening day scheduled to start at 10:00 and the games run all day until 4:30. Having no water turn on this day will result in possibly almost 200 people having to use only porta - potties, with no way to wash hands. It will also greatly impact our concession stand. Smoky Valley Youth Baseball does no fundraising, so the concession stand is the only way to make money. Besides that fact, without water we will be unable to cook and serve hamburgers and hotdogs which results in no way to feed these 200 people that will be here all day watching and playing baseball. I understand that the reasoning behind not turning on the water until later in April is because of the fear of freezing. Friday's weather is supposed to be 50 degrees, and while that is cold for those of sitting in the stands all day, it will in no way freeze the water lines. It would take a very deep freeze to break the lines. While we prefer that the water be turned on for the remainder of our baseball season, we would be happy to compromise and ask that you just turn it on Friday for this opening day of baseball. I would even volunteer my husband here, to blow out any lines the following day to prevent any possible freezing, as have many other coaches and husbands. These are Town fields and I feel the Town needs to work together with the community, so that it will benefit our kids, our coaches, our volunteers and our parents. Our Baseball Board Members have worked very hard to make this baseball season come together and to get this opening day organized. The only thing now standing in the way is to get the water turned on. In conclusion, I ask that you please turn on the water at the baseball fields on Friday so that we can have bathrooms and a functioning concession stand.

Davila: Were you met with resistance when you asked to turn on the water?

M. Lopez: Yes, every single year this has been an issue. He's been coaching for years and every single year this is a problem. We have many times had a hose run with water tubs. Now we have been asked to have a permit, which we never had to in the past. That was two years ago.

Hubred: A permit for what?

M. Lopez: A food permit for the concession stand. Which now requires running water, so if we do not get the running water we cannot serve or cook food.

Swigart: And that is through the health department, not through the Town right?

M. Lopez: Well the Town asked two years ago, we'd never been asked before to have a permit in all the years of doing the concessions stand with baseball. I think 2 years ago.

Pearl Olmedo: Two years ago, it was the audit that we all got hit with, the library.

M. Lopez: The Health Inspector came around, so baseball was asked if we want to use the concession stand we have to now have a permit. So baseball, Liandra can answer that question, now we have to have a permit renewed every two weeks and we pay for just enough to get through baseball season. So we have to have running water to be able to function.

P. Olmedo: Ok so I was thinking about that and last week and I came to the determination that we would monitor the weather on a daily basis. The weather fluctuates but I see no problem with turning the water on if it

is a good day on Friday. We have never had an opening day on a weekday before, so it dawned on me over the weekend that we are here on Friday. So in the event that the weather is fine and there is not an issue, we would be able to turn on the water. Now if we were to get hit with a snow storm let's say, we have options with opening up the gym for you guys for those of you that don't want to use the outhouses, I want to say the kitchen should be available to serve from if needed.

Dutton: It's not. There is a safety banquet that day.

P. Olmedo: Ok, and I don't know if PTO was still interested in volunteering their trailer in the event that we couldn't do that.

Dutton: But we still need water.

M. Lopez: We did explore that option too in the past.

P. Olmedo: So with that, like I said, if the weather is fine it shouldn't be an issue turning the water on.

Davila: Where are the pipes freezing at, from what point to what point?

P. Olmedo: Maintenance, would you like to elaborate on what could potentially be the issues?

Mitch Mittelstadt: Yes, the concession stand building itself is not heated, so what freezes in there is all the bathroom toilets, the sinks, the plastic vacuum breakers for the sinks themselves.

M. Lopez: Is it an easy blow out, so if we at the end of the day agree to get all of our coaches and husbands to blow out the lines?

M. Mittelstadt: It's not that easy. We have to turn the main line on from the road, which feeds the ballfields, it goes through a backflow preventer, from there it goes through the sprinkler system, and then there is a ¾ line that goes in the building itself.

M. Lopez: So that can't happen? We are just trying to do whatever we can to get it on.

Dutton: What about space heaters?

Davila: Mitch how come heat tape hasn't been thought of for the pipes?

M. Lopez: One of the problems, Pearl is right, we've never had to have opening day so early as well. We used to have it much later. So with school getting out, the last couple years school gets out so early. We have had to move this up, because if we wait any longer, we have Spring Break, then the kids only have 3 weeks to have a season. So we have moved it up.

Swigart: What was the date?

M. Lopez: This Friday.

Davila: It happens every year, I mean this is something that happens every year. Mitch we can't solve it by putting heat tape on those pipes to help prevent from freezing?

M. Mittelstadt: We would have to have a lot of heat tape.

Davila: I mean is that an option?

M. Mittelstadt: No.

Hubred: What about an electrical heater? Can't you put an electrical heater in there?

M. Mittelstadt: You could put electrical heaters in there, but my concern is in the bathroom with them using it that somebody might get hurt by putting their hand in the heater.

Hubred: I am not saying at the time. I am saying like after the event go in and put an electrical heater in there so it stays warm until we can either get them flushed or shut off.

M. Mittelstadt: There's no outlets in the bathrooms themselves.

Hubred: Ok.

P. Olmedo: Unfortunately, from what I get, they explained it to me, our buildings pretty much weren't designed to. There is no electrical inside like he said to plug in a heater. We thought about that and we would be running into the issue of running electrical cords to heat those units. Like I said, I will monitor on a daily basis.

M. Lopez: It is supposed to be cold and we are going to be freezing our butts off out there, but to me, it is not a deep freeze that is going to freeze pipes. So we thank you and pray for good weather.

P. Olmedo: Yeah, we pray for good weather. If there is nothing wrong with the weather and it continues to stay above the freezing mark, I don't see and issue with it.

M. Lopez: So will you not decide that until Friday morning? Otherwise we will need to make other arrangements.

P. Olmedo: Thursday, it would be by Thursday.

Swigart: I think if you get it through Friday, it looks like it doesn't get below freezing in the night for about a week. Anyone else for a 3 minute public comment?

Sara Sweeney: So I'm Sara Sweeney.

Brenda Teeple: And I'm Brenda Teeple.

Sweeney: For my 3 minutes I would like to bring up my concerns regarding the new Recreation Director. I am very uneasy on the choices that were made in regards to rehiring Anna Berg for the third time. As a community member and a mother, I feel like Pearl disregarded the safety of the children in this town knowing that Anna left children in the facility unattended when she walked out and quit in 2015. As a result of my frustration, I created a petition recommending the termination of the current Rec Director, replacing them with a better suited applicant for this community. And I have the petition here if you need to see it.

Davila: Jim do you want to see that?

Swigart: Nay. Could you bring it up?

Andrew Swazey: Sara how many signatures did you get?

Sweeney: I have 50 signatures on here, including myself.

Teeples: I feel the same way as Sara does. And that when she walked out and quit, she left our kids in danger at that point. I don't feel it is a safe practice to consider, when there are other people that are qualified to take the job too. Also I would like to add, on the ballfield at the last practice that the kids were at even the porta-potties were locked. The kids had no other alternative but to go to the library, even the little ones. We were taking turns taking our kids to the library so they could go to the restroom.

P. Olmedo: I can respond on the Sani huts. It would have had to have been someone outside of the Town employees that locked the porta potties. We can take a look at the cameras, but those are.

Sweeney: They were locked last week too.

P. Olmedo: They should be unlocked all the time, because when the public bathroom facilities aren't available we put the Sani huts down there. We will look into that and if you have any other concerns regarding that you can reach us at the Town Hall. As far as the personnel issues, I would suggest that, you know it is not an action item, we may take it into consideration and we could do an investigation in regards to that. I would advise against responding to that.

Davila: Sara, I apologize about the bathroom issue. We will look into it to make sure it doesn't happen. It is kind of hard for the kids.

Swigart: One other thing, just to let everyone know, the Town Board right here, we have no control over the hiring or firing of employees for the Town, that's it. It is Pearl the Town Manager.

Sweeney: I agree. And do you have authority over Pearl as a Board?

Swigart: Yes we do.

Sweeney: So consecutively all five of you could make a decision yourself, if you chose to.

Swigart: We have no control over who is hired and who is fired. Do you understand that? That way if an employee has issues or is terminated, they can go to the Board, they have an arbitration committee they can go to. If we are a part of that hiring process or firing, that employee has nowhere to go, now that there is arbitration. Thanks for bringing it to our attention, we will put it on an agenda and there is a possibility that we could get a third party investigator look into this. The hiring and practices for the Town of Round Mountain.

Sweeney: Ok. Well just so you know, I myself will not sign up my kids for swim lessons, and I will tell everybody I know not to sign up for swim lessons and to drive to Tonopah and use their facilities.

Teeples: It's not just Sara that feels this way, it is everyone.

Sweeney: This is our children's safety. It is very personal to me, when she leaves children in a facility unattended. That is how children die in cars, when they get locked in hot cars. That is how children get burned by fires, when they get left by fire. You leave a child by a pool, they can drown. It's very personal.

Swigart: Well thank you for bringing it to our attention. Anyone else, 3 minutes?

Logan Stumpf: Can I speak?

Swigart: Go ahead.

Hubred: Go ahead.

L. Stumpf: I would like to give my 3 minutes to my mom.

Herminia Stumpf: Last year I attended a Board Meeting for the first time. One of the things that were brought up was the pool. Someone had commented that not many people were very interested in it. So I got up and said that the pool meant something to me because my child couldn't swim. Because it was closed that summer, he couldn't learn. I said that he is only one child, but that one child is my whole world, and some of you agreed. I find myself distressed by about hearing that the person that was hired, has not once, but twice left their post, and at least one time left children in the pool. It has been argued that there was a lifeguard on duty, however if the life guard had had to pull a child out or had to concentrate their effort on actually saving life, that would leave the other child or children unattended, and I spoke with someone that was there. She saw the person leave with the children still in the pool. She went into the pool, not being able to herself to swim, and pulled the kids out, because they were drifting towards the deep end. Some of them were even turning blue because the pool was so cold and someone in charge said that heating it was just too expensive. In my opinion, that is a gross travesty. This is a crime of the most horrible kind, taking advantage of a child's innocence. Children count on us to protect them and shield them from the harms of the world. And what did we do, we put them right smack dab in the middle of it again. If a child molester is known of or even suspected of preying on a child, they are denied the slightest access to them, but subjecting them to the possibility of endangerment is ok? There should be no second chances when you commit a crime against a child. And as far as the issue of heating it, when did we put a price on human lives? Is a child's life worth \$450.00, the average cost to heat a 50 meter Olympic size pool? Or is it worth less? Or is it worth more? Or are we just going to set a timer so that we know when to pull the children out so they don't go into hyperthermia? Oh, but that would require somebody to be there to count the minutes down and be there and not leave beforehand. This is negligence by allowing that person back in charge, we are also showing negligence. History has shown that this person does not have any regrets with doing as they want, duty means nothing. Many have said that this individual is a nice person. Well, some people of the worst kind are nice people, like rapists or child molesters, and that is so they can gain your confidence and do what they want. Am I being blunt and a little dramatic? Maybe. But I think it is imperative that this point is made by whatever means is necessary so that it isn't made by the death of a child. And to the Board, you all have the ability to right this wrong in one way or another. I realize your hands are tied to a certain extent, but at the same time at the very least there should be made a cognizant recognition of this issue. You have the authority and obligation to question the practices and habits that pose a risk. You are supposed to question the actions of people who make decisions that are not in the best interest of the majority. We ask you now that you pick up that burden that was placed with you when you accepted the membership of the Board. We are all here because we are afraid for our children. We know that we can't in good conscience let them swim in this pool if we are not here, history has shown that. It is a fact. It is documented. We are asking for your help in placing our trust in your hands, we have been lied to and let down. We are told that our children are the most precious and important asset of our future. Stand up for them please. You are in a place to make a difference when our voices are ignored or when our reasons have been justified with petty excuses. In 20 years of managing, I managed for over 20 years, I never hired a person who walked out on their job. In that same 20 years, when they walked out they were never rehired. I've been told that this is where I come to, to have my voice heard. Does that include my child's voice? And thank you that it did, I appreciate that. He needs to be heard too and I entreat the five of you to fix this. You have an obligation to the people of this community to be our gladiator when we have been wronged. But what has to happen to make you guys be moved to action? I say one last time, I have one child and that one child is my whole world. Show me that my child, that every child in this community means something to you. Thank you for your time.

Davila: Thank you Minnie.

Swigart: Thank you.

