

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION  
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA  
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TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 – 4:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Roger Morones, Vice Chair  
Wes Hubred, Clerk  
Liandra Dutton, Member

Members Absent: James Swigart, Chair  
Lisa Davila, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager  
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor  
Tini Mittelstadt, Administrative Aide  
Mitchell Mittelstadt, Maintenance Foreman  
Darrick Brown, Maintenance Worker

Citizens Present:	Linda Bisset, NV Energy	Kathy Suiter	Chuck Adams
	Chris Hofmann	Pearlene Nockideneh	Bob Barber Sr.
	Jeanne Bleecker	Sara Sweeney	Dan Sweeney
	Antonia Nockideneh	Lisa Schwarz	Justin Naegle
	Cory Hansen	Patrick Sweeney	Candice Brown
	Sam Lauver	Shelby Stanley	



**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Roger Morones: Alright we're going call the meeting to order dated Tuesday May 9, 2017 time start is 4:30 pm. Gentlemen if you would please remove your hat and everybody join me in the pledge of allegiance please.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Morones: At this time we will go ahead take roll call. My name is Roger, I'm the Vice Chairman.

Wesley Hubred: Wes Hubred, clerk.

Liandra Dutton: Liandra Dutton, member.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (FIRST)**

None

**APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2017 AGENDA**

Pearl Olmedo: I request to table agenda items 13 and 14 as our Chair was working on them, and if need be I request that we move up 16 through 18 if in the event our Vice-Chair has to leave. That is all the requests that I have.

Morones: So as I mentioned to before, I do have to be in Tonopah at 7 o'clock, so we may move up 16 and 17 as the meeting goes. Talking to Pearl earlier we have identified those are the three most important for her that we do have to discuss tonight if you are ok with that.

Hubred: 16 through 18.

Morones: 16 through 18, we will keep them where they are at now, but if we need to move them up ahead of others we will.

Hubred motioned to approve the May 9, 2017 agenda tabling items 13 & 14 and possibly moving up items 16 through 18. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**READING, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2017, APRIL 7, 2017 AND APRIL 13, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Morones: Have we all had the chance to read the Prior Meeting Minutes? I didn't see anything, Liandra?

Dutton moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 28, April 7, and April 13 as written. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**SMOKY VALLEY SOFTBALL COED REQUESTS USE OF SOFTBALL FIELD BEGINNING MAY 30, 2017**

Olmedo: Ok, we spoke with the recreation department and I spoke with Mrs. Larsen. I see no problem in it. We have done this with them every single year. We just request that when you make a motion that they submit a schedule to the recreation department, so that we are aware. I want to say that she is going to run the program through August, end of August.

Dutton: Yeah, it says May 30th to August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Morones: Do we have an idea as to when they are going to fix the roof on that dugout?

Olmedo: Maintenance do you have an update on that?

Mitch Mittelstadt: It is coming up.

Morones: Ok, the only reason, they had softball for the high school, and there was a lot of ridges on that and they were having to use blankets and stuff to keep the sun out, and I was actually afraid somebody was going to cut themselves on it.

M. Mittelstadt: I have had other jobs, but it is on our priority list.

Morones: Ok thank you.

Olmedo: So on behalf of Kenndra Larsen, as I stated they have it schedule starting May 30<sup>th</sup> ending August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Morones: Do you have anything on this Liandra?

Dutton: No, I think it is great.

Morones moved to approve the use of the softball fields starting May 30th and ending August providing they provide a full schedule of their games in between. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO APPROVE ROUND MOUNTAIN GOLD CORPORATION'S 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ANNUAL PICNIC**

Olmedo: I am going to speak on behalf of Mrs. Wootton at Round Mountain Gold Corporation; she sent forth a letter that was distributed among you Board Members some time ago, and again we do this in conjunction with the Round Mountain Gold Corporation every year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and I would recommend that we continue to do so.

Morones: Is that letter included in here as well for the record. I did not see it.

Dutton: It was in the last one.

Morones: It was in the last one, we had that for a little while. That is kind of the big event for the year for us, right? So I am good. Liandra anything, Wes anything?

Dutton: No.

Hubred: No.

