

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Roger Morones, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor
Tini Mittelstadt, Administrative Aide

Citizens Present: Herminia Stumpf
Pearlene Nockideneh
Greg Schoen
David Hendricks
Teah Court



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

James Swigart called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (FIRST)

Swigart stated being over at the General Store he has had several people come to me with complaints about the roads, especially Mahogany. There is a sink hole over there and who is responsible for the roads and the potholes.

Olmedo responded that is the County.

Swigart asked the County takes care of the roads inside Hadley also?

Olmedo answered yes they should be but, I am told they aren't responsible because we get a portion of the motor fuel tax. Then I was told no, the portion that we receive the \$1.75 is for the assistance and aiding Nye County. So I will have to bring that back to the Commissioner's attention.

Swigart says maybe you can send out a maintenance person to kind of look at the real bad spots and maybe we could do something about those.

Dutton explains that she thought on the County web page, there is a place you can go and make complaints about road issues. That is how we got the one fixed on Electrum and Pablo.

Olmedo stated that the road department is willing to help, but it is stuck in the powers that be at the County level.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 AGENDA

Olmedo states that Mike Hardy is not here to present. She forwarded an e-mail to all the Board to let them know what the status is. Mike is looking into the screening system and wants to make the best recommendation for the Town. He has run into a road block in terms of speaking with the water operators themselves. He is going to call a few of them and he hasn't finished up that portion of it yet. He has visited 3 locations and spoken to the operators themselves and taken a look at their distribution systems.

Davila asked wasn't it a concern at the last meeting that if he didn't have it completed by this time that we would be in the same situation, having to operate in a crisis mentality versus making the best decision for the Town and our budget.

Olmedo stated that the crisis that she read was ensuring we get the best equipment that was recommended to us so that we are not backtracking.

Davila replied ok I thought that he said the contractors were getting ready to finish up the job and if we don't have it in place then.

Olmedo responded that the aeration equipment is on its way, so there is not going to be a hold up in terms of that, it is the screening system that we can go and put in after the fact. So on that part, things are relatively rolling. It is just the screening system itself that he is not comfortable in recommending until he speaks with a few more water operators.

Dutton asked if our maintenance people put the screen system in or will we have to bring the contractors back down.

Olmedo answered that there are somethings that our maintenance personnel can do. He is talking with Mitch and Josh getting them involved, making sure once the plan is put together to allow them to say what they can and cannot do. So far the trenching and pipelines, Josh said he could do that. There was concern with a portion between a couple of the ponds the way that they are set up, that we may not be able to it, it is a tight fit, so we might have to have the contractors do that. He is looking at all aspects of everything and trying to find the best cost savings for the Town. Once this is put together depending on what type he recommends will determine whether the Town employees can install themselves.

Davila replies please correct me if I am wrong, was there not an emphasis placed on us making a decision on the screen system before the contractors were done so we wouldn't have to, did I hear that.

T. Mittelstadt replied that she was typing the meeting minutes today and it was that they wanted a push for the aerators before the contractors left, so they didn't have to remobilize all the equipment here, and just for the

aerator part, the aerator system. So they could start the pads and the trenching while they are already here. It was for the aeration system.

Davila and Swigart said ok.

Swigart replied very good, thank you.

Hubred responds that he has some concerns with having our own members of the Town doing work on something that we have bided out, that we have awarded. Any work that we may do on our behalf of the Town that may jeopardize any warranties or anything like that may be in place.

Olmedo states that the installation of the aeration system will not be done by us. They will have their engineers on site to place that. What the Town employees will be doing is digging for the trenches, placing concrete pads. It will be built to spec. As far as the electrical side of it, the placing of the aeration systems and putting the pieces together will be done by the company themselves. We will not have a hand in that; I guess you can say for lack of a better word, they will be doing the labor side of things.

Hubred replied that as long as it didn't interfere with the integrity of the lining, I would say that would be ok. If at any time we could jeopardize the lining or could be accused of jeopardizing the lining, then I would feel, it would be my opinion, in our best interest to have the contractors to do it all themselves. So we are not jeopardizing, tearing any lining, or anything that is going to cost the Town any more money for repairs.

Davila comments, or the possibility for them to come back and say, because of the way this particular thing was done, then we are not responsible for it.

Olmedo states before we get off track of the agenda, Can we wait and put that on # 8.

Hubred answered sure. So we are going to move that to the next.

Olmedo replies that we will keep that.

Davila responds I thought you wanted to remove # 8.

Olmedo answered we will keep that on the agenda.

All members said ok

Olmedo states no changes.

ACTION: Davila motioned to approve the September 13, 2016 agenda. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

READING, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 26 AND AUGUST 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES.

Hubred asked if everyone has had the opportunity to look them over. (Everyone said yes)

Davila asked how close are we to having all those completed and updated.

Olmedo responds that we are in compliance with the meeting minutes; we are just August 23, 2016 off.

Davila responds ok.

ACTION: Hubred motioned to accept the July 26 and August 9, 2016 meeting minutes as read. Davila seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO HONOR GREG SCHOEN FOR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD.

Davila stated that Mr. Schoen should come to the front.

Swigart presented the plaque to Mr. Schoen. Pictures were taken of Mr. Greg Schoen, James Swigart, Chair and Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager.

HERMINIA STUMPF REQUESTS THE USE OF DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER OR COMMUNITY GYM ONE AFTERNOON AND EVENING A WEEK FOR THE TEACHING OF BALLROOM CLASSES TO THE COMMUNITY ADULTS, 18 AND OLDER, FOR FREE.

Herminia Stumpf introduced herself and acknowledges the Board; she states that she came to the idea that this community could use something for the adult about a year ago. She sees that there is not a lot of socializing. We are a small community and we have tight pockets and she sees at times that we are not tight as one. In the ballroom community everyone knows everyone. It is a fun activity. It is great way to exercise, and think it would bridge a lot of gaps. There are a number of health benefits for it, number 1 it is scientifically proven reduce Alzheimer's, because your people are moving in three dimensions. It opens social engagements and gatherings. When I put it out there on Facebook to get an idea to see if the community would welcome it, I got a tremendous response. It is something I feel the community will truly enjoy. I want to keep it 18 years or older for a few reasons, #1 because it is something new I wanted to reserve it just for the adults to see how it would go, #2 it is nice to get away from the kids every so often. I am not talking about a honkie tonk sort of place to go and have a party, this is where strictly you are learning to go ahead and move your body. That is another one of the health benefits in conjunction with the mind, the mind right now they are teaching a philosophy on movement and how you move. Ballroom actually is a very big contender for that. A lot of people don't realize, for instance when you stand lock legged, you are putting your weight on you joints, you are not putting your weight on your muscles. Your legs hurt, you ach at the end of the day, look at how you stand. Another thing people don't engage their core, and they are tired and have back pain. This is the way the average way the average person stands. You engage the core, everything gets pulled in and up, the muscles get strengthened, the pressure gets off the bones. There are a lot of health benefits for this. What we are talking about is an afternoon a week to accommodate those that wish to do it earlier in the afternoon. We are also talking an evening. I have talked with Lily in recreation and we ascertained between the two of us, that the best room would be the teen room, there is more than enough room in there. We feel that the usage is very off key and low, that it would be the most available. I would teach the lessons for free, it is something I love and something I have always enjoyed doing. I have taken women and men too, they come up hands in pocket and say "you can't teach me to dance, everybody has tried and failed" and in 5 lessons some as early as 2, I have them doing the Foxtrot. They look down and say "I am dancing", they literally change. The mannerisms of ballroom are everybody is there to learn, it is not to pick up on people, and it is not to create a Peyton Place. We learn a craft; we dance with everybody, not just certain people, because you learn more from dancing with every person. Everybody has a different way of moving, everybody has different dance patterns that they like to incorporate. By doing that it