A. Swazey: I have a prepared statement as well which I may deviate from, if you would like to disperse that. Alright, I'm here, I have been coming to the Town Board Meetings for the last 2 times and now this third time, because I have heard second hand about issues going on with the Town. I have heard that there will be a rate increase due to with the sewer, due to project mismanagement and I heard the hiring of the Recreational Director was not happening in a professional manner. So, I did a little bit of my own digging. I have looked into the budget in an attempt to understand what should be happening, which has been unfortunately fruitless. All I got for the budget was the submission, which was not well documented. Although it had the numbers it did not have any supplementary information. I was able to call and get some of that information, but it just annoys me that I have to do extra work. I have a, we are in a Town that appears to be running itself into the ground, on the tax payers dime. The Town is spending at a deficit of roughly 1.97 million. Even if the mineral resource taxes come in like prior year, the deficit would still be about 1.2 million. Also very surprising was the lack of substantiation, which I mentioned. Oh, this one is old. Do you mind if I take that paper back? Ok, yep, looking at the general government and administration costs, it looks like there is a 3 fold increase over the prior year. Specifically a more than 6 fold increase in salaries which currently pays 4.5 people, where before 70 thousand dollars was allocated for salaries under general administration fund, it's now currently 450 thousand dollars or a 100 thousand dollars on average per person. Assuming the Town previously budgeted for one person that means the average salary increased 42%, which is absolutely enormous. That forms the first problem I found, which is a glaring over expenditure and either a terrible assumptions or a huge salary increases. So, you know this is just terrible. The second and third problems I found in my study are related to the more recent Recreational Director hiring. Based on the Town, based on requesting bylaws by the Town, from the Town, County and State. I have been unable to obtain any bylaws, so everybody knows they are operating with essentially no bylaws. Which is, this is against NRS, which is the Nevada Revised Statute for everyone's benefit, 269.600, and this must be addressed, that is the second of the 3 problems. I believe the former bylaws may have contained a clause requiring the Board to approve hiring based on their former customs of approving hire, which did not happen this prior time. Because the bylaws have been lost however, this cannot be confirmed. The third problem is a Town Manager apparently out of control, and approximately in the past four months I cannot find a direct approval for the Town Manager to hire a Recreational Director. Without such an approval process how can the Town function in a consistent sustainable basis? I would like to challenge the Board to reign in the over spending, perhaps applying those dollars to the public utilities to cover the costs over runs of the sewer, and rethink how hiring occurs at the Town. The purported explanations for the recent hire not coming before the Board, I believe were weak at best. Documented reason and sourced opinions should be provided for why the recent hire was not brought before the Board before hiring. Documented reason and source, repeat that. Everything should be brought to the table for cuts and every expenditure budgeted should be well documented and understood. That completes my statement.

Davila: Thank you Andrew.

Swigart: Thank you.

Hubred: Thank you.

Swigart: So with any general public comment, there is not action until it can be put on the agenda. You need to contact the Town Manager, the office and have you concerns and complaints put on for the agenda item. We will discuss a little bit later some of the things you are talking about, with a letter from the Chairman and the Co-Chairman to the Town Manager. If you want to stick around for that? Any other general comment from the public?

APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2017 AGENDA

Hubred: Has anything changed Pearl?

P. Olmedo: No changes.

Swigart: We do have that we were going to discuss these things.

P. Olmedo: I want to make note that our Chairman brought in an email correspondence between himself and I that was included at today's meeting and copies were provided to the Board Members. That will be under the Department updates.

Dutton motioned to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2017 meeting as written. Davila seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

READING, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Dutton: Can we talk about maybe going back to verbatim? After reading the minutes, because now they are summarized, after reading them last night I feel like there were a couple times that the summary did not represent what was actually said. So, can we maybe put that on the agenda for the next meeting?

P. Olmedo: We can put that request on there.

Hubred: So with that being said, do you feel comfortable approving this document since you were there?

Dutton: No. I would have to listen to the minutes. Maybe my memory is off, but from what, there were a couple times I was like, what?, that is not how I remember it. Can we table it?

Swigart: Can we table that and have you amend these meeting minutes?

P. Olmedo : What we can do is, we will put it as an agenda item to put it back to verbatim and if you do chose to pass it at that point in time, then we will have to pretty much redo the meeting minutes, back to verbatim.

Dutton: Ok.

Swigart: I think that we should table.

Hubred: Are you in agreeance with that Lisa?

Davila: Yeah, I'm fine with that.

Item tabled.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO APPROVE THE SPENDING PLAN OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MONEY FOR ROUND MOUNTAIN SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AS PRESENTED NYE COUNTY SHERIFF SHARON WEHRLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Sharon Wehrly: Well we came up to town to discuss this plan with you. And you have our sheet for you?

Hubred: Yes we do.

Wehrly: The annual PSST budget revenue for Round Mountain is currently \$10,000. The current budget for Round Mountain PSST, we are hopefully spending \$10,000. What we have done, is we are taking a percentage of what we are doing across the county on new gear for the S.W.A.T team, and that would take care of \$975.33

on new S.W.A.T gear providing modern protection for modern threats out in this area. \$664.70 for new Active Shooter vests for the deputies and new leader Sargent out here, in case of an active shooter. \$132.48 on scheduling software, which allows us to schedule people throughout the county. \$939.32 on power phone software which allows the NCSO dispatchers to have emergency medical information immediately available to them at their fingertips. \$2,300 jail medical services, \$1,104 on padded cells within the Nye County Detention Center, and \$3,884.16 on the purchase and installation of the surveillance system within the Round Mountain Sheriff Sub-Station. We have recently purchased a new lexray technology which will allow us to surveil the area in and around the sheriff's office here in Round Mountain. We would also like to ask additional unused funds from prior budget years if rolled over to the next PSST budget. Do you have any questions at all before we go on?

Swigart: No. Wes?

Hubred: No. A lot of this is stuff being mandated throughout the states. It's something that's got to be done.

P. Olmedo: Are you going to, I know it is currently in the works through legislation where they are going to possibly mandate on body cameras.

Wehrly: Yes, body wear cameras, yes absolutely.

P. Olmedo: Do you have that included in the upcoming fiscal year?

Wehrly: That will be coming soon. It is in the next budget year.

P. Olmedo: Ok. My next question is how many, regarding all the protective gear that you purchase, how many deputies will it outfit here in Round Mountain?

Wehrly: All of them.

P. Olmedo: How many currently do we have?

Wehrly: You have 4 at the moment, and you are going to get another one.

Davila: Sharon, did you by chance bring any extra copies? Apparently there are some people in the audience that would like a copy. If you'd like a copy of what they're talking about raise your hand.

David Boruchowitz: I did.

Swigart: Over the years there is \$47,000 in there and we needed for you to come forward to get those monies and those are from the taxes. A certain percentage goes into a fund for the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office. Correct me if I am mistaken Pearl.

P. Olmedo: Yes.

Swigart: \$47,000 is for prior years up until the year 2017 and then the \$10,000 is for this year so far.

P. Olmedo: Yes, so Sherriff Wehrly has been working closely with Nye County Finance, who has access to our budget information. They have been working closely with the auditor as well so the package they bring forth to you guys it is very well thought out and all the parties that assisted the Sheriff in putting this together, had a hand in it and was able to view our budget. We did pass a resolution back in 2016 and the process was for them

to come before the Board to approve. They're requesting to spend, so right now if you are comfortable with it, this would be spending out of this fiscal year.

Swigart: Yeah, I think it's a good thing. These are items that nobody knows what the Sheriff Department needs more than you.

Wehrly: What we are hoping to do is bring everybody up to the same plateau.

Swigart: Is there a difference between the deputies in Pahrump and Round Mountain with their gear or what they have?

Wehrly: No, not with their gear or their training.

Swigart: Very good. I don't have a problem.

A. Swazey: I don't think there is any reason to spend these funds. According to the NRS, there is no reason that you guys as a Board you can't redistribute these funds to the general fund or the Fire fund. So I would challenge the fact that they want new S.W.A.T gear for their militarization, active shooter vests, when that threat has rarely been realized out here I imagine.

Giraud: I beg your pardon.

A. Swazey: There is no reason to pay these things, so why can't we just redistribute these funds to somewhere else. I mean if we don't pay someone else is going to pay and they are going to have the gear anyway, so why should we pay.

Dutton: I think these fund were actually put in by law that they are to go to Nye County Sheriff's Department, it has already been allocated.

A. Swazey: It goes into our police fund and the NRS, you are allowed to take from there at your discretion to go to the general or fire funds.

Dutton: I would not want to take away from our Sheriff's Department.

Swigart: I don't think that is a good idea

A. Swazey: There is no reason for them to have that.

Giraud: Yes there is. There has been more than a handful of times that I can think of that our officers have been in serious critical danger of someone that is not on their right mind level.

Hubred: It has happened 3 times already this month. What you are sitting there saying, you obviously don't, you need to try to get some of the facts, through the Sheriff, through the Nevada Highway Patrol.

A. Swazey: Maybe they should provide that backup when they are asking for funds.

P. Olmedo: It has been challenged. This has been mandated, this came before the Board of County Commissions back in 2007. At that time it wasn't the general fund of Nye County, it was challenged at the AG's office and the mandate came back to where the Board of County Commission was told to disburse the monies to each individual, to every entity, so it went to all the towns; Town of Pahrump, Town of Beatty, Town of Tonopah, Town of Round Mountain and Town of Gabbs and Town of Armargosa. These taxes have been

passed at the County level for the protection of not only for the citizens but our law enforcement and AG's opinion pretty much agreed with them. These monies were disbursed to each and every town for us to ensure that the money stays locally, centralized to each location.

A. Swazey: Well what they are saying is they are allocating their cost to us based on it going everywhere. So that debunks that theory.

P. Olmedo: They are required to come before each and every Town Board to spend monies within our areas for our Sheriff or each deputy, for our location. So that lets say the one theory is possibly all the monies could be heading down south. This is designed to where it comes to us, it stays to us, so this is a good benefit for us.

Giraud: It's not like the money is going toward Tonopah, it is going toward our Nye County.

Davila: So I have a question then. On the particular line item where you say \$2,300.00 for the contract for Jail Medical services and then the \$1,104.00 on padded cells. Is that in regards to our jail in Tonopah, or is that in Pahrump?

Wehrly: Well it is in Pahrump, because the holding facility in Tonopah is just that now. So when we arrest someone out here and they go to the holding facility in Tonopah, but they can't stay there, we can only keep them there for 24 to 48 hours and they have to move to Pahrump, that is where they are housed. If they have a trial or have to see the judge in Tonopah, we transport them back.

Davila: How is that in regards to seriously mentally ill people coming in? Do you have anything to house them or are they moved quickly?

Wehrly: No, they are also moved, but they are generally L2k, which means they go down to see a psychologist.

Davila: Thank you very much.

Stumpf: I would like to add if I could, I hope you all don't think I am being silly making this correlation, but I can't think of any better way to put it. We all don't go into the bathroom with 2 squares of toilet paper, we take a whole roll so we are prepared, ok. Why in the world would we not give these people the funds that they need so that they are prepared when they go out there? That is just my thought.

Swigart: This money is like your PTO that has accrued. Since 2007 it has been going into this account, the Sherriff's Department and the Fire Department, these monies have been put in there. This is legislation that was passed in 2007. This is the first time that they are coming to the Board to collect those monies. This is like the library, you look and there is a certain amount of taxes that goes to the library. What's next, take it away from the library?

Dutton motioned to approved the spending plan for the Public Safety Sales Tax for the Round Mountain Sheriff Department. Davila seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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Swigart: That was for the monies of?

Boruchowitz: That was for the year 2016-2017 our current fiscal year. This next one starts July 1, 2017

Dutton: You haven't spent the money for 2016-2017 yet, correct?

Boruchowitz: No, It was all held up in the finance word.

Wehrly: It is an interesting world. We get figures and then we get other figures and then we get another set of figures, so hopefully what we have is confirmed and pretty solid. The annual budget revenue for Round Mountain in 2017-2018 is \$11,000. The current budget for Round Mountain with a balance carried over from prior years would be \$47,064. Our proposal for spending is as follows; \$1932 on mobile data terminals these are computers in the patrol vehicle which allows Round Mountain based deputies to be dispatched more efficiently and effectively to handle reports in the field and ensure they spend more time patrolling. This amount is based on the percentage of the Tonopah base, upon a percentage on all PSST funds available throughout Nye County. The next bullet is \$1104.00 on wireless devices these devices provide connectivity between the mobile data terminals and the server. The amount is based again on a percentage. Next, \$4453.99 on mobile spillman this is the software component to the mobile data terminals. The amount is based again on a percentage, so you are only paying for what we are using out here. \$5244.01 to outfit each Round Mountain based Deputy with new Tasers X2 devices, giving them a new less than lethal option. \$5427.26 on dash cameras in all Round Mountain County Sheriff patrol vehicles, the amount is based on again a percentage. \$4581.42 for body cameras for all 4 Round Mountain based Nye County Sheriff's officers. \$3000.00 on upgrading computers and computer technology in the Round Mountain substation. \$10,000.00 to purchase dual purpose K9 assigned service to the Round Mountain area. We have been blessed by Round Mountain Gold, they are going to by one K9, what we would like to do is have 2nd and because of the amount of money that is in this budget we would be able to afford to do that, so you would have 2 K9s here.