Morones moved to approve Round Mountain Gold Corporation's 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic to be held at the park. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**NV ENERGY PRESENTATION ON POWER OUTAGES AND PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM SERVING ROUND MOUNTAIN**

Chris Hofmann: Good afternoon Vice Chair and fellow Board members. My name is Chris Hofmann I am with NV Energy. This is Chuck Adams with NV Energy as well. So we wanted to come down immediately as soon as we could get on the board, as soon as we could get on the schedule to talk about this. We have a couple maps over here and if you don't mind I will step over there, and show you what we are looking at. First off I have to offer my sincere apology for the outages and the interruptions that you have experienced. That was by no means in any way of optimal service that we choose to provide to you guys and we want to provide to you all. And with that it has really brought it to light where we've dropped the ball. With that in mind, we have spent multiple hours out here already I guess with Chuck and his trouble men, already patrolling the line. We have a whole batch of areas we need to improve. Right now this is in design, and once that clears design we are looking at about two weeks to clear design. We will get it on the books and get it down here I want to say in the next month to get this down here with the start of the summer peak load kicking up and everything else, we want to get that addressed. On top of that we are adding I think right now today, they are adding sensors out on the lines, they are actually cellular sensors, so they will tell us exactly when a fault happens or some type of an event where you will see an interruption or anything else, it will keep us better apprised of what is going on, if there is something that we are missing on the inspections or anything else, we can get down. They also help us pin point where exactly the faults are, so we can head straight there, instead of right now with lack of visibility

from a stand point of communication wise, without the lack of visibility our trouble man basically has to start at the substation and work out and patrol all the lines to see if something has to stick out, something that there is an interruption, blown fuse, a wire hanging down or anything like that. With the new sensors out there placed sporadically throughout the lines, strategically throughout the lines, it actually helps us indicate where the fault sensors, so when this line say perchance on this side goes dead, well it will tell us look it is in between this sensor and this sensor where you are going to be patrolling at, where there is an issue. So with that I would like to open for comments.

Morones: I do have a question, given those two weeks that we had, I don't know if you would called them rolling brown outs, dark outs or loss of service, is there a root cause that you have identified for that alone?

Hofmann: Absolutely, we have actually got a couple causes on there. One, we had an issue inside the substation that started with the voltage regulator. I believe that was the first one that we started to see.

Chuck Adams: Yes.

Hofmann: The voltage regulator had a problem so we came down and replaced that. We have different protection schemes where we protect lines, with our, in coordination with, I want to make this, the re-closers and the fuses. The re-closers act like breakers on the line. The fuses, there is one operation as in the fuse melts out and it drops out. The re-closers can close back in multiple times to where there is an event, sometimes it is just a tree that gets into the line and the re-closer opens and de-energizes that section of the line and then closes back in, the jolt will actually blow the tree off the line. With that in mind, we have different protection coordination schemes, as in fuse saving schemes. Ideally, you guys where in a fuse saving scheme area, because we would like to keep the majority of you if there is an issue, the idea is to have the re-closer fix it, basically clear the line. But what ends up happening, is when the re-closer sees something and it reacts faster just reactionary time, and I am sorry if I don't mean if I am talking to engineerish, I really apologize, I am an engineer at heart, I totally understand, but I don't mean it that way. So what we have done is change the settings on the re-closers to allow the fuses to actually operate, and then with the fuses in coordination with the sensors it will allow us to pin point the areas a lot quicker. So the root cause was something at the sub-station, improper settings on the re-closer.

Morones: So setting the timing on that allows the fuses to do what they need to do and allows those re-closures to happen automatically.

Hofmann: So, ideally we are going to have the fuses melt out, before the re-closer reacts. We are talking cycles here, so less than milliseconds when this will operate. The re-closer ends up clearing the problem, prior to the fuse melting out and that is when you see the interruption and then it comes back on, your lights dim, that is usually a either a breaker in the sub-station or the re-closer operating.

Morones: More importantly it turns off our clocks.

Hofmann: That is a pain.

Morones: Questions, comments, anybody.

Rebecca Hansen: Are we still having issues, you may have notice a lot of the animals out here are very large, with the birds on the lines taking off at the same time or any of that?

Hofmann: Oh yeah, when you get the large group of birds on there and they lift off and it causes the wire to go like that, so one of the things that we will address at the same time, I didn't realize that, we will have the sag

and re-sag, and then some cross arms placed in different areas. Right now it is a stream line construction, so just the little bracket that are standing on, the cross arms will spread it out around ten feet.