creates a very unified spirit. The ballroom community is a very unique community; it is almost like there are no cliques. That is something I would truly love to share with everyone. I would love to have the opportunity to bring everyone together so that they can share mutual interests. I do realize, I have a paper here to give you- a release liability that I typed up and I will present to everyone if they decide to take the classes. It is to protect the Simpson Center as well as myself, just to make sure legally everything is squared away. I truly would like you to consider letting me do this for the community. Are there any questions?

Davila stated that she has to divulge abstaining from voting. For those of you that don't know, I am the president of a non-profit association locally in town called HOPE, and Herminia Stumpf is my wonderful exciting treasurer, so I don't know if there could be a conflict of interest here, so I will abstain from voting.

Dutton responded that she though it was a wonderful idea, and asked if Herminia knew what time she was thinking.

Stumpf answered that she would like to put that out there, honestly I have an idea, my idea is between 5 and 6, and then another day maybe as early as 1. I know there are some people that have evening shifts and people that come off of day shift and this would accommodate both. If this gets going with the intensity that I think it will, I would like in a few months to propose that one night a month we use the teen room to go ahead, because we use to in our ballroom studios, once a week we would have a night where everybody could come and everybody dances with everyone. It is a way to practice your craft, because like I said, the more you do, the more people you work with, the better you get. I have seen people lose so much weight off this, I have seen where my ligaments were weak, and in order to do any outside activities I had to wear a leg brace. Well after 3 hours of waltz, for 15 weeks, I don't have to do that anymore. I strengthened my ligaments. It strengthened my muscles around my ligaments to allow the ligaments to heal enough to be able to strengthen back up. This is something that I think is a fun form of exercise, like I said the health benefits are tremendous. People don't understand just how much ballroom dancing can do for you. When they say they are athletes, these people are athletes. It is an unbelievable gift that I would like to keep giving. So to answer your question, there would be the early morning and then the evening.

Swigart asked if the class was 1 or 2 hours.

Stumpf answered that they would be 1 hour.

Swigart questioned not knowing ballroom dancing, is this something if you get good enough nationally or state wide, is there a competition for this?

Stumpf answered absolutely. I still compete. I retained my amateur status so that I could continue competing, but I didn't have a professional partner to devote my time to dancing with, but yes, you can do pro-am which is basically professional and amateur. You can also do amateur couples by themselves. I am going to brag about myself. I did this for 12 years, again the more you dance the better you get. It is traditional that you have one partner, you have one teacher and you stick with them and you buy coaching lessons. I had 3 different instructors all at the same time and they all knew about each other. I had coaches flat out tell me, be sure you hold on to her, there is something about her that will take you places. I had a coach from Germany, his name was John, he said 'she has a lot of style and she has a lot of pizzazz'. When I competed, a lot of the time I got first place, again they were amateur, pro-am status. There are eleven or twelve different styles. You have Latin, which is international competition, Rhythm, Smooth, Standard. I teach Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba, Cha-cha,

Davila asked if they would all be available to anyone that comes to class, or will it be specific for just, you know just like.

Stumpf replied it is going to start out, what she plans on doing is, I will touch on the easy ones first, the Fox and Waltz. Then the next week I will do Rumba and I will probably do a Cha-Cha. After a couple weeks of that I will change it to something else, like the East coast Swing. As we progress, some people will make it every single time and they are going to progress quickly, other people won't be able to make it as often and they will progress a little slowly. I will branch it into advanced and beginners.

Davila responds ok, so you will be accommodating to all.

Stumpf continues, absolutely. The thing is, this is the nice thing, I will be teaching ballroom etiquette, and this etiquette can be actually taken into, for instance if we go to Vancouver, if there are things there, I understand there might be dances there. There is proper etiquette there. For instance if somebody asked you to dance it is considered rude to tell them no, you are supposed to say yes. I am going to teach you how to follow, incase this fool is doing whatever he wants, or whatever she wants. I am going to teach you to follow and you are going to look good.

Hubred asked that during your twelve years of dancing have you obtained any instructor certificates or anything.

Stumpf answered she has not obtained any instructor certificates because, the second I do that I lose my amateur status. However, I did teach for three years at Tucson Dance Academy and I also taught private lessons as well. I can also do that. The average private lesson is between \$65 and \$110. I would only charge \$25, because I love it that much. Part of that would go toward the floor fee that I would have to pay, because that would be outside of the scope of what you guys, the group classes that I would be teaching.

Swigart replied that is a huge commitment on your part. It is very admirable, but what if you are not going to be able to make it, is there some else that can.

Stumpf answered currently no.

Swigart asked if she would train for that.

Stumpf replied that she could train someone at some point. If at some point the room is taken or my husband says, let's go camping, I will have a roll call of all my students that I will get ahold of. I will also have a Facebook page on the Round Mountain Indoor Yard Sale and Round Mountain Online to be able to let people know. If for some reason I cannot make it I will definitely let people know. I will make a flash email, hey guys, and I will make sure I have everyone's email.

Davila stated good communication.

Stumpf continues because I wouldn't want them here hanging out saying where is Minnie.

Swigart stated that he thinks it is great.

Stumpf continues that she thinks what really made her decide to start, because dancing is fun, what really made me change my mind, was a little old lady, she is probably Tini's size. She walked in one day with her husband and said "I have a wedding to go to and I can't dance". She swore up and down no one could teach her to dance. It took me six lessons to teach her the Box step, and after eleven, she walked up to me, shook my hand, and said thank you. From that point on she was so different, instead of walking in scared, she walked in and said "ok, what are we going to now". When you change someone's life like that, when you change their

outlook, when you spread the joy it goes everywhere, it catches, it is like wildfire, and that, I want to build a community like that.

Hubred states that what he is hearing, it sounds like everyone is in favor of this and thinks it is a good program. Excuse me, but I am going to ask the question because I am new here. Is there anything that would require us to have this form looked over by our attorneys or anything like that.