Morones: Those K9s will be based in Round Mountain, not Tonopah?

Wehrly: Yes.

Dutton: We have 2 of the budget plans here and at the very end the numbers are different. One was received March 27th and one was received March 28th.

Boruchowitz: Yes, that was a last minute correction from finance, on a spread sheet error.

Wehrly: Apparently they put in the wrong formula, so they had to go back and redo the formula again and we came up with different numbers. \$4500.00 for recurring annual costs to maintain a K9 deputy. \$6800.00 on radio equipment, K9 equipment and K9 stickering. This K9 deputy would be placed in a spare vehicle and next year we would ask for \$7,000 in the 2018-2019 budget to bring a new vehicle out. Let me explain a little bit about the vehicle the way that it works. We are a very poor county as you guys know. What we have been doing, we have a benefactor named Joseph Lombardo. He is the sheriff of Clark County, they get rid of their vehicles from anywhere from 70 to 90 thousand miles on them, when we are running vehicle that are 170 to 215 thousand miles on them. So he has been good hearted enough to allow us to go through their DOCC with his blessing and buy vehicles from them. We just got our second round. The first round was 20 vehicles, 20 Crown Vics, for 2500.00 apiece, completely outfitted with lights, sirens, weapons carriers. Anything and everything that you would ever think a police car should have except the radio, they have. Plus they paint for them for us. That helped our fleet a lot last year and year before. We just got through doing another one, we managed to get 3 K9 vehicles this time completely ready to go except for the radio. We are planning on doing that again, and we are already talking to Darren Tucker, their fleet manager, to get several more vehicles out here. So when you are looking at the \$7,000.00 request, we are paying approximately \$6500 for those vehicles each, completely outfitted with all the K9 equipment and everything else that you need to run except the radio. That is why it would only be the \$7,000.00, because we would need to be able to do the PMs on them and whatnot. We

additionally, as I said, would like to request the Round Mountain Town Board roll over any unused funds from the prior budget year to next years.

Swigart: This is really similar to the last proposal that we had.

A. Swazey: I think you guys should table this until they fix the errors on the document at least and then they should reconsider how they are going present.

Morones: Hold off right there, public comment will be after. Right now we are addressing an agenda item

Swigart: Also just take note for the record, Co-Chairman Roger Morones arrived about 5:12.

Morones: Yes, I apologize I was umpiring a baseball game in Tonopah.

Davila: I have one question in regards to the last comment about the Town rolling over any unused funds. Have you considered possibly using any of those remaining funds to offset the cost of that \$7,000.00, especially because where the Town sits right now, and our concerns financially? Is that potentially something that can happen?

Boruchowitz: That is a standard clause that finance asked us to present. These plans should spend all of your PSST money for both years, but they said as part of our proposal you need to pass that if we don't spend it all you'll roll it over to next year. Let's say we go to get the computer components and it is only \$2500, then that funds will not roll over to next year if our proposal does not include that you will roll over any unused funds. These proposals should use up both years PSST funds off there.

Davila: So we will still have that opportunity if there is rolled over funds to say, instead of 7 thousand dollars you didn't us 5, here is the 5.

Boruchowitz: Correct.

Davila: Ok, just so we are on the same page. Thank you, thank you very much.

Swigart: The Town of Round Mountain Board, we're concerned about the Town of Round Mountain. So the majority of the funds, you are assuring us that it will go back into the Town of Round Mountain?

Wehrly: Yes.

Swigart: Ok.

Wehrly: Everything we have here supports the deputies that work here.

Davila: Wes do you have any insight for us?

Swigart: Another question, you are not going to wait another 10 years before you come and talk to us again?

Wehrly: No, actually I didn't wait 10 years. I have been to 1 or 2 of your meetings, but there were only a couple people here when I was here.

Morones: Before we go on, let me shed some light and explain just so some of you here might have some concerns on the amount of money that they are asking for. This money has already been allocated and taken out of our funds from the Town. This is not part of our yearly spending budget. This money in essence belongs to

the Sheriff's Department of Nye County. These numbers may be a little disconcerting to some of you, and addressing you as well Andrew, but these are not additional funds that we have to go out and resource for. This is part of our budget plan and always has been. They just come when they need the money and the money is to be disbursed. So just keep that in mind, don't get thrown off by all the numbers that you guys see here, thinking that this is going towards our final dollar.

Davila: I have one more question before I yay or nay. Is there any possibility that one or both of you can come back and let us know, I mean it is obvious that you are being very transparent in where the money is going, can we have an update?

Wehrly: Absolutely, in fact when we get everybody outfitted we will bring them down so everybody can see it.

Davila: Thank you very much.

Wehrly: And if you would like to have a tour of what we are going to do for the upgrades for the sub-station you are more that welcome to come down and look.

Morones: That's fantastic.

Hubred: Lisa if I may add, and the Sheriff can add to it, but these mobile devices that they are asking for, these wireless devices, this mobile spillman, it is going to benefit this agency and this Town tremendously. I work for Nevada Highway Patrol, we run this now and I can monitor their calls, I know exactly where their deputies are going. If there is a call out here I can see it, they don't have to dispatch me, I can see it pop up on my computer. I can start heading out here while their dispatchers take the 911 call before they can make a call to my dispatch to let them know we need troopers in route, or we need officers in route. It is a tremendous asset, not only to the community, but to our deputies. I would love to see them have it, because there is so many times, not only can I monitor them, they can monitor me, so if I am on a call and I am asking for backup or on a stop. My dispatch is concerned, they have so much going on all they have to do is link it to their system and their deputies are already rolling before the dispatcher gets on the radio and says this is what we got. I am all for, without a doubt spending that money on that.

Hubred motioned to approve the expenditure for the 2017-2018 for the Nye County Sheriff's office. Davila seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER RESOURCES PLAN UPDATE
PREPARED BY MARYELLEN C. GIAMPAOLI, ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST
UNDER CONTRACT TO THE NYE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY OSCAR
WICHMAN, NYE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MANAGER**

Oz Wichman: Good afternoon and thank you. We are seeking public input on this document, so I would not only like to address the Board but also the folks that are here, so I will walk around a little bit. Pearl I think that my recommendation for this Board would be that they designate you to read this document cover to cover, and then discuss items of concern that you find. It is going to take right at 5 to 6 hours to read cover to cover. I would recommend that you do it in 2 sittings because some of the material is horrible. You can find the full document online at nyecountywaterdistrict.net it is about 250 pages, there is a public comment form, so if you care to call and discuss questions my personal cell number is 775-761-5307. The lady Maryellen Giampaoli that drafted this document under contract with the Nye County Water District, her office number is 702-875-4594. Do not be scared to call and ask questions. For your public comments you are going to log online. There is a public comment form, we ask you to do the public comments there so we can actually keep track of it and document, because we are in fact in service of 45 thousand people in Nye County, so we have to be able to keep track of it. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Oz Wichman and I am the General Manager of

the Nye County Water District. I have been a resident of Smoky Valley for something north of 36 years. I grew up in the mines here, I worked six weeks short of 20 years, I did 11 years with Nye County Public Works, and for the last 5 years I have been self-employed and work under contract with the Nye County Water District. For the first 4 years I worked for them I basically provided technical services. I was asked to provide General Manager services starting in July. Being the very fortunate sole that I am, within 30 days we were given a law suit that was about history that happened before I was the GM, and along come Senate Bill 21 proposing to abolish the Nye County Water District. So I don't know how much longer we are going to be around. All of you pay a \$5.00 per parcel fee which funds the water district. So the focus of the water district since I have been working for them has been the Pahrump basin, we are going to talk a little more about that. We have done very little for some of the communities in the North, which for me as a resident of the Northern Nye County absolutely makes me crazy, but it is what it is. It has come to my attention that this Town Board saw fit to write a letter in opposition of Senate Bill 21 and it just about blew my socks off frankly stated. I just really appreciated that, the vote of confidence from our voluntary boards. The Nye County Water District is a political subdivision of the state of Nevada. It is not a political subdivision of Nye County. So, water resources plan is a planning, guiding document that essentially shows that there are 44 basins in whole or in part, hydrographic basins in whole or in part in Nye County. A hydrographic basin is from the top of the mountain ranges, the water that sheds from the top of the ridges to the valley, the south boundary of the hydrographic basins that we are in here, 137 B, I always called it the old Reason Ranch down here. I guess folks have renamed it the Mickey Mouse Ranch, basically the water shed, everything from the old Reason Ranch runs to the sinks down at the RO, and everything from highway 50 to Austin, all of that stuff migrates to the these sinks and playas at the RO. So from the top of the ridges, that is basically a Hydrographic basin boundary, 44 in whole or in part in Nye County. The basin that you live in here, the perennial yield is about 65 thousand acre feet. You have one of the best water basins of all Nye County. If I remember right, Railroad Valley might edge you out by a few acre feet. This is where the water is, in Central Nevada. The original water resources plan was done in 2004 by Tom Buqo, MaryEllen Giampaoli was Tom's wife, and Tom has passed away. She helped him do the first plan in 2004. The Nye County Water District chose for a plan update, so 10 or 11 years have passed since we have started this effort, it has taken a couple years to put this together. It is a guiding document for local Boards, it is information for the public, for the Board of County Commissioners, for the Water District Governing Board and anybody else that is interested in business and industry and the water resources it might take and an estimation of some of the businesses on a 50 year planning horizon and the potential water use of each. Like the Solar Reserve south of us, it is those billion dollar solar plant, they have about 800 acre feet of water rights. I think if I recall correctly they are anticipating the use about half of that. As you go through the document, it is basically 7 chapters, and a chapter with some references and an appendix, and some map data. Chapter one focuses on the overview goals and guidelines, in other words, ok so you read the document and it is going to go through some information about why do we need a water resources plan. Chapter Two - Socioeconomics and Demographic Assessment, so what are the communities, what is the economy in the communities, what is some of the population trends in the communities? Chapter Three - Water Resource Assessments and Issues, we are going to focus on a couple of those items. Chapter Four - Water Demand Trends and Forecast, again this is county wide. Chapter Five - Water Management and Planning Issues, county wide, community and basin water issues. We go through community by community. Before you read the document and you discover that the Hadley Subdivision Water System is not in the document, it is an oversight. It is a draft document, and I am here to tell you there is a really good reason it is an oversight. Us in Smoky Valley enjoy the ability to quietly paddle our collective canoe along, for the most part and tend to our knitting without a bunch of county employees up here barking up our shirts. We are off the radar for the most part. For the last 15 years as a public servant in some capacity, one of the things that infuriates me the most is for some of our communities to report that they are the largest tax payer. We are the largest tax payer in Nye County. We fund 30 percent of the, and have for some 30 years, 25 to 30 percent of the operating budget for the whole of Nye County. For the citizens of this community and the valley, we are packing our weight on steroids, makes me extremely proud that I have grown up in that mine, extremely proud to be part of Round Mountain and extremely proud that when a contractor writes up a resource planning document they forget the heart of the whole show, because we quietly go on about our business. Consider it a compliment that its going to go in there. Pearl will be getting some calls from the

contractor about how many are connected to your system. Josh if I remember right your arsenic level is running about 9.

Josh Christensen: In the Town of Hadley we are probably about 6. 6.5 or 6, anybody can come to the Town office and contact me and I can give you a CCR report of our drinking water in Hadley and we have fantastic water.