Adams: I've probably located approximately 10 poles that I'm going to put a taller pole on there so it gets more separation between the arms as it makes a corner and turns. So if the crows get in there or anything is going on there we have got little more separation in there to try to handle things like the crows or the other birds and stuff that might be on there too.

Jeanne Bleecker: Are you upgrading any equipment besides the sensors, like I don't know how long the electrical stuff has been out here, but I wondered if you had to do any new anything? That is what all those red lines?

Hofmann: So we are starting right around this specific area, once we get that area fixed we are going to come up through this area and work our way up. We haven't seen anything up in the older built area, but we will work our way all the way up. This is a critical line, because you guys out of Round Mountain you actually end up, when we have problems in Austin, you guys can pick up Austin. So we use this line all the time, that is why I was, I think I was, I am a little lost for words how I let this slip through and not be brought up to standards. It is standards, but not kept where it needs to be.

Bleecker: So when it goes off in Town here or it is on in Town and I live over by Carvers, and when it bounces back and forth is that; like I was at work all day and it was fine and I got to go home and I thought I would get a shower and when I walked in the door the power went off at home, but it stayed on in Town, in Round Mountain. Can you re-direct, from like different, I mean?

Hofmann: So we can re-direct but for it to come down, because Austin can be down this way at the same time. We still are working on the distribution automation schemes. We don't really have any automatic schemes in place right now. I don't want to say it is over our heads, but we are very, especially out here with the risk of fire and whatnot we are very slow to react to move into that area, but yes we can do that and yes that is ideally what we want to do. The re-closers if they are not new re-closers out in this area, there are 3 or 4, they will all be changed out to the modern re-closers for communication and better reaction, better fault right through etcetera.

Dan Sweeney: Roger you would be happy to know that they do have a trouble man out here now that is stationed out here. It has been a couple of years since they have had it, so you should see probably a better response time to get some of this done. I talked to him down at the golf course a couple of weeks ago, and he just got stationed and he lives out at the Turk Ranch. You still have to go through the power company, you can't just call him, but he will get dispatched instead of sending somebody from either Tonopah or Hawthorne.

Morones: Well that is good.

Adams: With these sensors up there we are actually getting pretty much within 10 minutes or so we are getting emails and stuff letting me know I am having issues up here too, so we are going to get a lot better response with trouble in this market out here.

Morones: That was Guy Lindley?

D. Sweeney: Guy was the last one out that was out here. There was another guy that just got sent out here.

Morones: Yeah, but previously I think it was Guy.

D. Sweeney: Yeah, we had Guy, we had Asa and we had Blake.

Hofmann: Yeah when I was an up and coming engineer, I had Guy smack me on the back of the head more than a dozen times.

Morones: The construction on this on your end of the project begins when?

Adams: I am hoping to get started on it within a month.

Morones: Within a month.

Adams: Yeah, we should be getting the design within the next week, week and a half.

Morones: And it is a 2 to 3 month process?

Adams: I just got it in and got everything opened, so our designer in Carson City, he is going to be taking care of it and I have got them all the pictures sent and all the notes sent to him so he will be getting that in there. I should be able to get a materials list and so I am hoping within the next 3 to 4 weeks I can get Bruce scheduled to come up here.

Hofmann: As far as replacement wise we can send down multiple crews, stationed out of Tonopah until we get this whole thing wrapped up, so it goes faster.

Morones: Do we expect interruptions while you are doing that?

Adams: I am not sure. I will get your card and your number and stuff and let you know if I think I have to have any interruptions. We are going to try to do most of it hot and keep everybody in power, but there are a couple structures that we might have to have a short outage on, and it will probably be a little isolated either north toward Carvers or South. I will definitely be contacting you for help to make sure we notifying, letting everybody know if we have any planned outages.

Dutton: That would be great, because you might have a lot more emails. I appreciate you guys coming out, it has been, I think at my house we haven't had any outages in maybe three weeks, since we had that big one after another for a while.

Adams: I kind of look at these sensors like when you have trouble with your car, you take it to the mechanic you can't get it to have the same problem. Ever since we put the sensors up.

Bleecker: But is there a chance that we'll experience them until it is? Like today in the library the lights went for just a second, and we all groaned and but they didn't go all the way out this morning just for a little bit.

Adams: We will be up here working on it like I said I should get emails for anything like this. I might even have an email now. I haven't been able to read them.

Hofmann: That is what I was just looking for. We all get the emails for the sensors.

Adams: So I don't know about this one today.