Olmedo replied, no. Just so Minnie herself, since she is the one that is going to be signing out for the building, understands that the Town is not responsible or liable for anything while she is conducting her classes. We have talked about it and she fully understands.

Hubred asked so there is nothing we need to do on our end that would cover, could cover us other than.

Davila states I believe the application itself covers us if I am not mistaken.

Olmedo replies yes.

Hubred states that he just wanted to get clarification before the Board went forward.

Stumpf states that she understands the concern with that, and that is why she plans on implementing a few rules right off the bat. Number 1 there will be no alcohol involved. If I smell any alcohol on anybody or if any has been brought in they will be asked to leave until the next lesson or to put it away and take it outside. It can cause a lot of accidents which we don't need. Other things like the types of things, for instance the type of shoes to protect the stature, protect the floors, things like that. It is just, you need to take care of your body that is something I want to impress on them.

ACTION: Davila abstained from the vote. Dutton moved to approve the use of the Teen Center by Herminia Stumpf for free. Swigart seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Olmedo asked if the Board was through discussing #8

Hubred said he will go ahead and continue since he left off. The only concern that I would have is that if we allow our members of the Town to work on something that could eventually hold the Town liable for any cost or expenditures that would come from us doing any damage to the liners or anything like that, that have already been installed. This is a very high dollar bid that we awarded out there and I would hate for anything to come back on us.

Olmedo responds you know back to that, the Town would only be doing the manual labor, digging the trenches; they are not going to be in the sewer ponds themselves walking on the liners. That is what the Triple Point engineers are for, placing the equipment in the ponds.

Swigart asked if we will still have Mike to oversee.

Olmedo replied yes, Mike or Mitch will insure that everything is done as far as the engineer scope is concerned.

Dutton questioned, we haven't paid for the screen system yet, only the aeration.

Olmedo responded we have not, not the screen system only the aeration system, and that is currently being built to spec right now.

Davila states she definitely understands Hubred's hesitation and she has concerns with that herself. Operating on the modality that we were just hit with another unexpected cost has really set us back and has kind of put us all, if I can say that, on kind of reservations about what is happening. So I would say definitely proceed with caution. I think if approached again we don't want this happening, I am definitely speaking for myself, if there is another issue that was overseen or not or something wasn't taken care of, it's definitely an issue.

Swigart states that the correspondence sent out from Mike, that he was looking at eight different screening vendors trying to have their own product. I am sure they all say that theirs is the best, but he is doing the research on that.

Olmedo responds and with that the delay is that yes you are right, all the manufactures say theirs is the best. He really wants to talk with the actual operators with those that have sewers like the one we are trying to install. That is the delay. If they are busy running their system you know, not everybody is going to have the time to give us a call or to schedule for their water operator to sit and talk to the engineer. So that is the wall he is hitting. He did say in the email that he sent, that he took your comments to heart to ensure that everything is researched properly, he really listened to your concerns Lisa and that is where he is at.

Davila thanked Pearl.

Hubred commented that since we are only discussing this, he had brought it up before and I think it is important that we bring it up again. I honestly don't think the community has any idea of what this Town has paid to restore or to get the sewer system up to standards. With that being said, I don't know if it is appropriate at this time, but I think the Town and the community, we need to sit down and discuss whether or not we are going to increase the water rates and the sewer rates, because something has pay for this.

Olmedo states that behind the scenes we are talking about it, it's a Town and Nevada Rural Water team effort to get everything together. It is quite a process, we the Town have to provide data to Nevada Rural Water Association, as far as our usage, what is distributed, all the little details that we have to research and pick apart numbers. You would think that with the pretty neat system that we have that it would do that for us but no. We have to provide all of that, the amount of customers, the amount of usage, dollars, we have to separate the funds in each account, and then they put together the justification for the increase for the sewer. Once that whole package is complete, then we have to bring it to the community and advertise that we are looking at increasing sewer rates. That could take up to a month. It is not, let's do it in a couple meetings. I don't think we should do that, I think we should advertise for quite some time before we do it. If we were to go full speed ahead from where we are at right now, I don't see us having the sewer rates come into effect until maybe next spring. Just so we can rally as many of the public members to these public forums to educate them. We have had people come in because of the sewer smell. What brings in the phone calls, believe it or not, is the smell of the sewer. That is when we educate them and let them know, we are currently under construction, they are like "oh, really". We let them know that the equipment that is running around Town, the roads that are getting torn up is due to the water truck, the semis coming in, it is due to all that. The reason behind it is we are not in compliance at state level. We need to bring down the elevated nitrate levels. That is when we explain it and it is an "oh", and FYI you will probably be attending a future public forum letting the community know that we are looking at raising the sewer rates to cover the costs.

Dutton asked do you think if we had an article in the Valley View, nobody knows that there is this back ground to all of this, to the project and the reasoning for it. That way it is not such a surprise.

Olmedo responds that we have attempted at the Round Mountain Safety Fair, we had Nevada Rural Water come to try to educate. Those that were interested were K through 5th grade and then we lost the audience past that. We can continue, we are not giving up. We will continue to put the information out there.

Davila states that every person receives a water bill in this community, have you ever thought about putting together a generic statement in regards to 'Hey member of the community this is what our Town is currently working on, this is what we are discussing, here is an update'. Has that ever even once been considered, let's just throw it in there with the water bill. I mean, I think personally, my own opinion on this is if I weren't sitting on this Board, and I received a letter or information sent with the water bill, saying your Town is getting ready to spend 1 million dollars on a sewer project and be hit with another 300 thousand, I would definitely be in attendance. Just food for thought.

Olmedo replies that we make every effort to do it, but honestly not a whole lot of, not everyone reads those bills. But we will do it, I think it is a great idea, it is something that we won't give up on.

Davila stated that she would rather have the opportunity to say, you were informed versus saying we didn't do it at all.

Olmedo replied, I will tell you what, back in 2010 when the previous employees went through this whole thing. I didn't realize, me as a water customer being a water customer from 2006, I had no idea that the Town raised the water rates. I didn't read my bill. Apparently there was mass billing, multiple billing periods that went out. I can attest I opened my mail, ok letter garbage. Until I am slammed with my bill, and ok, why did my water increase? We will do it, I am just saying don't be surprised if this is not a packed house.

Swigart asked if the article in the paper, did that come from you? That was pretty informative.

Olmedo replied that we jumped on board with Round Mountain Gold; I sent an email to Ranay, and took your suggestion to make it part of the new hire packet. We are trying to get the word out. We can elaborate more by explaining that we are currently under construction. There is a million dollars gone out of the general fund from the Town, and that we are looking at a cost of in excess 300 thousand dollars to continue on.

Hubred stated that is not including the screening system.

Davila states that is not including the screening system. I am simply amazed that this million dollar project that was supposed to be just 1 million dollars, has turned into such an expense for every member of this community. It raises my level of concern extremely high. You know we are always looking at what could have been done and who is to blame and why are we here, because there is concern. In the infinite words of Mr. Schoen, and I have used it many times and go back to it, our Town could be in some serious concern in 4 short years if we don't take heed to what we are looking at.