Wichman: When Meg calls please give her the time of day. We have not gone through, what this document does not do, it does not get down into the weeds on the daily operations of our water systems. I know how tough they are, been there done that, been down in the trench with the guys. It is basically an overall view of water resources and water use by business and industry and projections in Nye County. Chapter 7 Meg has gone into some Management Alternatives, we are going to go through this handout, because I am not going to spend the same 25 minutes that she did, I am going to cut this short a little bit. In your handout there is a base line population projection. What is starkly different about this planning document, is that in 2004 the economy in Nye County was busting at the seams. I was working for Nye County Public works, I was going down to Pahrump every other week and I was processing 75 encroachment permits every other week. That is 150 a month. Most of them were houses, so 150 houses were being built in Pahrump, during that time frame, a month, and that went on for years. So all of the planning documents that were issued in that time frame showed this tremendous growth trend for Nye County and this overblown water resource problem and oh my god we are going to hit the brick wall. We have reeled that way in, in that, in your document you are going to see that basically county wide, we predict a gross rate of about 1 ½ percent. So that means for a 50 year planning horizon, the population of Nye County will roughly double in 50 years, so for some 40 – 45ish, 80 – 85 – 90ish. 50 years from now. Here obviously everything is dependent on the mine, if they start to wind down, and there is a mass exodus from the Hadley subdivision, from old town, whatever is left there, Shoshone, Senita Courts, because folks have to have jobs, they have to work. I know we are all holding our breath to see if the western expansion is going to take shape or not. Jim, do we have any information on that?

Swigart: September 17 is the last I heard from Mr. Hendriks and the big player as always is the price of Gold. They are working their butts off up there to reduce costs and utilize every man hour wisely.

Wichman: Ok so let's talk about some of the community's specific issues. Since the last planning document was done in 2004 Manhattan was not in compliance for arsenic in 2004, today it is. Nye County Public Works which I am very proud to announce, that was my project to find a good water source to manage, put the monies together, work with the engineering, button it up and she is cleaner than a whistle, Manhattan is secure. Round Mountain – Secure. Wells are in good shape and you have a distribution system that doesn't have a billion leaks. You have just redone your waste water facility at great pain and expense, but you got it done.

Christensen: We are close, we are not 100%. Next week we should be online and completely operational with our waste water treatment facility.

Wichman: Perfect. Gabbs felt the need to revamp their Public Works, it had chloride problems over the maximum contaminate level, exploration project found a new well, clean water well, new distribution system, cleaned up the tanks, cleaned up the system over there. Gabbs is a little different, kind of neat. A little bit of history on Gabbs. In World War 2, they mined in Gabbs, magnesite and brucite. Magnesite is use to make magnesium. In World War 2 it was considered a strategic mineral. So the US military moved in a took over the mine in Gabbs. So there was a bunch of infrastructure built in the 40's and when the second world war got over with, they turned it over to basic minerals, they did some stuff into the 50's, so that water distribution system and sewage collection system are pretty aged. So there are going to be some maintenance issues for that community but basically they have plenty of water rights, they are in good shape. They've got clean water, not so the case in 2004 when we did this plan. So there have been some strides made. Obviously we are all painfully aware of the Shoshone Estates thing, the last news I got, it sound like it is going to be an outfit called

Mt. Charleson Water Company, I sat and spent about 1 ½ hours with a gentleman that owns that by the name of Mel Daines. I have not heard recently if the PUC has made a decision and he is the willing receiver and they are off to the races or not. As far as I know that is still pending, but it looks like that is the way that the wind blows. I was involved in trying to help that previous Board best as I knew how and I am very aware of the help that this Board and this community sent Josh over there and equipment over there and assistance over there, I think that is pretty good.

Christensen: This Board did a very good decision letting the Town of Round Mountain assist Shoshone Estates. That is a neighboring community, and the Town of Round Mountain helping them out, it is not going above and beyond, but monitoring and doing their samples for them and making sure that they are still in compliance with the Nevada Bureau of Safe Drinking water and everything. The Town of Round Mountain has done that and that is a good thing. The Board made a good decision on that.

Wichman: I personally think it is above and beyond. That subdivision was created by a family.

Christensen: It is a neighboring community.

Wichman: That family essentially threw their hands up and ran for the woods, and you guys stepped to the plate. So let's not talk about any other means than what it is. Now in that family's defense, when you get down to one guy left standing and as an individual trying to operate a water system of that size, impossible project, impossible, in their defense. There is always two sides to the coin. At last a couple of the more local issues that you guys are familiar with, there is no public water system in Belmont, there is a list in the water resources planning document that provides all of the public water systems in Nye County. Essentially in the planning period, which is 50 years, the population doubles, but the water required to serve a population, a base line population only increases by about 10%. Then if you add to that, heavy industry solar is talking about adding as many more as 9 or 10 of the towers down there. Some of those could very well fall in Nye County, some may be in Esmeralda County, they have not sited exactly where those are going to be, because we know when that project was on and Round Mountain was going through its expansion, you couldn't get a trailer spot in a hundred mile radius of Tonopah. So that solar site will certainly have an impact on this community and depending on where they site those, it could have an impact on the water resources. In the planning document there is a list of assumptions and it is basically our best guess, there are items in there we think that, I don't know how many guys have been here long enough to recall when there was a gold deposit just out of Gabbs, they called it FMC. They ran up into the mid to late 80's as I recall. There are still mineable reserves there at some dollar amount, so if you saw gold hit at 2 thousand dollars, you would see the population of Gabbs double. You have to make sure you have the water infrastructure and the water rights. This planning document takes into account, and if you fire up the FMC mining and it doubles the population of Gabbs overnight, do they have enough water. The answer is yes, they have enough, they have the pumps, they've got storage, and they have the water rights. It outlines some of that information, basically you could summarize as far as the burn downs in Nye County, the true debacles in Nye County we have 3. One - Southern Nevada Water Authority 30 years ago filed for water rights in Railroad Valley, I would imagine that most of you are vaguely aware that we as the State of Nevada think that growth for the sake of growth is sustainable. I think that that is a safe statement to make based on the fact that Las Vegas Nevada was the fastest growing city in the US for five years, something like that. Nevada was the fastest growing State of the Union because of the tremendous growth that we have seen in Las Vegas in the last 25 to 30 years. The notion is today, there is a lot of talk about draining the state to feed the babies, Vegas and Carson. They are talking about squirting mainlines clear out to Dixie Valley to feed the populous area along the toe of the Sierra Nevada's and Southern Nevada Water Authorities would love to run pipelines clear up through into White Pine, Lincoln and parts of Nye County. Nye County protested those water rights applications and basically that whole thing has been tied up in litigation now for 30 years. I don't know where that is going to go. I would certainly recommend that our County mothers and fathers oppose that. I do not think that draining the state to feed the baby is sustainable. I do not think it is a good plan, but the flip side of that under Nevada Water Law, the day you move to Las Vegas, Nevada you are a Nevada citizen

and you have just as much right to use the water here as I have. It is not an easy question that is one burn down. Two – The Nevada Test Site, contamination from low surface and underground testing, there is chapters in there that talk about the Tritium contamination and the potential for that contamination to get beyond the boundaries of the Nevada Test site. It talks about the water resources that are that are tied up with the Nevada Test Site, that we the citizens of Nye County no longer have access to, because of that contamination, to further businesses and industry in Nye County. The 2004 plan document drew a pretty hard line, saying the Board of Commissioners should sue and take on the fight with the Department of Energy. But what you will see in this document is the statement in there ‘hey we did underground testing at the Nevada Test Site starting in the 40s right after the ending of World War 2 with the full knowledge of the State and County, and the citizens of Nye County.’ The decision was made by our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents and we are just going to have to live with it. I just don’t think, we are paying as tax payers for the problem with federal dollars. I don’t think that proposing to take on the Department of Energy at a local level and lay that expense at their feet, the few of us in Nye County, 45 thousand people, I don’t think that is a winning game. Some of those recommendations for the fight that were made in the 2004 document, we have pulled those out. We softened the edges of that. I don’t think it is sustainable, I don’t think it is reasonable, I don’t think it is a battle that we are ever going to win and it is not going to change anything that radiation is still going to be there. We did not make that decision, your parents did. Burn down #3 – Pahrump, I have invested the last five years of my life in Pahrump, it has been painful, and basically it can be summed up with the two ends of the stick, the footprint of deed of the land, not land on the BLM disposal list, but currently held in private ownership, if you draw that on a map and you put that on the top of Las Vegas Nevada, on that footprint as it is today the landmass in that basin in about 25% of what it is in Las Vegas. So the larger metropolitan population of Las Vegas is about 2 million people. You could go to the community of Pahrump based on the lands that you have, but not many, but you have enough water to support something between 80 and 100 thousand people. The State Engineers Office in the past, starting in the 50’s and the 60’s, issued water rights beyond perennial yield by about 50 thousand acre feet. So there are more water rights, basically what it means is there are 3 to 5 people that think they own the same gallon of water. Plus the Board of County Commissioners has approved to date, through history, development agreements today to bring that community nearly to the tip over point of the water resources, the 80 thousand mark. Recently there was a development company that went broke and pulled out that was about 6 thousand homes off the books, but they will be back, other development companies will. It has been an emotional issue, last but not least in that basin there are currently 11 thousand domestic wells, so the domestic wells component in itself at a 2 acre feet each is more than the entire water resource. Domestic wells have a priority date. Nevada is a priority state doctrine state for water rights, domestic well has a priority date and of course all those water rights were issued in the 50 and 60’s, so 99 out of 100 of those domestic wells are junior and proprietary. So if the State engineers were forced to come in and do curtailment one of the big debates, is how in the hell do you tell 11 thousand domestic well owners that they can’t draw water. Obviously nobody literally, with pond silk for brains is going to do that. One of the things that Nye County Water District did was propose some legislation this year. I drafted some of those changes myself, for some basic protection for the domestic wells state wide. To summarize, 3 true burn downs in Nye County, Railroad filings, contamination on Nevada Test Site, and Pahrump. The rest of the basins, you get to looking in your material, you will see lower Smoky from the old Reason ranch, which is the Mickey Mouse ranch on down through the farms where they built the solar site, that is base of 137 A lower Smokey. You get to looking the basin summary for water rights, and it appears that we have 3 or 4 times over appropriated. But the truth there is the mines share those water rights for mining and milling. They were tied to the old Moly mine-the copper deposit, Anaconda, Cyprus, and that mine has run since I was 19, they were running when I came here to Smoky Valley, they ran for a year and a half or two and shut down. They tried to fire up that copper deposit in the late 90’s and they operated for about 1 year. So they probably operated at that mine for about 3 years in 36, so when you weigh the water rights on the books against actual pumpage the mining and milling rights that are held in that basin are not a spit in the bucket. So even though to look at the basic summary at the Division of Water Recourses it looks like it is a burn down in lower Smoky, in fact it is not. So when you are reading some of the material you have got to be able to get some of this stuff in context and that is why I would ask if you call and ask questions, if you read those chapters. Some of the material is terribly dry, if you are not interested in it, for god sakes don’t read it and don’t

worry about it, but I think that it is kind of fun if you do, because in fact, there is a large world out there beyond Round Mountain, Smoky Valley, and like me, if you worked in the mines you don't want to, you don't really think about what's going on down the road, a lot goes on down the road.

Christensen: You know why Oz, basically what you are trying to get at, what you do for a living and what I do for a living is we are trying to protect the most precious resource the earth has left and that is fresh water, at the end of the day. It does make sense and it is time to monitor it and protect it and keep an eye on it because it is dwindling fast.

Wichman: You go on line look at your investors they're called water in the gold west that is one and then two you look at the world populations it ain't pretty.

Dutton: If SB21 passes and the water district is gone, all authority goes down to Pahrump? Well 4 out of 5 of our county commissioners would have control over our entire county's water.

Wichman: That is right. We are going to close out the water resource discussion and we are going to have a conversation with Oz Wichman the citizen. Can we do that?

Swigart: Yes, go ahead.

Wichman: My wife Lorinda Wichman is the County Commissioner.

Dutton: And we love her by the way.

Wichman: I have watched her work 7 days a week for over 8 years in that position. It is brutal, one vote for Northern Nye, and her district is all of Nye County and a good north portion of Pahrump. In districting for your elected officials, your county commissioners are based on population. The other portions of Pahrump, you've got 4 other commissioners down there, and so you know if we live and work here we sort of think it is the only thing that is going on, because we don't get to Town much. Clearly we have 4 commissioners that live down there and that is the populous area of the county. They truly have their plate full down there managing the problems of that one community. So there is one. I would submit to you, you've got about 3.7 years from today to find and groom and replace Lorinda with somebody. Find, groom, replace an elected official from northern Nye, because of that districting we could end up 5 commissioners from one town. In my personal opinion and knowing what I know 15 years working in and out of these towns overnight, all I know, it is a really a god dang bad plan, that is my personal opinion, it is a bad plan. Not that they are evil, it is not that, it is just what you want ideally is you want balanced representation.

Dutton: And the Water District is balanced. We have a 7 member board, 3 are from Pahrump and the rest represent the rest of Nye County.