Bleecker: It was just real short, but enough to make us worried, but then it came on, and then it didn't happen again. It was probably about 9 or 10 this morning.

Hofmann: We will get on the sensors and see if they saw anything.

Candice Brown: I don't think we had anything at the school.

Bleecker: It depends on what you guys are doing, like I was just sitting in the office at the computer and when it goes.

C. Brown: I was sitting in the classroom.

Bleecker: I know it wasn't just me, because Candida groaned too.

Morones: Do we have any more questions or something that we want to cover with the power concerns while they are here? We got them, we have somebody that you can actually speak to instead of type to and let them read something. Anybody else? Ok, thank you for clearing that up.

Adams: One thing I would like to ask is if Pearl and Roger, you have got my numbers and all that stuff, feel free to call me if you have any questions and I will be happy to get back to you and try to get anything taken care of, that way I can notify you if I have any planned outages, if I have.

Olmedo: I have our email address here.

Dutton: Can we take a picture of these and put them up on?

Morones: Yeah Pearl can we do that?

Hofmann: I can send you guys an electronic copy if that would work better.

Morones: Oh please.

Dutton: Just so we can get the word out, look what they are doing, there is a plan in place; they are approving yada, yada, yada. Kind of show people

Hofmann: Let me send you a, we'll work with Chuck, we will get it sent down and get you a list of items that we are planning on doing and where we are planning on replacing them, and maybe the streets and addresses that we are working on first.

Dutton: Yeah, that would be great.

Morones: It would probably help with the headache of getting hounded every day as long as they know that there is something in place and we can pass it on. So it might alleviate some of the bad calls and concerns from people to you guys letting you know that the power is constantly out. I think it is great.

Adams: Does the Town have any reader boards or whatever that if I needed to put something up, we could get those we can bring them down.

R. Hansen: Like a digital board?

Morones: Yeah, as far as posting for everybody to see, the best avenue for this town is 2 forums which would actually be on Facebook, which would be the Community Forum and Indoor yard sale. Being part of those groups that is where you will probably see some of those issues as they happen. People like to post and vent, that is probably your best avenue to get ahold of the Town at one shot to let them know, hey look this is going on.

Adams: Ok, if we are going to have outages, we usually come out and do door knockers or get ahold of Pearl to let her know what is going on.

Morones: Pearl will be your best avenue.

Olmedo: Yeah just let us know if you guys have any advertisements you'd like us to post on our Town social media site we can do that. And if you know of anything in the meantime we can use that's on the NV Energy site.

Adams: If anything comes up don't hesitate to call.

Morones: Yeah if you don't have his number make sure you get it before you leave. Is there anything else you wanted to cover or let us know? Any other final questions? Great thank you. Appreciate the update, thank you so much.

### **CORRESPONDENCE, AWARDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Olmedo: You have 7 on your list today.

1. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for 4/24/17.
2. Tonopah Town Board Meeting Agenda for 4/24/17.
3. Doughnuts with the D.A. and Coffee with the Commissioners invitation for 6/3/17.

They are scheduled to be out June 3<sup>rd</sup> and held here at the Simpson Center, it is on a Saturday I believe, and pretty much the District Attorney and one of the commissioners and if Sheriff Wehrley is able to attend, she is going to be out here and if you have any questions for any of those three particular areas. You know it is meet and great, if you have got concerns regarding county things that is what they are here for, and just a chance to you know get to know the folks. The DA, the Commissioner, and Sherriff Wehrley.

Morones: Can this be sent around or posted or handed as fliers?

Olmedo: We posted for them and let them know if they had a social media sight that Round Mountain indoor yard sale sight, I don't know if they have given her the link email address to the Valley View, but I will be sure to let Angela know to contact RMGC to advertise in the Valley View. It is posted up around Town. It is here at the Simpson Center, Town Hall, but spread the word, if you have any question for the District Attorney or the Commissioner, Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am to noon. They will be bringing out coffee and donuts.

4. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Notice of Decision dated 4/25/17. That is in regards to the permit given forth by Craig Pickens for East Manhattan Mine. Their permit will become effective May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.
5. U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board Public meeting for 6/21/17. There is a public meeting schedule for June 21<sup>st</sup>.
6. Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for 5/10/17.
7. Tonopah Town Board Meeting Agenda for 5/10/17. Do you have any questions regarding those?