Olmedo states and honestly just for the history, the historical part of it, this project has been in the works for 3 years at least. Greg?

Greg Schoen replied at least, yes.

Olmedo continues and mind you we did not foresee these costs three years later. At that time 3 years ago, even a year prior to the 3 years it was brought to these Town Board Meetings. The information brought forth to the meetings at that time, was at that date the most current technology. Of course you know, even with the cell phones, they are evolving every 6 months. Technology is constantly evolving, so there is no way 3 ½ years ago, that we could have predicted these changes to update the aeration system. I am just going to say, no one is at

fault, no one has that magic crystal ball to say that we are going to be spending an excess amount on top of what we approved.

Swigart stated what we need to remember is that there were 3 bids that we bid on; there was a 1.0, 1.3 and 1.6 close to 1.7 million dollars so we went with the 1.3 million dollar one. When we asked Mike about that, if we had gone with the higher bidder would we still have these additional costs? He said absolutely, this is something that came up later that we had no control over and I have to believe that.

Hubred remarked, I do believe that and I don't want anyone on the Board or anyone in the community to think I don't, or that I think it is one sole person's responsibility. With that being said we as a Board and we as a Town now have the responsibility to try to keep our Town afloat. With your statement saying if we got going now, it would take until spring to implement this, I think it is important to get this going now to recover some of the expenditure that the Town has ensued. As a Town we knew that we were going to be paying 1.3 million. We didn't know that we were going to be spending the additional 300 thousand and then plus what we are going to be looking at with the sewer screens. I don't blame anyone for that, but having the knowledge that we are going to be doing that, I think it is important that we implement.

Swigart replied sure and we need to be transparent and any time there is a change we want to get that information out to the community as soon as possible, letting them know that down the road this is going to happen. It is a lot easier for them to accept that change if they know 6 months down the road that it is coming.

Greg Schoen asked Pearl if any of this rate increase will have to go to the PUC, the Public Utilities Commissions, since it is a regulated entity.

Olmedo answered yes, and that is why we have Nevada Rural Water on top of that. So we the public utilities will have our I's dotted and our t's crossed because of that entity.

Schoen responded the reason I brought this up is so the Board members realize that you just can't arbitrarily raise the rates. You can put a good rate case together for the PUC for approval, although it may seem like it drags out. I think you are better off having a good solid case whatever that rate number would turn out to be.

Olmedo stated with that they will analyze our requests state wide within Nevada, so it is a process.

Dutton responded that is good, you don't want to just raise it to any number and have no monitor or control over that.

Davila asked so what I hear you say is we are going to get started on that, like now.

Olmedo answered yes we have to, we will never recoup the cost of it, but any little bit of revenue will help.

Swigart questioned when will Mike be here, will it be at the next meeting?

Olmedo answered yes he will be here. Josh and I had a phone conference with him, and we were not pleased either. There were some other things that I had requested of him, but we can't help what goes on in our personal and professional life, I get that, so I let him know that the Board members were not going to be happy. I told him he was going to have to figure it out and that we are going to need an answer soon. I don't know if you are interested, but if he were to get that information within the next week are you all interested in a special Board meeting?

Davila answered she thinks it is something that we could really have a choice at this time to say yay or nay, I think it is important and that we all need to make arrangements to be here.

Swigart agreed with Lisa.

Olmedo stated so when that information comes forward to us I will get an email out to all of you.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO TRANSFER \$300,000 INTO THE ROUND MOUNTAIN PUBLIC UTILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.

Olmedo states that she is requesting that we transfer the 300 thousand Dollars so that we can get some of these bills paid for that we are going to be seeing within the next two weeks. That is the aeration system that is currently being built, the additional engineering cost that is part of this. Currently we have \$300,000 sitting in administration. It would be transferring straight out of admin into the Public Utilities Special Capital Project Fund.

Davila asked you are saying a portion of this is going to our aeration system.

Olmedo answered yes, right now our aeration system that was the quote that I signed off on.

Swigart confirmed that was 120 thousand dollars, correct.

Olmedo answered yes, and this 300,000 thousand also includes the 155 thousand that the Board already approved last week, so all together 300.

Swigart stated that we are also looking at 50 thousand for the screening.

Dutton asked if that would empty out the administration.

Olmedo answered no, that 300 thousand dollars is designed in the event that we need to shut down Town tomorrow, to pay out the accumulated leave payouts that we owe each employee.

Dutton asked so would that leave it at 0 balances?

Olmedo said that would be at a 0 balance.

Davila asked, what is your plan to recover that?

Olmedo answered that we don't recover that in this fiscal year.

Davila replied, we don't recover that.

Olmedo stated I understand if you don't want to approve it tonight and want to think about it. The other thing is taking half of the administration money and taking what we currently have in the pool project fund and not even do the pool this year.

Davila said let's just wait until we get to that subject, let's just talk about the agenda.

Swigart asked why 300 thousand.

Olmedo answered it is the 155 for the Mars aerations system in addition to the freight that was unaccounted for, the 45 hundred, 23,100 for the engineering fees, and then the excess amount above the million dollars for Pearson Construction. We are at 290 some odd thousand dollars and some change.

Davila replied plus they are going to come back and hit us again.

Olmedo states this is just to pay the bills that we owe right now.

Dutton asked how do we regain that money, where does it come from?

Olmedo, Davila, Swigart all said the next budget.

Dutton states that it would only be a few months, right?

Olmedo answered no, the 300 thousand is currently sitting in the 2016-2017 fiscal year Budget. The Board approved this back in May 19th, every single year for the last 4 years we have rolled over those 300 thousand dollars; we have never spent through it. So I am proposing that we use the 300 thousand that we have already approved, moving it from our administration fund, hoping that we don't close the doors until after June 30th 2017, and transfer that money already approved into the Round Mountain Public Utilities Special Capitals Project Fund.

Davila asks the question, if we don't transfer the money out of that account, simply identifying that that is an important thing, where are we going to get the money from.

Olmedo answered, and then I will be asking to get the money from the General Fund, our untouched monies. That would require a Budget adjustment, Public Hearing, and then sending a revised 2016-2017 budget the state.

Dutton states so that is a lot more steps to that.

Olmedo responds we currently have the money sitting in administration.

Swigart states that would also delay payments to the vendors and Pearson construction.

Davila responds, so if we currently have to take money out of the budget and move it into there, what are we going to do when we get hit with the additional costs, we are going to have to amend the budget anyways, correct.

Olmedo answered yes we are going to have to amend the budget, but it will be at a lesser dollar amount.

Davila questioned if we are going to make the steps, wouldn't it be more sense to make it all now. You are comfortable with letting that 300 thousand, those are for the employees, you ok with that.

Olmedo responds, I am ok with that. We have never touched that money.