Wichman: Correct.

Dutton: Which is fair, but looking at what the state is doing, it looks like Senate Bill 21 is passing as it is going along.

Wichman: Yes, so the Board of County Commissioners originally created the Nye County Water District as a political subdivision of the state. Therefore it is up to the Board of County Commissions, they have 3 votes down there that they wanted to do away with it, that is their prerogative and that is why you have, I'm sure, I listened to a few of the little debates around here. It is not like life in Smoky Valley is 100% kumbaya either. We all have our little fights out behind the shed and in open meeting, right? That is the game rule, they voted on that, I respect that, if that is what the proponents of that board and the majority of that board would like to do, I

respect that, I do. I personally think it is a poor idea. That is my personal opinion. What I have not done, I work with the legislators a lot, I have not advocated for or against SB21. The reason I have not done that is because I work under contract, so I get paid, so I am the last guy that should be weighing in on the merits of SB21. You folks have already done that, clearly I've read the material, I understand your opinion and I really appreciate that and it blows me away, that you guys did that. Railroad Valley, Beatty and Tonopah did as well, I really appreciate that. I am going to quit, I would encourage you to go to nyecountywaterdistrict.net drift through the thing, you've got some phone numbers, you've got a website to go to, you have comments, please use comments form online and that is it.

Swigart: Now you have a vacancy or two on your Board? I heard.

Wichman: Yes, two. One for this district and one out of Pahrump. Because of SB21, until we can figure out if the Water District is going to continue, we have not yet advertised to replace those positions. Why would we go through the pain and swelling and then turn around 30 days later and abolish the district. We are just going to hold off and see what happens with SB21 and then replace them. So yes, yes we do, so if SB21 fails to pass, if we stay, we need an individual from Northern Nye County to represent us on the Nye County Water District governing the Board. Somebody that's switched on or interested, reads like the wind, understands the material, understands local government is a good candidate, you don't have to be wound up in the water issues of the world to your neck. The flip side of that, is appointing somebody to represent Northern Nye that is wound up in water issues to his neck, but doesn't necessarily have the whole governmental big picture stuff, because it is not his trade. Either one of those, there is some of the stuff we work with that we really need the grounding from somebody that is down in the trenches every day. On the other hand we also need board members that are public servants that have the time that they are passionate, whatever it might be. I would consider, ask each one of you to think about it. If we post that position we will advertise in Tonopah Times. It is painful.

Swigart: This is a sneaky one too, because it is not like Lake Mead were you can see the water level drop, this is going to be plumbing and piping that you have never seen before that goes into a giant aquifer that is hundreds of feet below us that keeps dropping and dropping and dropping.

Wichman: Any questions from the folks in the audience?

Swigart: Anything from the Board? Oz thank you so much.

Davila: Thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE, AWARDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. State of Nevada Department of Taxation, Re: Annual Audit Report Fiscal Year 2015-2016, letter dated 3/10/17 – The Department of Taxation has completed its review and has reported no violations, regarding out audit.
2. Tonopah Town Board meeting agenda for 3/22/17
3. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees meeting agenda for 3/22/17
4. Beatty Town Advisory Board letter opposing SB21 dated 3/20/17

Morones: This template was used by pretty much everybody, they read almost identical.

P. Olmedo: Yes, pretty much the Towns Department head's got together towards this letter. I would like to make note that Mr. Dick Gardner was a pleasure to work with. He was very informative, gave a lot of insight, input, a lot of recommendations from himself and his administrative manager, so I just want to put on the record Dick Gardner, I enjoyed working with him.

5. Round Mountain Town Board letter opposing SB21 dated 3/21/17 – This was emailed on to Senator Parks in the advisory committee.
6. Thank you letter from Board of County Commissioner's Chair Dan Schinhofen dated 3/6/17 – He is basically thanking all Nye County Volunteers.
7. Tonopah Town Board Budget Workshop Agenda for 3/31/17
8. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Workshop Agenda for 3/31/17
9. Proposal for General Legal Counsel Services from Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston, Ltd. dated 3/21/17 –

P. Olmedo: I had reached out to him, because I believe with the DA pretty much having a lot of her duties toward Nye County, I felt that it would be in the best interest of the Town to look for outside legal counsel. I also have a couple of other firms I have reached out to, and I have not received any proposal regarding that, but I do plan on putting this on the next agenda item for discussion, and at that time you should have all the documentation.

Morones: Legal counsel. As a retainer?

P. Olmedo: Yes, as a retainer. So pretty much they would look at all contracts if we have any that need to be reviewed, our policies right now are pretty much outdated and I feel that we should have some counsel to take a look at that. Especially with a firm that is well versed with governing bodies. So look for more information on that.

Morones: Quick question, you mentioned the DA. So currently as it stands, is the District Attorney?

P. Olmedo: The District Attorney will not represent local Towns, unless they go into litigation.

Morones: And these are to prevent that litigation from happening?

P. Olmedo: Yes, so it would be in our best interest to put a firm on retainer so that we could avoid litigation.

Davila: How many have you reached out to?

P. Olmedo: I have reached out to a total of two and Swainston responded, so I am on the lookout for a third one. Just to let you know, I am looking at law firms that deal with local government with Board county commissions, so I reached out to them and they gave me some firm names.

Davila: I suggest that we reach out to more than two.

P. Olmedo: Ok, so we will have a couple. With everybody else's filtered responses with who they are using, I am reaching out to everyone.

Morones: It is hard when they don't respond.

10. Town of Round Mountain Mission Statement, Town Board approved 8/14/12 – That is currently an agenda item up for discussion.

P. Olmedo: As far as department updates, we actually, the staff printed a Town Tidbits newsletter. Trying to do a lot of research and documentation, I came across an opinion from a District Attorney and at that time the Board was advised against printing or producing any type of material, in the event, everybody has a different perception of written material and that could potentially put us in a liable suit. So I am going to reach out to the DA, being that it originated from the Nye County's District Attorney's Office, to get another opinion on that, in regard to just a Town what is going on in just the Town. Not including outside organizations, just Town events,

information such as the sewer project, Town sponsored events like the Easter Egg Hunt. I don't see the harm in getting that information out there, printed by the Town, but I want to double check on that before we move forward on that.

Davila: So have we stopped the Town Facebook page because of these concerns?

P. Olmedo: No, we have not. Of course thank you for bringing that up, it is something to look into.

Morones: I thought we had brought up, putting a blurb in the Valley View, not written or printed by the Town, but a least getting our information out there through other avenues. Are we still entertaining that or are we still talking to the Valley View?

P. Olmedo: We do post things to the Valley View, like the Rec. Department sent the out Easter Egg Hunt flier, so that is posted in the Valley View.

Morones: What happened with an update of the sewer? We talked about last meeting about putting it in there?

P. Olmedo: That falls into the same thing about avoiding sending your information to a printing press. I will have to get you that information.

Morones: Yeah, it is interesting. I would like them to know what the sewer project entails. We are not giving out anything that is not publically available.

P. Olmedo: The office staff created the newsletter and then I found that information and thought I better double check on that.

Morones: Yeah, I think our own newsletter was probably not a good idea.

P. Olmedo: You had requested an update on the pool. He should be out next week to continue on with the project. He has all of our equipment ready to go, he had a job this week otherwise he would have been out here to start the process. Looking back on it we should have been completed at the end of this month. Due to the proposal that he submitted for that additional work, it pretty much tacked on 30 days. Once the process of amending the contract and all of that, he actually did not get to start all of it until March. So with everything in line, their ending date for the pool project is the end of April and he assures us that he will be completed at the end of April. So that we can open to the public for Memorial weekend.

Davila: Wasn't this supposed to be addressed in his original contract?

P. Olmedo: It was addressed and because we had to add on that last portion as far as replacing the tiles, it tacked on 30 days. I went a reviewed all of it, the Town will not be responsible for anything past the 30 days. It is in there. So anything beyond the 30 day mark is on him not us and then we as a Town have the right to go after him as far as not having the project done in time.

Swigart: That 30 days, I think it is a window they can meet. It was close to 3,000 6x6 tiles that they were going to have to replace, had to replace.

Dutton: But school is out 3 weeks after that, 2 ½ weeks after the end of April. Are we planning on opening in the middle of May when school gets out?

P. Olmedo: Yes, if all goes well we plan on opening. We've got to get things fired up anyways to start training some lifeguards.

Dutton: But they will have to do that in Tonopah or another pool because ours will not be ready, right?

P. Olmedo: Correct, so we are looking into that. Everything is dependent on when the actual pool construction is complete. He gave his end date at the end of April, but he assures that probably two weeks into April he might be finished.

Davila: So has there been any contact made to get this process going? So that we don't wait so the lifeguards can start some training, so we are not sitting on it and hit with another issue.

P. Olmedo: Yes, the process is in place. The Recreation Department is on that.

Swigart: Do you put a bid out or a letter of interest or how do you fill the lifeguard positions?

P. Olmedo: We will have to put a bid at the next meeting. As far as the sewer update, we have our water operator here. From what Mike Hardy tells me, he will be on site next week, we had our water operator reach out to Triple Point and it looks like they are going to move ahead and coming in next Thursday and Friday, to finish the last process of it.

Swigart: What is that?

Christensen: As you all know the sewer project has been a long process. Especially the winter really hammered us on time. We have come to the conclusion that next Thursday, Triple Point will be here, along with myself and maintenance and we will get the aerators set and the compressors online and we should be operational hopefully by Friday, if not by Saturday morning we should be ready to roll, and this project should come to a close.

Swigart: There is a commissioning part of it that they will go through?

Christensen: Yes.

Swigart: And you are the one that signs it off?

Christensen: I am not sure on that, we will do a complete walk around and make sure things are operational and we will do a sign off, probably me and Pearl.

P. Olmedo: Lumos & Associates will be on site to make sure everything is up to spec.

Christensen: We will have electricians on site to make sure the compressors and everything is operational and good to go yes.

Swigart: Let's make sure we have a good final product.

Morones: What about the screens are the screens in? Where are we with the screens?

Christensen: The screens that's something Roger, that can come later. That was something that was additional cost, at this point in time in my opinion we don't need right now. It has been a project and we are coming to a close and we are about ready to go on line and hopefully we can bring down some nitrate levels as well as lower the odor, that you can all smell when we get a north wind. That is another part of the process as well.

Swigart: So you said April 3rd?

Christensen: 6th and 7th of next week. Triple Point should be here, we should have all the aeration in, and it is going to take time to get levels up, the dissolved oxygen levels and start doing our sampling and start getting things were we need to be. That is where this all started from, believing that we had leaking liners, which that is a 30 year old system so you are going to have problems. We also tried doing studies, you know Round Mountain Golf Course is right there, well what do golf courses fertilize with? Nitrates. So you get all this runoff and it goes down and you have these monitor wells surrounding the sewer system and you get high nitrates levels. So the state monitors that and basically they came to us and said you will spend this amount of money, which the Town has spent, which has been a lot of money to reline the ponds and try to get nitrate levels down. So now that we are back on line it is going to be a monitoring period for the next couple of years to see if our nitrate levels drop.

Swigart: And then we submit a report to the state?

P. Olmedo: Yes we do.

Morones: Thanks for the info Josh, appreciate that.

Swigart: Pearl do you have anything else?

Swigart: After our last meeting I posed this letter to Pearl. I would like Mr. Morones to read it, also he had some input on this, and then Pearl if you could read your letter in response back.

Morones: Pearl, As chairmen of the board there are a few items that need your attention. Co- chairman Roger Morones has recommended that we have on every town board meeting agenda, personnel issues in a closed session to the public. Which is how this process is to work correctly. We have the right to question personnel issues and our wrong doing was having these issues discussed in an open session. I agree totally with this ,hopefully this will eliminate the recent complaints, concerns and comments made about the board, and the entire Town Of Round Mountain hiring process. I would also like to have town board member Liandra Dutton start an investigation with you and your staff to determine how you arrived at your decision in the last hiring. I believe it is imperative that you as a town manager be as transparent to the board and community as possible. I would also recommend you have current year to date status of the current budget. Monthly and quarterly numbers, actual vs budget for each of your departments would be very valuable information to the board and the public. You may want department heads to explain projects at the board meetings because we expect this information every meeting. If you put it early on the agenda then it would not require much of their time. We also need to put on the agenda how we are going to fill the fire chief position vacancy coming up in November. As elected officials It is our job to represent the people of this town. We have the right to question your decisions, demand accountability, support and give you all the tools you need for success. It is my hope that you listen to what the community, and the town board is saying. Together working together we can accomplish many great things. Respectively, Jim Chairman, Town of Round Mountain.