Hubred: If I may interject, I would encourage the community to attend that meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, basically because in my positon, and I am sure you guys have heard about it, we are losing 2 deputies out here. One deputy she is going to be gone, her last day is the 13th, and I am expecting that the other deputy will be gone probably before the end of June. Which will leave us one deputy out here for Smoky Valley which will be Richard Rumker and then myself until I either leave the position I am in now, or go to Fallon. So we are going to be really shorthanded for law enforcement out here. So if the sheriff is going to be out here, I would definitely request the community down here to see what they propose doing, for coverage out here in the Round Mountain area.

Because one deputy you are looking at 60 to 45 minute response time to Tonopah for a cover unit if something were to happen out here.

Dutton: When the sheriff came last time and we approved all the money, weren't we approving one more sheriff as well.

Olmedo: A deputy.

Morones: In addition to what we had at that time.

Olmedo: In addition to what we had, so I will contact Sheriff Sharon to see if she will definitely be here and will most definitely question you know what is going on, and that we have a confirmed date that we are losing the deputies for sure.

C. Brown: Wasn't there somebody that was filling in? There was a guy at the baseball game the other day.

Hubred: That is just a sergeant. He is a rural sergeant, so he basically covers Round Mountain, Gabbs, Duckwater, yeah so, so they might keep him here more permanent until they can fill, but I can't speak for Nye County I don't know, but I do know one her final day is the 13<sup>th</sup> and the other one I am thinking she will be gone by the end of June.

Morones: Thanks Wes, on to number 10.

Olmedo: Did you want an update on the pool?

Morones: Oh, we are not even done with department updates. We are still stuck on 9. Yes I do want to hear about the pool.

Olmedo: Ok, so really quickly, briefly on April the 28<sup>th</sup> we sent 3 Round Mountain Volunteer Firefighter to Carson to take the pyrotechnic exam, so we have 3 additional licensed. I sent off the signed proposal that was voted upon to Fireworks West. I have not received a schedule yet as for when the firework will be delivered. We have a Distractive Divers Course Training on May 30<sup>th</sup> for all Town employees, so May 30<sup>th</sup> the Town is pretty much, we are going to close the office so that we can attend that training, so approximately 11 am to 3pm.

Morones: The 30<sup>th</sup>?

Olmedo: Yes, May 30<sup>th</sup>. For the pool I will let Maintenance Department and the Rec Department give an update on regards to pool.

Morones: Thank you.

Anna Berg: It took a while to get this going here, so on April 30<sup>th</sup> the plaster was completed and the big pool and the small pool where both filled. So now we are just waiting for the plaster to cure. He told us it should be cured by the 5<sup>th</sup>, by this weekend, so we are going to start heating the pool this weekend and our life guards are going to start swimming the 15<sup>th</sup> on Monday to get prepared for the life guard class which will start the following week. Tentatively we want to get our first day on Monday Memorial Day, but if we don't get our life guards certified we won't have anybody to open the pool, because we won't have lifeguards. We have 2 lifeguards that recertified, but our closing date isn't until this Friday. We won't be hiring until we get the whole pool of lifeguards, so we know who to choose from. Right now there is a lot that have applied, or that have

come and got applications, I don't know if they turned them in because they are young and they don't always turn them in when they think they are supposed to.

Hubred: How many lifeguards are you looking at total?

Berg: We have 7 budgeted, right now I think that we have around 12 to 14 that are going to take the class from out here and we have I think 7 from Tonopah that are going to be coming out.

Morones: So this is not just to certify ours it is for surrounding areas to do a lifeguard certification.

Berg: And we have done this for years, 20 years that I know of that we have certified. There was only one or two years that we didn't certify Tonopah's lifeguards also.

Dutton: I know Austin is looking for lifeguards as well.

Berg: Oh, are they? They haven't contacted us, but if we have, I mean we are going to have extra lifeguards. I will let out lifeguards know that they are also looking lifeguards.

Dutton: I think that was in the Valley View.

Olmedo: It was in the Valley View and I think they posted it on Facebook and I want to say the newspaper, don't quote me on the newspaper.

Berg: We have a tentative schedule for the pool, but it is not in stone, because we don't really know when we are going to be opening, but depending on our lifeguards and who is going to be doing swimming lessons, we won't start until probably the middle of June for the swimming lessons. And they will be doing that every two weeks through the summer until we can get as many kids as we can do at swimming lessons. We would like to stay open through September if we have lifeguards that aren't going to school.