Davila states never.

Hubred responds that is the statement that I keep going back on, you said we have never taken money out of it before and have never had to touch it.

Swigart replies, let's go back to the last 3 meetings we have had, how apparent it was to get the nitrates down or we are going to be in bigger problems with the state, and that is what this whole project is about.

Olmedo states do the project right and that is going to cost more money, but do everything we can to avoid having to spend another million dollars upwards to 2 million.

ACTION: Davila motioned to transfer \$300,000 into the Round Mountain Public Utility Capital Projects fund. Swigart seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-1.

POOL PROJECT UPDATE.

Olmedo states that the pool project is going to cost us \$158,165 to repair it.

Hubred asked 158,165 thousand you said.

Olmedo answered correct. Currently we have 170 thousand budgeted for this project.

Davila asked we have how much budgeted, I'm sorry.

Olmedo answered 170 thousand.

Dutton asked who is that bid through?

Olmedo replied it is an overall number that we determined.

Dutton responded, ok so we don't have an actual bid yet.

Olmedo said we do have a bid but I don't want to go on record as to who it is.

Davila asked so we did go out for bid.

Olmedo states, we did not go out to bid we just asked for the cost estimate for the repair.

Davila asked why we have not gone out to bid. I thought we were supposed to have gone out for bid.

Olmedo responded that she felt we should delay the pool project, because I felt the sewer project was much more important, but I am getting the feeling from the community and some board members that were are going forward with this.

Davila responded ok, Pearl for me, just let me explain this and this is just in my opinion, we are currently paying Lumos and Associates to guide our sewer project. We are paying them to give us directions on where to go, so I think not only your focus but other people's focus can be on fixing the pool. It was a detrimental thing to the community, I don't know about other Board members, but I have heard it all year long. I know the numbers; I have worked for the Town. For me that is a major thing that needs addressed and it should have been addressed and we should have that, in my opinion, be working on that and see a completion date. To come back to the community as a board member next year, to say I am sorry we are not going to do it again, I am not comfortable with that, I am just not comfortable.

Olmedo responds with that we can award the bid on October the 4th or October the 11th.

Davila replied but then we are going to be back in the same situation, because they couldn't work on it because of the winter months.

Swigart stated it wasn't really a bid, it was just a quote.

Olmedo states it was just a quote, yes but once we get the real numbers we are going out to say that this amount is not to exceed 160 Thousand dollars. So if you run into some hiccups that is on you.

Davila states if we go out to bid, let's do a timeline, we have to go out to bid for a month.

Olmedo responds no we don't.

Davila replies I thought, how many days is it legally.

Olmedo answers 7 working days.

Davila asks, it was only 7 working days, ok. So if we put it in at seven working days we will be into late October by the time that we find somebody.

Olmedo states putting the advertisement in, we can either award October 4th or October 11th, October 4th would be a special Board Meeting, October 11th is a regular Board Meeting.

Davila responds and then we are into winter and they cannot work on it in the winter.

Olmedo replies that she has every faith that they can have the pool open by next summer. After all, they did Tonopah's with an opening at the end of May, and theirs is an outdoor pool.

Hubred states that he appreciates that we hope that they will have it done by then. Then we are going to fall back into we have not sent anyone in for training, we don't have anyone that can run it, where are we going to go there.

Olmedo replies that the next classes, they haven't responded yet, because there is not an interest yet. Unfortunately because of the winter months there is not an interest, they stated that the beginning of January 2017 they should have a class roster together.

Hubred asked if we have looked into it to see how much that is going to cost.

Olmedo answered \$239.00 per head, just for classes only.

Dutton asked if that was lifeguards or is that the head of the pool.

Olmedo answered no, in order to have the pool open you have to have a certified operator.

Dutton says, that is what that is for, ok. Can we put it in our bid that they have to have the construction finished by a certain date?

Olmedo answered yes, we will more than likely mimic the Town of Tonopah's, it will be not to exceed more than 45 working days. The company that they chose met that requirement.

Dutton stated that she has actually been to their pool and it is nice. They did a really good job.

Davila states I think we need to get moving on it. We can't make a motion on it because it is discussion only.

Olmedo states it was already approved, like I said we can either award the bid on October the 4th on a special meeting or go with the regular meeting October 11th.

Davila states that she thinks it is something we need to move on.

Olmedo responds so October the 4th then.

Swigart replies yes, this is something that we have been working on a long time.

T. Mittelstadt states that she is going to speak as just a public person, because this whole thing has just not been a good idea in my opinion through the whole thing, only because of how much it is used. I do understand we are never going to recoup the money to fix the pool. I am in the public a lot, I do know, I have had maybe 2 people all summer be upset about it verbally to me, and once I explained it they were fine. We keep talking about saving money and saving money and saving money. This pool thing is a got to have to do, and you are talking about saving money. I just honestly don't get it.

Swigart responded that he has had more than just a couple people come to him.

Davila replied thank you, I have had more than a couple people come to me.

Swigart continued because of their kids, right. They really enjoyed when they were able to send their kids.

T. Mittelstadt responded that there is not a big population that goes.

Dutton asks we have the money for the repairs, right.

Davila and T. Mittelstadt answered right.

Hubred responded I get your concern Tini, there is not a lot population that goes. We are a small community and if we don't allow that pool to open for the kids, they have nothing else out here to do. You were raised out here, I was raised out here. Well you were out here a long time; you have been here a long time. I was raised here. We didn't have that pool, we had Darroughs hot pool. If we weren't at Darroughs hot pool or out riding our bikes, we were up in the hills partying and doing stuff and kids do. The pool is not going to take away from that, but opening that pool is going to allow the kids something to do. Being in a small community, we don't have that, we don't have anything for our kids out here to do. I have been approached several times on the pool and I have been approached numerous times on these four wheelers and motorcycles and I am going to tell you right now my opinion is and I hate to say it because I am a law enforcement officer here, there is nothing for these kids to do, if they are riding their bikes respectively and doing their thing, let them do it, so I would disagree with you whole heartily. That pool needs to be open for these kids.

Davila replies you know Tini, I get it and I understand and I have expressed a concern about us spending money, time and time and time again. I think we have cut a lot of things as a recreation department in this community we no longer run a single program. We have delegated those authorities to volunteers in this community. The one thing that we are responsible for is that workout room, for people to be able to access the gym and signing these rooms in and out, other than that our rec department has nothing left. We don't sponsor any programs, we don't.

Olmedo responds I have to correct you on that one, we currently sponsor soccer, we took that back. We went with the suggestion to go volunteer based last year and the year before. I did not like that, so we took the programs back this year. If you want to help that is up to you. We are not going to tell anyone no if they want to help. Yes the Town of Round Mountain took back the.

Davila asked ok, so all programs are back on the rec, so all programs or just soccer.

Olmedo answered soccer currently, and we will take back basketball, because like I said, I did not like this volunteer status that we have been operating on these last two years.