Swigart: Thank you for reading that. Pearl would you like to read your response?

P. Olmedo: Good Afternoon Swigart. After speaking with Mr. Zunino at the Attorney General's office, we were told we cannot go into a closed session at every meeting to discuss hourly employees unless there is a disciplinary action to act upon in closed session. We cannot discuss an hourly employee in open meeting because we may potentially expose the hourly employee's confidential workplace information and violate their workplace rights. The opening of an investigation may be initiated and the process would be to agendize and adopt a resolution authorizing a third-party entity to conduct the investigation. Neither a Town employee nor Board member can conduct the investigation. Then the next agenda item would be to appoint an investigator. When the investigative process is complete the findings will be on the agenda. If the report finds conflict and the indiscretion is at the fault of an exempt employee, disciplinary action will be discussed by the Board. If the

indiscretion is at the fault of an hourly employee, disciplinary action will be carried out by the manager. We were told not to do anything to facilitate a violation. Therefore, I am taking every step necessary including reaching out to POOL Pact and the Attorney General's office to ensure that we get the process right and understand it. Again, I appreciate your patience with me in trying to get answers for all the items you addressed. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do. Thank you, Pearl Olmedo.

Swigart: I think everyone understands what the Attorney General is. Do you want to give a quick explanation of what Pool/Pact is?

P. Olmedo: Pool Pact is a company that is designed to help local governments, any Board of County Commissions, any County Commission that is appointed by the Board, any town government, any advisory Board created by any Board of County Commission within the state. They are designed to give us information on how not to create a violation in regards into how the Town operates. It could include anything from HR practices, creating resolutions to creating sample templates for us, for instance the facility use agreements. They have the resources out there for us to go to, to say 'hey, this is what we have got going on, this is a draft template of what we have going on'. Whether it be a personnel issue, whether it be a rental agreement, whether it be resolutions to come before the Board so they can utilize those resolutions to govern how our operating procedures go. So they are designed to make sure we do things within the laws of the government, under NRS statutes, under federal law and under state laws. So this is what Pool Pact is and they are pretty much our go to entity when we have questions tasked upon our Town office, such as Mr. Swigart and Mr. Morones' email. So that is what they are, pretty much to give legal advice on what not to do wrong.

Morones: Do we know, is Pool/Pact the main source for other communities, including Tonopah?

P. Olmedo: There are a lot of other local governments within the state that utilize them.

Davila: However, we did ask last year that new resources be identified for this upcoming fiscal year. So that Pool/Pact was not our only option. Have you looked into that?

P. Olmedo: As far as HR practices or?

Davila: Just Pool/Pact in general. We talked about it last year, about looking for this upcoming fiscal year for a new entity.

P. Olmedo: It was the Auditor that we talked about.

Morones: It was the Auditor, not Pool/Pact. It was the CPA.

Davila: What I am saying as the Board we were interested in looking at other entities that could provide the same type of service that Pool/Pact offers.

Swigart: My question is this. The law firm that we are going to retain, is there some way they can take some of this away from Pool/Pact, the responsibilities, questions, concerns?

P. Olmedo: Yes, they will review everything that we have to put forth through them; however it will come at a charge obviously, when we retain them. Pool/Pact does these sorts of things for free.

Morones: We pay them though. It is part of their agreement. We pay them some sort of stipend on a yearly basis.

Swigart: An annual fee?

P. Olmedo: We pay under Eason Insurance. So everything, their resources are above and beyond. Just like for instance, we reached out to them regarding the closed section at every Board meeting. They pretty much referred us to the Attorney General's Office so that is where we ended up going. The Attorney General's Office came to us without a cost. But yes.

Morones: As members of Pool/Pact, looking at their site and going through it, as we are members and utilize them. Who do we contact to gain access to those files and documents? It need a user name and passwords and asked to talk to our administrator. Calling them, who do we go through to set that up? Do you Pearl set that up or do we need to call Eason Insurance?

P. Olmedo: Yes, I can, if you would like to. I can add the five of you.

Morones: Yes, I would like to.

Swigart: We have about 8 more items we need to go through. I think we should probably take a five minute recess.

Swigart: Ok let's get started after 7 ½ minutes. We will move on.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON ADOPTING A ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD BY-LAWS

P. Olmedo: I reached out to the Clerk's Office, Nye County as a whole, and when the Town Board was formed back in '82, the Round Mountain Town Board By-Laws were not filed with the Clerk's Office as it should have been. Still going through some information. The Nye County Administrative Manager, we have been talking and trying to figure out what happened to the Round Mountain Town Board by-laws. She is going through her documents as well to see if there is any backup that may have missed the Clerk's Office and gone straight to the Administrative Office first. So I request respectfully, to table this until I get an answer from the Administrative Manager's Office.

Dutton: I called the Administrators Office of Nye County on Friday and they did not have any copy of any by-laws for our Town.

P. Olmedo: Yeah, I just spoke with Ms. Samantha Tackett this morning and she is still currently looking through the files. So in the meantime I had asked for assistance as to, work with our Board as to drafting a new set of by-laws in the meantime. She couldn't give any information down to me so that is the reason I am asking to table this agenda item.

Swigart: Did Dan say if there ever were by-laws or did he ever mention anything?

P. Olmedo: He did not mention anything.

Swigart: He had it for 23 years.

Davila: Was he asked if there was any during this time?

P. Olmedo: He was asked if there was some and we don't know where they are at.

Morones: In the event that we cannot find these by-laws, our plan B is to create these by-laws, is that correct?

P. Olmedo: Our plan B is to create the by-laws.

Morones: Can we not be proactive, and start plan B, recognizing at this point that they are not going to find plan A? I mean do we really have to wait to start working on our by-laws?

P. Olmedo: Yes, per the NRS 269, which we fall under, we are in an unincorporated community town. So the by-laws one, should contain a name, a purpose, the members, the officers and the meetings as far as how we are to follow the meeting format, as far as how the agenda should be. And that would also be under NRS which is in your open meeting law manual. The last issue you close with, your parliamentary procedure. That is the information I have to go on, if you want to start working towards it. We pretty much have to start working with your purpose. That would be among the five of you to discuss what your purpose would be. The members and the officers are pretty easy, it is a five member board, and you've got 2 members and 3 officers which would be you Chair, Vice-Chair, and your Clerk.

Morones: If I am not mistaken, is not the mission statement in essence our purpose?

P. Olmedo: The by-laws would be the purpose of how to conduct your meetings.

Morones: Ok.

Davila: So, I guess I am with you Roger. What would be the significant to go between your mission statement and your purpose and where is that line drawn?

P. Olmedo: The mission statement is the overall statement of the Town as a whole. That is saying what our mission is and how we are to achieve that as a mission for the Town as a whole. The by-laws are pretty much saying what you guys, how you are to govern.

Davila: Yeah, I know what by-laws are. I am just saying, I almost think that the mission statement and the purpose are one in the same.

P. Olmedo: It is your by-laws so if you want it one in the same, you can work off of that. So the five of you, it is your discussion.

Morones: I have no faith that they will find anything that references any by-laws and I don't want to wait any longer for plan B to start 3 months down the line. Without you getting an answer from them saying, we still haven't found them, but still looking. I don't know if they are still looking, they may just say tell them we are still looking. Somehow we need to get this going, we can't wait.

Swigart: Can we look and see what, being in Nye County, what Tonopah has and maybe mirror some of their verbiage of what they have used? At least get an idea?

P. Olmedo: Yes, I have requested that from the Nye County Manager's office and she is working towards gathering all that information for us.

Swigart: That Town has been around since 1904 and this Town has only been 1986.

Davila: So can we assume that you will have that information within the 2 week period, for the next meeting so we can begin the process?

P. Olmedo: As soon as they get me the information I will filter it on to you. My hands are tied when I am asking assistance from other entities for information. It is pretty much at their schedule.

Morones: If not, we just get started on our own. We cannot wait. If we have a guideline and a process to work with, we have to do our due diligence in coming. If it requires us and our input, we have to give it our time to do it as well.

Davila: I think we need it on the next agenda.

Swigart: Let's table this then.

P. Olmedo: We will get this on the next agenda.

Item tabled.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF ROUND MOUNTAIN

P. Olmedo: As noted in your list of correspondence, you have a mission statement that was approved by the Round Mountain Town Board at that time in 2012. That mission statement states 'The Town of Round Mountain is dedicated in supporting and encouraging a safe, healthy, and respectful community by providing and maintaining public safety services, recreational programs and social services for all public enjoyment and wellbeing. The Town of Round Mountain supports its vision for the community by: Fiscal integrity in utilizing public monies, valuing diversity by respecting and honoring all citizens and employees; and cooperating with other agencies and groups for sustainability planning including renewable energy, diversifying business, beautification projects, and tourism.' So we have it on the agenda if you chose to amend this statement. Your thoughts and ideas?

Morones: I'd like to table this, for any deliberation and keep it on the agenda for next meeting, to give it some thought.

Davila: I think that's a great idea.

Item tabled.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO HIRE PART-TIME, FULL-TIME, STIPEND, OR REMAIN AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Swigart: We have talked about this before and everybody knows that Mr. Sweeney who has 25 years' service coming up in November, he will retire. Permanently retire. We have had him in that position part time for a 2 year basis.

Dutton: And he is on a volunteer basis, is that right?

Davila: No, we pay him.

Dutton: It says remain as a volunteer.

P. Olmedo: A stipend volunteer.

Swigart: In lieu of payment for 2 ½ years of service, we worked out a, the Board at that time 2 years ago worked out a land agreement, which everything was appraised and taken care of, so.

Dutton: Can we wait on this as well, until we get more of the budget worked out? That is my concern, is money issues. I mean if we can't afford a stipend or even hire someone full time, we shouldn't even be talking about it.

Swigart: I think if we go back to this mission statement, and I am going to abstain from voting one way or the other even when we do being the assistant fire chief, it is encouraging a safe, healthy community. It is something that is up for discussion and if there is anybody that want to say anything on the subject, now is the time. What is the feeling? What is the best for the community? Here is my thoughts, you need somebody that is going to hold the fire department accountable. There is equipment, there is training certifications, there is waves of policies and procedures, NFPA Book that you have to follow, SCBA you have to be certification, you have to have physicals, you have to have all these things, somebody has to make sure that all that is in place. If you just have a volunteer or somebody that is part time that doesn't really care about it, you are going to affect the safety of the community, the safety of the firemen. And I hope that nothing happens to somebody's home or one of the firemen, because if we don't have the right person in there, whether it be a full time Chief, we could be in some trouble. We could be calling those lawyers real quick.

Dutton: I understand that. My concern is what we can afford. If we can afford a full time, I think that is a great idea, but we don't even know where we stand with the next budget for next year.

Swigart: What do we have budgeted for it now? While you are looking for that, Sergio would you like to come up.

Sergio Olmedo: I am captain at the fire house, I am a member of the community and we have been talking among ourselves. There have been many ideas and I came in today and hopefully you have something that we can go and discuss in our next training meeting. So I will give you some of the ideas that came up. I understand a full fire chief is hard and expensive. Their retirement is a lot different than a regular employee, so it is more expensive that way. To us this is just talk, we don't want you to do anything with it, however you have an employee with you that is a captain, that is an EMT, that has really good knowledge. So some of us, our thought was instead of having a full time Chief, maybe open up his title and add coordinator, so if you have someone that has a regular job plus coordinator that always can be there. I look at the way the chief is right now and when somebody says no, we need somebody there full time, I don't believe we do, because he is doing his thing, we still work pretty good. We are fortunate to have a pretty big fire department, all volunteer basis, and we all kind of look out for each other, right. Every weekend, who is going out of town, we make sure that somebody is here. So with that I was thinking if you guys could look into it, the person doing the current job for you guys right now/coordinator can take care of the issues with certification of SCBAs, certification of the trucks, anything that has to with that, might save you money in the long run. It is just an opening of the Title, I don't know if you want to give it a monetary value, it is up to you guys for his extra things that he has to do, but definitely it will avoid hiring someone else full time.

Morones: So let me ask you this. You said we have a full time now and you don't think we need it because things are great. Do you, can you not equate that to have a full time chief? If it is running smooth, I think with any with good leadership, it is because they have somebody full time that put those procedures in place. Going back to the question, given that, do you not think that is necessary?

S. Olmedo: I believe there is the necessity for someone to be there.

Morones: Just not full time?