Dutton: Do you have adult lifeguards, maybe?

Berg: I have nobody that has signed up for or has called or got an application as an adult. I have a couple that are seniors now that have put their applications in, they can't work at the mine I guess until they are 18 and they don't turn 18 until July or August and they said that they would work if they get hired. Everything is tentative until we find out who we are hiring. They want to work as long as they can because they are trying to earn money for college. We hopefully will stay open as long as we can. You know we are opening so late, we would like to stay open farther into the fall than we had been. And then we're going to change the schedule a little bit. We would like to do lap time 7:30 to 8:30, swim team practice after that and swimming lessons a little bit later in the day so the kids don't have to get up so early, and then do open swim for a couple hours and then another lap swim and then do a family time in the evenings. For families that want to come down and swim together after their parents get off work or they can bring their families together.

Dutton: What time would you be open until in the evenings?

Berg: 7 to 7, 7 to 7:30, 7 in the morning to 7:30 at night, something like that. So our lifeguards would be morning lifeguards, afternoon lifeguards.

Dutton: You would do shifts.

Berg: Yeah, Monday work, so we will be open Tuesday through Sundays and Mondays we would be closed for weekly cleaning, safety meetings and any trouble shooting that we need to do with the lifeguards, if there are any problems during the week.

Morones: Mondays and what?

Berg: Just Mondays, Mondays are the only day that we will be closed.

Olmedo: So it would be like an in-service for the pool people.

Berg: And this year we were wanting to, I hope, I have lifeguards that want to work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for a couple of hours, because we haven't been open in the past and I just think that it would be nice to be open for a couple of hours for the kids to be able to swim during when it is hot and they are over at the park for a while and then they maybe they can swim for a couple of hours and then go back.

Dutton: I had a question about curing the pool. Did that need to cure before it was filled or?

Olmedo: No, it is a wet cure for the plaster.

Dutton: Ok, someone had asked me about that and was like, I don't know.

Berg: We started filling it, so they started filling it on Saturday night on the 28<sup>th</sup>, they left here about midnight they started filling it, and we got there in the morning and there was maybe 2 feet of water in the bottom of the pool and then we put the firehose on and filled it the rest of the way, and it only took us 6 hours, 6 ½ or 7 hours to fill the pool. We had to be there to brush it so you have to brush the edges to get the plaster dust off so that it doesn't get rough.

Olmedo: So with that, I sent an email saying April 27<sup>th</sup> the baby pool was completed and filled with water, and a couple days later the crew gave up their weekend, so I have to say thank you to the pool department, building and maintenance crew, everybody worked together from that side and brushed the pool. It wasn't fun, I watched Rec do it and yeah, it is a whole lot to do. So between all of them I say they did a good job pulling together working well into the night working with Ron and his crew, they really got it done. So thank you, thank you all Anna, Darrick, Mitch, Josh. Josh even helped.

Dutton: Thank you.

Morones: Where does that fall with opening date, do you think the 15<sup>th</sup> is obtainable, Memorial Day, do you think that is obtainable, if everything fell right. I mean to me, Memorial Day is pretty important.

Dutton: If you can.

Morones: Yeah, I am not saying make it happen, how obtainable is the 15<sup>th</sup>?

Berg: It is not, it doesn't look like it, well it is 30 hours for the class, if everything roles along as planned. Ok that is 30 hours of class time and in the water time, in the water time is what takes a little bit longer depending on how comfortable the kids are, the students are, doing rescues and that kind of thing. So sometimes it takes a little bit longer in the pool. The outside classroom is cut and dry, in the pool is a little bit longer, then we do our testing day which is scenarios, so they do 5 scenarios with people and they recognize drowning victims and they have to do, through the whole entire emergency action plan, and that sometimes takes a while, so they have to do 4 scenarios each. With all those lifeguards it is going to be a long day for us. I don't see it happening, 30

hours starting the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the, I don't know getting anyone hired by then. I mean I want to, I really would like it happen, but I don't see it happening.

Morones: And where does this all fall with the actual finish date?

Olmedo: He came through for us, he said end of April and he finished end of April.

Morones: So he is done and out.

Olmedo: He is done and out.

Morones: He is done and out and the contract is closed.

Dutton: Yeah, they were hauling that day on the 29<sup>th</sup>, we were there for baseball and there was a big pile of cement bags and I was like there is no way. They were there all day and all night.