Davila questioned and the bike training and safety, we are going to take back all our programs?

Olmedo answered yes, that is what I want, I want our recreation department to be the recreation it was two years ago.

Hubred responded thank you, I am glad to hear that.

Davila responded thank you, very glad to hear that because I thought we have delegated all of our authority and we need to do this and the pool has been a great thing. I have heard from more than one person, and like you, I am out in the community, I wear different hats within the community and I hear a lot of different concerns.

Olmedo stated just to give the community members in attendance an update. It was a concern that there wasn't enough staff in the office so that is why a recreation director was taken away. Those in the Town were not whole heartily on board with that, but that was the direction we took because that was the direction we were given. We had an excellent program, we had an excellent department, we had a pool person who was excellent, and when we lost Anna Berg, we lost all of those things. I am saying that as a public member not a Town Manager. The moment we lost Anna Berg we lost a lot of things in this Town. That is one thing that I was not on board with, but hey it was a directive that was given to us back then and we followed suit.

T. Mittelstadt stated I just want to say I respect both Lisa and Wes for your comment, I am still not on board with it just because of the lack of use that it gets, if we could pull in more kids to use it, I mean not that I have a vote anyway, but I don't usually speak, if we could get more people in there to use it, that would be wonderful.

Dutton replied it will bring back swim team, it will bring back kids as the lifeguards, you will have not just the little ones will have something to do, but the older.

T. Mittelstadt replied I understand that, I know I was in here when they talked about how many used it on a continual basis, if we could pull more kids that would be wonderful. If anyone has any ideas, thank you.

Dutton asked if we have ever had like a rec summer program. They had like the great games, but maybe a summer program.

Olmedo replies we used to.

Davila states there has even been talk Liandra of the extension of hours one day a week so that families can come in for family night and swim and different things like that so.

Dutton replied I think it is harder in the summer because everybody is coming and going.

Olmedo requests to move on to Number 11

Swigart asks ok, so have we made a decision on number 10.

Hubred responded we can't the decision was already made.

Olmedo stated that the decision was already made; we are going forward with that.

CORRESPONDENCE, AWARDS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Olmedo states that you have four of them: Quotation for Aeration Equipment Supply from Triplepoint Environmental, dtd. 8/24/16. Tonopah Tow Board & Library of Trustees meeting agenda for 9/14/16. Attorney General Laxalt Launches "AG for a Day" Tour in Southern Nevada, Letter dtd. 9/12/16. Gmail from Mike Hardy Re: Town of Round Mtn. Screen System, dtd. 9/12/16

Olmedo read a letter from Lorinda, extending congratulations to Liandra for her New Board Positon.

Olmedo updated the Board letting them know that the hand held billing system machine had stopped working and the bills were estimated. The loaner we received would not collect our data, and our machine was sent to be fixed. We had two employees from the Town attend the Active Shooter course last week; apparently it was a good course. If it ever comes up again she urges the Board to try to take the course. It opened up a lot of eyes and things we need to look at within the Town, what changes we need to make, what type of procedures we need to put out there for the Town employees in the event something like that should come to our small community. It was not only to open up the eyes to that, but it gave them some points to keep an eye out in individuals, behavior patterns that could lead up to mass shootings. The firehouse dedication is scheduled for October 10 at 5pm. We will get that in the Valley View if we have not missed the deadline. The public is invited to attend; it is on a Monday night. The volunteer firemen dinner is slated for December 3. The volunteers wanted me to invite the Board Members. That will be December 3rd, cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, we will be sending out invitations as the date gets closer. They have also extended their invite to the mine's general manager. Lorinda Wichman sent an email shortly after the Open Meeting Law and Ethics training course. She let me know that a constituent from Smoky Valley had called her and wanted to know why the Round Mountain agenda and meeting minutes were not posted on the Nye County site. I wanted to say here, pretty much somebody was going to get in trouble in the administration side of Nye County. Nye County posts our agendas and meeting minutes as a courtesy. It is not to post for compliance. They do not have to do it; again they do it as a courtesy. Just to let you know the meeting minutes that are on the Nye County site, are a courtesy to the Town Round Mountain. So if you were ever to need obtain our meeting agendas or the meeting minutes, if you go to the Nevada Post site, there is an email attached to it and you can click on that link and it will alert the Town Hall that you want to obtain those items. That is how we are compliant with AB445 which is the mandate for posting public meeting notices. An explanation on why they do not have anything posted prior to July 1, 2014 is because the mandate did not take effect until July 1, 2014. If you are ever approached from someone in the community, again Nye County is not required; they do it as a courtesy.

Hubred stated that he would like to take the time to thank Pearl for getting that training. I thought it was a very valuable training and I really enjoyed it. Thanks for getting that for us.

Olmedo responded that was the first year she has ever attended one too, and I thought it was very informative. It was nice, I don't know if you noticed on the agenda we are half way into what we need to comply with. It was good learning.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION TO UPDATE MAINTENANCE WORKER JOB DISCRPTION

Olmedo stated that the last time we posted the position we noticed that one of the particular items under the functions was copied twice; it had been like that for quite some time. We took this opportunity to correct everything and update the job description according to what PoolPact had on their site. We followed the same template, except under required certification and licenses, I put in there, must possess a valid Nevada State driver's license. That stemmed from Wes requesting it on a job description some meetings ago. That is pretty much the only changes I have.

Hubred asked if we put this out for new hire and when is the deadline for applications.

Olmedo responded yes we did, September 30, 2016.

Dutton asked where does that get posted?

Olmedo responded at the Town and the newspaper. She let them know they could spread the word.

ACTION: Davila motioned to update the maintenance job description. Hubred seconded the motion: the motion passed 4-0

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

a.) Annual review and approval of a merit increase from 0% to 4% for Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager.

Davila states that she thinks we need to table this. It has come to her attention that not everybody is ready to submit their comments.

Hubred states to only be fair to Pearl, I haven't been on the Board long and I have never done one of these before. I did get with one of the Board members who walked me through it a little bit, but to be fair to you Pearl I would like to request that this could be moved to the next Town Board meeting, so I have the opportunity to speak and gather information from the other.

Olmedo responded that is fine, on top of that I do have an FYI for you guys, I am going to leave it in your court. We have always submitted the merit increase on the anniversary date, your date of hire. I don't know if you want to defer it into the date I actually assumed the position.

Swigart stated that is what he thinks is the right thing to do.

Olmedo continues it is really up to you. I looked into past personal files and looked at everything. Previously everybody that changed into a supervisory position was months before their anniversary date, yet they elected to continue to do it on their anniversary date, their date of hire, rather than their promotion date.

Davila replied I think the reason we were doing this, is because if we were to wait until the time that you became interim for the Town Manager you would be due back pay, due to your time of hire. That is why the board decided to take care of it now, so that there would not be a back pay amount.