S. Olmedo: Right. I am just saying full time almost doesn't make sense to me. Does that make sense? Yes, we want somebody in there to, I mean if you guys want to hire someone full time, by all means. But I am looking at the money that we are spending, you know, retirement and wages that is a lot of money.

Davila: Sergio, I have a question for you, and not understanding this and there has been some controversy, but I want to get it clear. I have talked to other volunteer, and maybe it is the word itself, volunteer fire departments where nobody is paid, nobody is paid, they are all volunteers. How does that, I mean work? They have the same versus you guys if we didn't pay anybody. You don't have anything set up or is it any difference at all, or is it just that we have somebody that is paid and they don't.

S. Olmedo: I was part of another fire department, and they are the same thing. We had a Fire Chief and we had four people full time. That is the only fire department that I have been. The ones that I know are all volunteer, you can ask them that, they probably don't have a fire chief. They always lose it. Yeah, having a full time fire chief is ideal because he will always be there. I am just looking at the monetary value.

Davila: And that is what we need to look at as a Board and so I just wanted to know it still could be functional, and you guys can still do what you do.

S. Olmedo: It could still be functional yes. The thought with that is this person, if you create the position or make it happen, the coordinator and everything, not necessarily has to be the chief, but the volunteers themselves can promote somebody from within just to be the chief on a volunteer bases.

Dutton: Or just take on the responsibility of what a chief does.

S. Olmedo: What it is, is I can take on the responsibilities today, because if I show up to a scene, and I am the highest captain in there, I take care of everybody in there. That is what fire departments do, right? I do respect, if you hire somebody we are going with it. We have to go with it. I mean that is what I am here for, I volunteer to help people, not the position really, but this is a concern that people had and I thought I would bring it up.

Davila: Thank you for doing what you do. Thank you very much for all of you, for what you do.

Swigart: So what you are talking about is kind of a Public Safety Officer? Overseeing the fire department and maybe help out with the pool and life guards and other duties.

S. Olmedo: Well you know I've seen your, I don't come to many meetings because I usually get off later than I do now. What it is, is I am looking at the discussions that are happening here in these meetings and was talking about how much money we spend. I was just thinking as that of saving some money.

Dutton: So you are thinking of one person who is already employed with the town, would basically take on the responsibilities of the fire chief as a coordinator. He is already employed with the Town, he is already a fire fighter.

S. Olmedo: He is already a firefighter and he knows the equipment knows what needs to be done, so if someone comes in and says I need to inspect your SCBAs, yes, he can just go over, take care of things.

Dutton: I think that is a good idea to think about.

Swigart: As long they are the most qualified, if there are others.

S. Olmedo: Well that is the thing, if you guys don't think he is qualified, then you guys have to go out to hire, right.

Dutton: Do we have to have a fire chief or can we survive with good captains, for a little while?

Swigart: If you get the wrong person, you need to have a leader. There are some people if you were to put them in that position you wouldn't have a fire department for very long.

Davila: How many captains do we currently have?

S. Olmedo: We currently have 4, I believe.

Davila: Do you have faith in those captains' abilities to run the fire department?

S. Olmedo: I believe every one of them could lead us.

Davila: No doubt in your mind?

S. Olmedo: No.

Swigart: They are well trained right now and they have good equipment.

S. Olmedo: What Mr. Sweeney put in place we are self-sustained at this moment. Yes, when somebody moves we lose that.

Tyfini Brown: I was going to say what about the transparency of within Town. We have 4 good Captains now but like they were talking about, we are so reliant on, you know, the mine, what if they lose that full time job, then you lose that good captain. Then you are kind of.

S. Olmedo: That is what happens to volunteer departments, right? People move on all the time.

Morones: But the volunteers are not paid.

S. Olmedo: The volunteer are not paid.

Morones: That is the difference.

Hubred: But with what she is saying, I agree with what she says, if this mine does not go for some unforsaken reason, the volunteers at that department are going to be gone.

S. Olmedo: That is what I am saying, that is an everyday deal.

Davila: That could happen to anybody. What I want to know if there ever, god forbid that does happens and we go down, and there is still some people left over that are here, would the fire department be able to sustain itself without somebody being paid, is my question. Would we be able to still have, however little volunteers there are, would they be able to do what they do?

Swigart: Wes, you are shaking your head.

Cory Hansen: Somebody has to be held accountable for everything.

Hubred: I am shaking my head no because I don't, because if the captains we have been trained leave, then you are going to start ground up.

Brown: If you have a paid chief they would stay.

S. Olmedo: If you guys want to have a paid chief, I am up for it, anything. But there was the thing that somebody said, if you have an idea, bring it forward. That is what I am doing.

Swigart: I don't think we need to make a decision, we have until November, let's think about it.

Morones: Continually get information, I appreciate you coming down, more input with the current volunteer firefighters. So let me ask you something that you mentioned, you talked like you had somebody in mind. Do you guys have somebody in mind?

C. Hansen: Yeah, but he doesn't want it.

Sweeney: That makes a difference too.

Morones: They have to want to be there.

S. Olmedo: I was talking about Darrick Brown, but he says he doesn't want it, that was just an idea.

Morones: You speak like you have all spoken collectively, you brought forth ideas from the fire department, it would be nice to know that collectively you are all on the same page with what you bring to the table. I am not asking you to speak on behalf of the fire fighters

S. Olmedo: I'm not going to speak on behalf of the fire department. The majority that I have spoken to didn't think a full time was necessary. Now if you want to appoint somebody that is a whole different story. We will just wait until that decision happens. I mean to me we have our Assistant Chief here, he could be the head chief.

C. Hansen: It's pretty simple. If something happens to someone's house or one of us, it is going to fall back onto the Fire Chief, 'why did that happen, explain yourself', and if you don't have someone willing to do that and I am sorry as a volunteer, I don't think any volunteer captain or chief would be willing to do that. You would have to pay somebody to take on that responsibility.

Morones: Can we ask them as a group, I don't know if it is possible, for them to get together and come up with a statement. What they would recommend and how they, since they are there, recommend to us, can we ask them collectively as a group to present that to us, on behalf of them?

P. Olmedo: I think it would be a great idea. I mean this is from me, take it for what you want. Put it on the next agenda item, to perhaps appoint one of you as a liaison, back and forth between the Board and The Fire Department.

Morones: To speak on their behalf? We can do that?

P. Olmedo: So you guys can talk about what the concerns are, you are there with them at a meeting, meet up with them and find out what is going on, what makes them tick, what are the actual responsibilities. Outweigh the pros and cons. That is what I would suggest to you guys. Come back and discuss things on their behalf, and if they chose to come forward and come to these meetings, hey that is just more input in trying to pin down a process that will work for us. I know we are all thinking monetary things, because we don't know what is going on, we don't know, September 2017 is what we are told by the GM. We have no idea, it is a make or break, and trying to figure this all out beforehand. If we only had a crystal ball to see where we are going to go.

Dutton: It may not be September, it may be January.

Morones: Ultimately you guys are putting your lives on the line for us and not everybody can do that right. So I would want to know as a cohesive department, what you guys see the future, with and without a fire chief. You had him for so long, what do you guys collectively envision without it, and if it works and you think you can make it happen, my only concern is it is going to have to happen collectively. I mean the Captains are going to have to step up and be together on that. Safety over money, we are all taught that, sometimes you can't put a dollar value on a life or what safety costs. That is going to be hard.

Swigart: I think what Cory is talking about, accountability, if you have a volunteer that says he will do it for nothing, I will be fire Chief for nothing and they get in there and things get tough and things go south, which they can real quick, house on fire and you lose equipment, people or whatever, that person as a volunteer is going to bail real quick. He is going to say I am out. He is going to say 'hey I am out of it, I quit, I don't want nothing to do with it.' Sometimes you get what you pay for.

S. Olmedo: That is where that coordinator will come in, right? That tells me, if I am the highest, it kind of makes me think of what I am doing. If I am the highest Captain there, something goes wrong, I am taking the responsibility. I am the highest captain there, right. I am willing to take the responsibility. I understand what you are saying about the Chief.

Swigart: But you can't speak for the rest of the captains?

S. Olmedo: That is what I am saying, I am talking about me.

Morones: So that is where it has to come, you have to see how your future is collectively as just volunteer captains. That's, volunteer highway patrolman? I couldn't fathom carrying that responsibility in the event of something going bad. But again, your guys input together how you see the fire department, we can't really decide that for you. You know how your team works.

S. Olmedo: The other thing with us coming forward; I wanted to see what you guys had in mind. I was hoping you wouldn't table it. I am here today.

Morones: We don't, this is, it has been on the agenda, but it really hasn't been discussed, because again, input like yours is what we need. We truly don't know and Lisa she said, like we don't know, we don't have a true direction as to how we see this panning out. It is going to take a process, we have Sweeney until November, the mine is something big, don't know the direction and I don't know if we know the right direction.

Dutton: Pearl has a good idea for a start.

Morones: That is a start.

P. Olmedo: It is small town America, all across the United States, they are gearing towards more volunteer work. You know, we say volunteer, just know that the volunteer also comes with a stipend. They have volunteer fire fighters but they have a stipend. From a neighboring county they have a volunteer fire chief, but he is also slash EMT or EMR whatever the highest level is, he has dual roles in fire and the EMS side. That is how they were able to justify a full time fire chief.

Dutton: Then would that be something we could look into?

Swigart: Look at what Dan did. He was Town Manager and Fire Chief for 23 years.

P. Olmedo: There are a lot of ideas. So there are some things that we can think about.

Davila: I think there are some really creative things if we reach out to other communities, and I don't know how many of you here have ever called one of them to find out how they fight fires. Even in Manhattan, there is volunteers that don't get a stipend, they don't get anything, they are absolutely volunteers. They try to go in and contain the fires do what they can do until somebody else can also show up. So I think there is a whole diversity of how things are run and how things work for every individual community and we need to show due diligence and talk about that. How they are doing it and what helps and what governs theirs.

Swigart: Know this too, you get what you pay for. Sam you've been in the fire department in Manhattan, how would you compare their equipment, what they do, how they train compared to Round Mountain?

Sam Lauver: Compared to Round Mountain, it is a bunch of old people up there.

C. Hansen: You didn't even have turnouts up there.

Lauver: No.

Swigart: And their equipment?

S. Olmedo: With that, I will support anything you guys do. Everything you guys, moving forward we will talk to all the volunteers and get everybody on the same page. Like I said that was just an idea that happened.

Item tabled.

DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS

Dutton: I have a question about the survey. We talked at the last meeting to put out a survey at the last meeting to see what the Town felt about maybe doing sponsorships, to kind of take the burden off the Town, but when I see the survey it is it says, would you support the Town continuing to do the.

Sweeney: I have it in my purse so I can read it word for word. I feel like there was a lack of the whole discussion.

Dutton: You can read it. So it says "Should the Town of Round Mountain continue to sponsor the 4th of July fireworks celebration, Yes or No". I feel like that is so vague, there was so much more that we talked about. Maybe we could take this back and reword it, and say "would you support a sponsorship program to help ease the financial costs that the Town pays for the fireworks". I don't think we were asking should we do it or not, I think it was more, it is a lot of money, maybe some of the local business will help us with that.

Davila: Pearl I think with billing coming out again, we have envelopes that the bills fit in, we could definitely put something in them.

P. Olmedo: Yeah, we could put something in, and you know anytime, I know the boxes were put out, you have every right to put your opinion on those cards and use multiple cards saying one of two.

Dutton: When it just says yes or no?

Morones: That doesn't allow, the way I read it that when I saw that was should we do it or should we not.

Dutton: I had people coming to me saying why you aren't doing the fireworks. We are, I didn't think that was part of our discussion was if we were or not. My suggestion is maybe we could redo it and all the feedback I have gotten, people don't want to get rid of it.

P. Olmedo: Same consensus with us when they come into our office and they are talking with staff. You get a little more information in talking with the staff and the consensus out there is no, continue to do the fireworks.

Morones: Well that is great, but what about off setting, would they be willing to donate to help offset the costs?

Davila: Speaking for me you know, at the tire store and the hardware store, and I have asked, I have just asked and they are more than willing to do that, thought it was an excellent idea, also help some of the local businesses and things. When I saw it was presented like that, I really don't think anybody see's beyond just yes or no, or think yeah we would offset it or any of that. I think we need a little more.

Morones: That was pretty vague, that was really vague.

Sweeney: Someone who hasn't come to the meetings will have no idea. They think we are just cancelling the fireworks.

Brown: Or asking to cancel or not.