Olmedo: Yeah, they went well into mid-night Saturday, and then they turned around and came back at 10 in the morning.

Berg: 10 o'clock and worked all day the next day.

Olmedo: Showing these guys how to properly fill the pool and walking them through with everything, trouble shooting, then he came back out with another part to ensure that everything was functioning properly.

Dutton: So we got the, what was it, the sand?

Olmedo: The sand filter.

Dutton: And we got all that working?

Olmedo: Yes.

Berg: It is mostly, there is a couple problems, like I think it is just because it is new, we are getting some sand into the pool when we back wash, but it is nothing, he told us that was normal for that to happen, seems like a lot, huh Darrick. We are hoping it slows down as the sand is getting settled, maybe, and not have as much, you know it is real sand in that filter, it is just clear full, the water goes through and picks up the dirt and when it gets to full that is when we back wash it, and it fluffs up the sand back up and that is where we get the sand coming back through.

Dutton: We also talked about painting the pool. Will that be done after the season?

Olmedo: It would have to be done after the season.

Dutton: Ok, I wondered if we would have to close for that as well.

Hubred: Are we still talking about sending two more to become technicians?

Olmedo: We already have. We have a total of three certified operators.

Hubred: You have three, I should probably know that.

Morones: Anything else on the pool, questions, anything else for departments?

Olmedo: Sewer project is on line, we are just waiting for the final as-builts, but it is done. The aerators were deployed last week, I don't know if you have all noticed but the very first day that they deployed it was quite stinky out there. He let us know that it would be stinky for quite some time while it is moving everything.

Morones: As long as the wind doesn't blow out of the north, we are good. Question, is there anything, and I know this is going to be put on the departments, have we even contacted the county to start working, looking in conjunction with, team up with, on these potholes? We are losing these streets even worse than they were before. My concern is they are going to get way beyond even pothole repair.

Olmedo: Yes, we have reached out to them, we have not received a call back from them, but we are on it, because I agree and then we are going to look at what they can do for us out here at the county commission level.

Morones: So in the, and I know this is far reaching and I know this is county roads, but is there anything we can do outside of county that wouldn't impact anything.

Olmedo: Yes, I tasked that to maintenance department to order some product so that we can repair them and help with the upkeep of the maintenance right now.

Morones: The last patch that you guy did at the entrance right there coming off the highway, it held up through, your patches held up through the rain, so that was well done.

Olmedo: So it is just a waiting game.

Morones: I would like to see something. It is getting worse and worse and worse. I don't remember who I was talking to, but we are actually losing the streets and it is going to be beyond repairs.

D. Sweeney: It is a good question to bring up June 3<sup>rd</sup> to you county commissioners.

Morones: Yes

D. Sweeney: They are responsible for this.

Dutton: Take them for a drive.

Morones: Yes, and hit every one of those bad boys.

Hubred: And if we as a Town are going to be fixing those potholes, I would like to see us keep an itemized cost of what it is costing us so maybe we can ask for re-imburement as well. Because I don't think if it is the County's responsibility to do it, I don't think we should be putting out the money to fix something that they are liable for.

Dutton: Or wait six months for them to get going.

Morones: Anyone else?

Olmedo: Fire department, Chief?

D. Sweeney: I am on the schedule.

Olmedo: Ok.

**DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO HIRE A THIRD PARTY COMPANY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2017-01 ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE A THIRD PARTY COMPANY TO PERFORM AN INVESTIGATION ON THE HIRING OF THE RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Dutton: Now we already decided to hire someone.

Olmedo: However, he respectfully declined due to some concerns he had. So we are on the agenda again to look for another firm. So he was not comfortable coming into a public forum to present the findings. His process is to conduct the investigation on both things, report it at this level, whether it is with a telephone conversation or not, between the six of us, and then we determine what we are going to do with the determination. So he was just not comfortable with that, and then after asking, are you able to come back to a board meeting, he said even the cost, the \$3000 just wasn't enough to do all of that.

Dutton: Is that a problem we might run into?