Olmedo stated again it is up to you. Either we can continue as it has been practiced and do it on the date of hire rather than the date the position was assumed, but that is up to you. Just to let you know I did not get this position until March 15.

Davila asked but your interim.

Olmedo stated that her interim was on November 2nd and Administrator Supervisor prior to that from September 9th of last year.

Swigart states that the evaluation should be for the entire time you were in that position, in my opinion. If we are going to evaluate your performance it should be from November 2nd in this position, in this role. That is what the evaluation is for, for Town Manager.

Davila responded yes for Town Manager, but like I was saying the reason we had decided it, is because her anniversary date. Her anniversary date is prior to her being as the interim Town Manager, and if we waited for that particular date, then there would be back pay all the way back to the date of hire. So we opted to go ahead and assess her now, versus wait.

Swigart states this decision is on a merit increase from 0 to 4 percent.

Davila responds yes sir.

Swigart continues that is what we are trying to determine by this evaluation.

Davila responds absolutely correct.

Olmedo states it was actually suggested to me that I should change that to Administrative Supervisor/Town Manager.

Davila asked if we just want to table it until next meeting.

Swigart replied lets table it until next meeting.

b.) Re-post advertisement to hire Maintenance Worker.

Olmedo stated that the wage for the maintenance worker would be \$15.07 per hour; she did not change it from the last time we went out for hire for this position.

ACTION: Davila motioned to table item 13a until the next scheduled board meeting. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

ACTION: Davila motioned to approve the \$15.07 hourly wage. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (SECOND)

Greg Schoen stated that he thought he would give the Board and anyone that was interested a quick update on the Shoshone Water Company and what is going on over there. As you know back in July the Board resigned in mass, they received an order from NDEP threatening fines and legal action for the noncompliance arsenic issue. Since then I have attended a couple meetings with NDEP and the Public Utilities Commission. There is a meeting Friday and the Public Utilities Commission will probably vote to send what is left of the organization into receivership if they have reason to believe they don't have an interim board or an interim organization can

set up, step up and take control of the water company. More than likely it will go into receivership at which time the District Court Judge will appoint a receiver. That could range from Nye County to a for profit company that does this kind of nationwide. That will all start to unfold within the next few weeks. The one thing that has been brought up by Nye County, and I know Oz Wichman has talked to Nye County Commissioners and Pam Webster about it. If the water company goes into receivership and we can solve the arsenic compliance issues, at some point in time the receiver will more than likely want to get out of that role. One thing that has been brought to Nye County's attention, and this has been brought up by Nevada Rural Water and Bob Forester, is that, in no way, don't take this as a proposal for right now, but one avenue would be to petition the Town of Round Mountain to see what they thought about taking control of the 84/85 hookups that make up Shoshone water company. At that time the system would be in compliance with arsenic standards, whether it be through the under the counter RO filtration units, or something not as serious as Lisa mentioned, a water treatment system for 85 people is about 800 thousand dollars, so when you divide that by 85 that gets a little spendy. So maybe somewhere in the future maybe Nye County or the District Court could come to the Town of Round Mountain and ask their willingness to participate in that kind of action to move forward. Just so you know the rates right now, that system is unmetered, the rates are \$60.00 a month flat. We anticipate if a receiver comes in that will double or at least go to \$100 if not \$120 a month for water that does not include sewer, everybody in Shoshone is on septic systems. Just so you know when these things come up and you all talk about rate increases, the judge has the ability to set the rate outside of any consultation with PUC, so if he deems the receiver needs \$120 a month per household, then he will slam down the gavel and that will be the rate. We all expect a rate increase even if somebody like the Town or another organization were to step up. The one advantage the Town has is the former board is not a 501c3 nor did they hold insurance like this board does with Pool/Pact. So when those letters came out from NDEP the fines could be levied and EPA fines they could be levied personally on the board members, that is why they decided to resign. As I understand it, I don't remember what the rate is for Pool/Pact but I know you can get it for less than a thousand per year, per board member through I think the Eason Agency. It is not all that expensive, we have some money left, but the money is now locked up by the court. We have about 10 thousand dollars in a suspended account which we can't access until there is a new board formed or the receiver is appointed and at that point the receiver can access those funds.

Davila asks Greg to refresh her memory; she knows that there was discussion a couple years ago in regard to taking that whole system over. What were the concerns at that time that were brought up, it just escapes me and I apologize.

Schoen responds that the only discussion that he remembers was Nye County had proposed to the Town at one time the possible annexation of Carvers in total, which would take fire and ambulance, utilities.

Olmedo states it was because of the Rodeo grounds, they wanted us to take that area.

Davila responds thank you.

Schoen continues that is just an update as to where it is right now. If something breaks we have some volunteers to fix things, we have money as I said in a suspended account but it's inaccessible. It doesn't just affect the residents, Shoshone Market is on that system, they have to have a bigger RO system than a house has, because they have an ice maker and coffee maker and those kinds of things that have to be hooked up to it. The cost for a POU, the under the sink unit that hooks up, is about \$500.00 per resident; the Board was at the point that there were only 2 outstanding households that had not signed the access agreement and you have to have 100% participation in that by rule, by NDEP and EPA to use the under the sink units. If we cannot get a 100% then the next step is getting the 7 or 8 hundred thousand dollar system. The board has nowhere, even in the existing or in the past, without being a 501c3 to have had a funding mechanism, there is no way raise 7 or 8 thousand dollars. I will be at a meeting Friday with PUC and NDEP and if anybody has any interest they can get

ahold of me and I could let you know what is going on. Don't be surprise if in the next year, maybe less maybe more, that the Town of Round Mountain is approached by some entity to look at the possibility to take the system. Of course it does generate revenue at \$100 a month at 85; you would have about \$100,000 in revenue.

Stumpf commented Greg I don't know if you remember or not at the last meeting that we had, they did mention that they had thought they needed 100%, but they came to find out, those that do not sign the paperwork, they could just shut the water off. They could make that a statue, if you are going to get water from us you need to have this device in your house.

Schoen stated that he does, but that can only be affected if you have an operating Board. I don't know if that rule can apply to a receiver, you have to have in place bylaws that would allow that type of language to exist. The receiver is not obligated to accept the bylaws of whatever the previous Board did.

Stumpf commented that another thing that she wanted to bring up in regard to the pool, I came from Arizona, there is no water in Arizona unless you dig, and I have an 8 year old child he doesn't know how to swim. We cannot go to Groves Lake without panicking and having constant eyes on him. Number 1 it is fricking cold, jump off that rock oh my gosh you cannot breath. Number 2 you cannot teach a child to swim in it, because it was in July when we went and it was still too cold to teach a child to swim in it. That pool, we were going to teach him to swim this year, we didn't have an opportunity. The next place of a body of water around here is the hot ponds and they are so small and narrow, given that, I want you to ask yourself a question, would you want your child out in the middle of nowhere, where there is no hospital, where there is an 2 1/2 to 3 hours ambulance ride away. Would you not want your child to know how to swim, or a grandchild that comes to visit, or a friend's child? I realize it is a big expense, but for those who are doubting or don't see a reason, I would just put that to you.