P. Olmedo: I'll get back with the staff and work towards amending that. With that, let me just say that there is a community that did away with the county not sponsoring the fireworks and they went with what we are proposing here, depending on donations and then the local government taking on the rest of what they couldn't. So pros and cons with that, these people are looking for the answer soon, because they already have things going and the production. So if we were to do the donation process, we would have to actively solicit, how much anybody and everybody, whether it be personal, business, whomever, we would have to figure out and find out a cost of how much they are actually going to contribute. So that when we are discussing this today that we know we have enough funds to cover everything.

Morones: Oh no, I was under the impression this was moving forward. From the last meeting I thought we would explore other avenues after, it is obviously too late to start trying to raise whatever.

P. Olmedo: Just food for thought, if we want to continue to pursue it this way with donation base, we are going to have to start right now and figure it out, so for next year we know where we sit.

Swigart: We budgeted?

Morones: We have already budgeted this year's in there.

Dutton: 20 thousand.

Morones: Do you have a comment on the fireworks?

Sweeney: We have a giving community. We had a charity over the weekend and we raised 9 thousand dollars. This community wants to give, they want opportunities to give back and we don't give them that. At the last meeting I said that I would donate from my small business for the 4th of July fireworks. It is a tax write off for me. Why don't you give, why don't you give people that opportunity?

P. Olmedo: We are not saying we are not trying.

Sweeney: That did not say that.

Morones: Yeah, that was very very vague.

Swigart: I think we could talk to some of the bigger vendors in the valley. Cashman use to do the beer booth and they don't do that anymore.

Morones: Well they cut alcohol for several reasons.

Swigart: Yeah, but there is a vendor that used to provide for the 4th of July picnic that is out there.

Morones: And for timing, this year is going to be tough to accomplish getting sponsorships, but I think it is possible, whether we fund the full amount that we are talking about here and get what we can from the communities and getting their names out there, thanking them for sponsoring in conjunction with, Business A, Business B, Business C, to recoup some of that cost. You are right people want that investment, there are people here that want to invest in the community, they want to be part of it and want to be known hey I did this, or that firework, that one is mine. I will give you a couple hundred bucks for a couple fireworks if you put my name on it. But I think to come out with a full blown program you are right, that is going to be timing and think for next year we have plenty of time to do that, and I bet you we get the whole thing funded.

Davila: I bet we get the whole thing funded.

Swigart: So can we get a motion to purchase the fireworks.

P. Olmedo: If you guys are more comfortable with tabling, do you need more time?

Morones: Oh no, I don't know, who was?

Davila: I just wanted to make sure we were all on the same page. And with respect with what Roger was saying we need to get moving on now, we need a direction, that we don't need to hold this and then start working on it March of next year, and once again run out of time. We need to start working on this immediately. So if that is what the discussion is then we need to make a motion. But I would like to make that clear.

Morones: For the purpose of our agenda, our action is to purchase the fireworks outright, I believe that is what our motion would be.

Swigart: Yes that is what it is.

Morones: Ok, tacked onto that we would we would be tasking Pearl to start throwing out an avenue or program, even this year, if anybody would like to sponsor, there are sponsorships available. For next year's budget and moving forward you are correct, there has to be a program in place to know how much our costs will be for fireworks with sponsorship moving forward. I think this year we are late and it has to be for the full purchase of the fireworks. That is my take, I don't know if.

Davila: I agree. If you could say that in a motion I will seconded.

Dutton: Do we know what bid we are going with?

Morones: 14.

P. Olmedo: Yeah, you guys need to look at your bid.

Morones: Oh did, are they in here again?

P. Olmedo: You looked at them last time, did you bring them back?

Morones: No we did not bring the back bids.

Dutton: So we have Fireworks West International for \$ 14,777.56.

Morones: That was the one.

Dutton: The other one was 20 thousand

Morones: It was Fireworks West International and for those, we have a budgeted item for 20 thousand on fireworks for this year already budgeted.

Davila: She is going to make some copies for us Roger, if you just want to come back to this.

Morones: Awesome. I don't know if we can move on with her gone.

P. Olmedo: You can move on.

Swigart: You now have 2 quotes in front of you.

P. Olmedo: There are 2 quotes in front of you. Fireworks West which is the company we utilized last year, and the other proposal was from Lantis. Fireworks West gave us a quote of \$14,777.56 for 634 fireworks total, Lantis gave a quote of \$ 20,000 634 shells included would be any and all necessary racks and tubes as well as either flares or electrical equipment depending on how you intend to shoot your show.

Swigart: We don't use electrical firing, we use hand lit.

Davila: I think this is a no brainer, they are both offering the same amount of shells. One is \$6000 less.

Swigart: There were no safety concerns with the fire department with the ones last year.

Roger motioned to move forward with Fireworks West International at the cost of \$14,777.56 with a note that Pearl provide sponsorship avenues to the Town to help offset the costs; Davila seconded the motion; the motion Passed 5-0.

ADOPTION OF TOWN OF ROUND MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AS REVIEWED BY POOL PACT

P. Olmedo: I just received the personnel policy manual and I have not had a chance to give it to the employees. After I went through everything and ensured that the Town of Round Mountain was in there like it is supposed to, making sure that there is no errors. I request to table this.

Davila: Just for clarification, I was under the impression that it had already been distributed to the employees and we were waiting for their feedback to bring to us. I thought that was supposed to be done.

P. Olmedo: No, no, no the correspondence has been between myself and Christine of the Pool/Pact Company. There are some changes that she asked us to look at as far as random testing. We had to pin down a number as to why we were going with such a high amount above CDL practices. There was language in there that we had to figure out as far as, I didn't want to take out the fire practices, I wanted to put them back in, so I need to ensure the NRS's that are particular to the fire position are still in place, in the event that we move forward with a full time position in the fire department. So those are a lot of things that had us back and forth between us.

Davila: So when are we going to get the policy and procedure manual? I think this is important, we do a lot of talking about Pool/pact and regulations and this and let's not do this. I have been to, I can't tell you how many training with Pool/pact, and the one thing that has been consistent in every one of those trainings, is that they have suggested that our Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual be on every agenda. So if we are going to incorporate everything that pool. I think that this is important, when will it be done?

P. Olmedo: We are meeting this Thursday, with all staff. Once they review it and they don't have any questions.

Morones: Then we approve it?

P. Olmedo: It goes to you guys and we will pick it apart together.

Swigart: That just covers attendance, drug policy those types of items.

P. Olmedo: It covers everything; it is right now an 80 page document.

Item tabled.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Morones: Blue Tarp is where we are buying all our safety equipment, vests, is that right?

R. Hansen: Those were cans, the safety cans for the oil rags so they are OSHA compliant.

Morones: 50 feet 12x3 yellow jobs.

R. Hansen: I don't know.

Davila: You don't have to approve that until you know.

Morones: Let's hold off on this one until we know.

Morones: Pearl can you give us some clarification on the Blue Tarp purchase?

P. Olmedo: When our folks went to the OSHA 10 training class, we found out that there was some issues that some items were not compliant, so that is getting us up to compliance.

Morones: What is Yellow Jobs?

P. Olmedo: They are fuel containers, the yellow jobs I am not sure what that is, but the rest of them are containers.

Morones: Can we put it to the side until we can get clarification what that is?

P. Olmedo: It would just put us delinquent with that.

Morones: It wouldn't be delinquent if we did have the descriptions, because I don't think, does anybody know what they are.

Davila: No.

Swigart: Google it.

Morones: I guess we could google all of these but most of them have good description on them, I don't think I am wrong with knowing what we are paying for.

Swigart: It is 29 dollars.

Morones: No it is \$149.95 as part of a \$546 bill.

R. Hansen: I believe there were 12.

Hubred: Yes 12.

Morones: So you can see that too, I am going to leave that at the discretion of the Board. For the purpose of delinquency, what do you think?

Swigart: How soon could have that information for us?

R. Hansen: They are 50 foot, 12x3 15 amp, 125 volt 1875 watt extension cords.

Morones moved to approve the vouchers; Dutton seconded passed 5-0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP – THIS WORKSHOP IS TO DISCUSS THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

P. Olmedo: I think at this point you guys should be very involved in this. You have the figures right next to you. Give me your input, what do you guys think?

Swigart: I think, just the length of this meeting itself we should Table this until the next meeting and look at this a little more in depth.

Morones: I have a question, I would be more than happy to, do we have year to date costs? Which is what we asked for, so we can have a true comparison. That is what I am missing that is what I was looking for.

P. Olmedo: Yes.

Morones: Can we get a copy of that?

P. Olmedo: Do you want to table this, so you can compare the year to date costs with the budget?

Morones: Yeah, yeah, yeah I would like to see year to date. I think it is important to know where we are at, before we move forward. We are going to table it so we have time to compare?

Swigart: Yes

Morones: Those year to dates are available if anyone wants to review them.

Swigart: And the previous budget. Historical information is out there also.

P. Olmedo: We have an individual who has been calling our office with questions.

Item tabled.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (SECOND)

S. Olmedo: I just have one thing. I came here to educate the public. Among some of these meeting that have been going on for the last few months. I am pretty pissed off at one thing. So people here gather and talk about the Town Manager, so some of the things that you don't hear, I want to educate that she is a Navajo not Asian, so when you, so when you go to the office and ask for the Town Manager ask for Pearl or the Town Manager, not the Asian. Hopefully people have integrity in this room, take it back to your folks, educate them that's an offer.

Swigart: We pretty much demand respect, and keep the emotions out of it.

S. Olmedo: This is 2017, we should treat people with respect. I don't care, that is a hard position to have, you do something, you piss off half the room, and the other half the room agrees with you. Regardless, you still treat people with respect. That is what I ask and hopefully everybody in here has integrity and takes it back home and practices it and that is all I have.

Morones: Thank you.

Swigart: Thank you.

A. Swazey: Whenever people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government, and that was Thomas Jefferson. I don't think this Board is acting very well informed, since I have been coming it has been getting a little bit better, but I think there is a lot of informative, back ground work that can be done to inform the Board better. For example the budget, you know the documents that you listed that you have provided. They only list numbers in terms of dollars, they don't list any materials, any number of personnel, so there is a lot of background information lacking. When you present to the Board I believe you should provide a lot more detail, than just a dollar amount and a year to date number. There is so much more that goes into the budgeting process from my experience. It is about how much you are spending on people, on items, what you need to do the business and that information just seems to be lacking, it is just not there. I would also remind the Board that Pearl serves at their, what was the word, I think it was at their discretion, and I would ask that an agenda item be on each Town Board Meeting to review Pearl's work specifically. So that is my comment.

Davila: Thank You.

Morones: Thank You.

Swigart: If we do that it would be during a closed session.

A. Swazey: No, that is an open session.

Morones: No.

A. Swazey: For Pearl's specifically.

Morones: No.

A. Swazey: That is in the NRS.

P. Olmedo: Yes, he is correct, anybody that serves at the pleasure of a Board of any advisory board or any committee.

Morones: Her level.

P. Olmedo: Any person that serves at the pleasure of those boards that I named, yes it is an open public meeting, but remember you have to agendaize it to a specific who, what, where, and why. So I just need to remind everyone, there has to be specifics in order to discuss any, any employee of the Town of Round Mountain. So just keep that in mind.

Morones: The only in open, that is my wrong, you are the only one that can be open public.

P. Olmedo: Yes, I am the only one, but with that it has to have specific item that we need to discuss. With that being said, I encourage you as Board Members, because it is a two way street. If you want to be more well informed I encourage the Board themselves to take due diligence in coming and understanding the processes of how the town runs. As I stated Dick Gardner, Beatty Town Advisory Board Chairman, very involved with his manager and I like that. He is in the office with them, right next to her drafting a letter and giving pointers on how to go about drafting things and in talking with them, I found out that all, not only himself, all board members took turns coming in to sit with their manager. To discuss things and learn about how things are, everyday workings of the Town. So as the five of you sitting there, I would encourage you, I believe yes, there needs to be more education, but it needs to be reciprocated on both ends. With that in closing, I do thank you again for the direction that you all gave me. Pretty much this Town is operating under the previous Town Management's, the way he ran things. Obviously there are different ideas today with these Board Members on how things should run, so the direction needs to filter to your manager. So that you know, again for accountability. The accountability is lacking with the six of us, not just myself, so I just want to say give me direction, set some goals. And I would also encourage you to come visit us at the Town Hall and learn about the Towns inner working, so that when the public bombards you with questions and concerns, you are better able to answer them. If they feel they can't come to the Town Hall to get answers. So that is all I have.

Morones: Thank You.

ADJOURN MEETING

Dutton motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:42 p.m. Davila seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.