Davila questions is it your intention to have a Christmas party for the staff this year. I know that last year our Christmas party was provide on behalf of RMGC, are we going to have one this year for staff.

Olmedo states that we could put one together for the Board members and employees like last year.

Davila replied ok, thank you.

Hubred stated he was going to bring something up real quick, thank you for your comment and really support. Ask those that are out in the public right now to get with their other members to get them here so they know what is going on in this community. Secondly, since you brought up the ambulance service, I don't know if you are aware of it, but our ambulance service is now covering Tonopah, we are covering Kingston, we are covering Austin, that is pulling our resources here away, so we need public involvement. I don't know how we are going to do that, but without a hospital without an ambulance.

Dutton replied it is almost a crisis.

Davila commented I will say this real quick, because we all have a different perspective as members of the community. I myself can speak most comfortably because I have come to the Board before with different concerns with different members and every time now, and I have mentioned this to you Wes, when somebody comes to me, I say, take it to the Board, bring it to the Board, please come and plant yourself in these seats and bring this to the Board, because they need to hear it. A lot of times we hear that they are afraid of repercussions. Something is going to happen there is going to be repercussions. If I state something against the Town Manager or a Town employee there is going to be a repercussion. It is unfortunate, but that is the mindset of a great percentage of the population here, which is very very unfortunate. I wish that they could understand that they could come here and that they could voice their concerns. I know that we all get it, but that is my view, is that I

am telling them, I hear you, you have a voice as a community member and I have an obligation to bring that to the attention of others, but it would sure help if you were here.

Schoen commented that Lisa has hit on it, as the years have gone by, we have all seen the budget constraints, the cost of everything the Town has done increases. We all know that in some point in time the realization is going to have to come to many people that all the things that the Town provides are not free and there may come a day when those services may have to be cut or tailed or whittled down or whatever. The biggest challenge I see, is getting the people in this community involved to make intelligent decisions when it comes to what happens to the Town's money, whether it is recreational things, or a swimming pool, street maintenance, or sewer maintenance or whatever. We all know at some point you are not going to have the dollars to that you had 4 or 6 years ago. The toughest issue is getting enough public involvement to make those decisions.

Davila replied absolutely and that has been my biggest concern and very well said Greg, because I quote you a lot and one of my biggest concerns is really being attentive to the funding and where this money is going and is there anything else that we can do as a Board to say not we can't do this we can't, and there is always the pool and what is important doing this versus doing that, it's a difficult decision and one I am sure you are glad that you don't have to make.

Olmedo states again speaking as the public and on the record, and I hope you quote me word for word. I have been privy to those comments coming through the Town Hall Office. A lot of it is people making judgements, with not all the facts in place, on hearsay. So when people have a concern, they come to the Town office to ask. They don't wait for a Board Meeting, they don't put it on hold for months because, because sometimes we can have a three week holding period before a Board Meeting, so I commend those in the community that have come to the Town Office and asked, "hey what is going on with the pool, can you give me an update, because I have some of your Board members saying this, that you and Mr. Sweeney don't want nothing to do with it", I say negative, we are working towards it, there is a budget in place that we need to keep in mind. This is what is going on; we are trying to move forward with all of this. I don't know if you are aware Mr. Sweeney is no longer an employee as of November 2, 2015. The Town Hall has been operating pretty much with Pearl Olmedo alone, finally got full time help. I took the blame, I said no, if you want to put blame on somebody blame me, but this is the facts, this is what is going on and they walk away they say 'ok it makes sense I got it. I am just saying please please ensure that you try every possible way to have it open next year'. With that being said, I didn't appreciate the fact that we have Board Members out there causing dispute when there is no dispute. Putting blame on Town Management position, whether it is the previous Town Manager or the current Town Manager, I don't appreciate that. So as coming from a community member, I think it reflects poorly on the five of you as a whole, for the doings of whether it is 1 person, 2 people or 3 people. So again, I would rather the public come to the Town Hall and ask us, because all of us pretty much know the facts and can tell you the facts and can show you. Whether it is from a water bill, whether it is from, a lot of it is from the water bill. 'Pearl I hear that you can fudge the numbers and you charged me this much'. No, come here let me show you, you have a minute. Let's take a look at the system, no this little handy dandy machine here, that takes your meter reading. Simple things as petty as that come through our office and I have to contend with that. So I urge the public to please please please call the Town Office and then, if you are not satisfied with what we have to say, then bring it to the Town Board meeting, but why wait? Why wait 2 to 3 weeks?

Davila responded I think if we had that answer, it would be a whole lot simpler, I think some of the uniqueness that presents, and I will speak personally, is that we live in a very small town. We get approached with a whole lot of things, "oh, Mr. Sweeney can do this or Pearl has the capability of doing this, or blah blah blah". I don't think it is just on your end Pearl, I think and I will speak for myself, on me as a Board Member; I won't speak for anybody else here.

Swigart responded thank you.

Davila continues, I think there has to be that balance of where I am saying, where I say to the public, bring it here, bring it right here, because I have nothing to hide, the Town has nothing to hide, it is open record. You want to know how much somebody is getting paid, go up and ask, that is public record, but bring your concern right here. I don't think that you are ever going to stop hearing anything, I don't think that we are going to stop hearing anything. Whether it is complaints or concerns, I think that is just going to happen in a small town. Like I said people are so concerned or when they say "oh well the repercussions of coming and stating my opinion" or blah blah blah, what is going to happen, that is my first question to them, what could happen, what could happen if you came and gave your opinion, what could happen? A lot of the person say "oh they can switch a bill", whatever the thing, I say just bring it here. So I hear your concerns.

Swigart states that he thinks they are all in agreement from what he can hear. We all agree if people have concerns they should use Pearl as a first avenue, if the problems, concerns whatever, if you don't answer those, then they can bring them to the Board, or they can come to the Board first, it is whatever they want to do.

Olmedo replies yeah our first thing is, and (Stumpf) is the person that can attest to it, she brought a concern. I said hey I think it is a great idea, get your ducks in a row, talk with recreation, and however take it to the Board. That will always be the offices standard blanket remark.

Swigart states that this Board, our responsibility is to do what is best for this Town, not one individual.

Davila responded thank you, amen.

Swigart continued, not one group of people, it is for this town. This town that we brought up, we have to look at the budget real close, because there is the phase w expansion (at the mine) that is headed just east of us here that is going to be real important for this community, if is the difference between 2 to 3 years with the manpower that we have or the population or 20 years plus. So we need to be now, like you said (Greg) many times, we need to be watching our budget. I think we are all on the same page, we think we can be comfortable and go forward.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

ACTION: Davila motioned to approve the presented vouchers. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Davila motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:21 p.m. Swigart seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0