Olmedo: It is a problem all across the board with every single firm that I spoke with. So you see a variety here, you've got 8 entities that submitted a proposal. We did a handful of law firms and we did a handful of those that who were just strictly investigative firms. And again, they are, the first portion, the one that we are discussing now, they say is pretty cut and dry. It is going into the safety allegations that they all have, where are we to begin, where do we start, that is the problem where they can't, I can't guarantee how much time they are going to spend out here. So looking at everything, all the proposals that are in here, have you guys taken a look at the costs? You have got the Thater Law Group with \$25,000 flat fee and it could exceed in upwards of \$50,000. You have the Drinkwater Law Firm that came back with a rate of \$325.00 per hour for just the lawyer and then for the employment paralegal side an additional \$150 per hour, so you are looking at a cost of \$475. You have got the Gronich Law Firm.

Morones: Billed at 1/10 increments of an hour.

Olmedo: His normal hourly rate is \$275 per hour and of course that is not including travel expenses to include the drive time, meals, lodging, anything he has got to print. So he is going to be either 0.54 per mile or \$25 per hour for driving.

Dutton: I think that is in addition to.

Olmedo: Yep, it is in addition to his hourly grade at \$220 and if he has to utilize a paralegal to support him, doing leg work, it is an additional \$80.00 so you are looking at \$300 an hour. You have the 4 investigative firms. That came back as a \$70 per hours with a 65 cent per mile rate, and that is not including meals and lodging, that is Jenna Elite Investigations. You have Tyler Rodgers that submitted for International Counterintelligence Services, Inc. He has a minimum of \$2,400 and he believes he can come in at the \$3,000 mark. That is not including meals and lodging and travel time.

Morones: So the issue we have and the concern I have is prolonging this any more than it has to be prolonged. The further we go into this, the further into the swim season we are and again as I mentioned before and I will say it again. This was a challenge, and I will be honest, we are not going to be put into the best position as a Board one way or the other, but we have to do what the town wants or we sit and represent the voice of the Town. In the event that this comes back that there was no issue or say they found a safety issue 2 or 3 years ago,

that was 2 or 3 years ago is whenever it happened. Say they found no issue on the hiring process. It is no going to suffice for anybody, that is not going to work for the Board, or the Town because a resolution at that point for something that happened 2 or 3 years ago, there is nothing we can do to go back, and whether it helps ease the mind of the people back then, great, but if they find nothing wrong with the current hiring process of the new Recreational Director, I am concerned that is not going to suffice with what the people want to hear. We have two different concerns that we need to address and I think the one that is most important is the one that we have control over and can deal with currently. So, I ask for thoughts and process and even, I would even like to hear comments on what our resolution has to be and what purpose we are reaching for at this point. We can't just shotgun these and say, see I told you something happened three years ago. It probably should have been addressed 3 years ago, but again it is a concern brought up by parents, people that were there, people that weren't there, as a concern for this year. Sometimes we have to chalk things up to a bad decision, but again, going that far back, puts us in a position where it is almost a no win. So, I welcome comments, Dan I respect your comments on your thought process for this or anybody else, please by all means, we are looking to do this properly without putting this whole process in opposition.

D. Sweeney: Dan Sweeney previous Town Manager for the record. Three years ago there was no problem. It was a decision from the previous Board that sparked this issue. It wasn't an issue from the Town of Round Mountain employees. It was an issue of this Board, their actions the night before that sparked this issue. When I found out about it, I was called immediately and told of the situation and shut the pool down, shut it down. There was no kids floating away in la la land, there was kids sitting on a bench in the corner with 3 lifeguards there, 3, until I went in and said the pool was closed down until further notice that was it. I went up and dealt with an employee that was disgruntled, very upset at what happened at meeting the night before. Was listening to the tape of the night before, was dragged through the mud and had no future with this Town of that day. I sympathized with her. There was nothing brought to my attention in the immediate week after, two weeks, until I got a certified pool operator and everything started back again and we opened the pool. The first I heard of this was reading your minutes. Nobody came to me and said my kid floated away. I have been told I was inapproachable, I have to follow policy, and I followed your guys' policy or this Boards policy, on what I had to do. I had to make manager decisions to shut that pool down, I am sorry if it hurt some people's feelings, but that was a job I was entrusted by this Board. So there was nothing that was brought up. 2 weeks later, a month later everything was back to normal, kind of. We didn't have a recreation director, we didn't have a pool director. We ran a pool in the most unsafe, and I was there, you probably paid the highest price for a pool operator which was me, in the entire state, because I spent four hours a day over at that pool. Dealing with kids, dealing with kids that started out with a great attitude, but if you leave kids in there you know how it goes, we have all had kids that have worked at that pool or known kids that work at that pool, I have fired kids at that pool, you know because they're dragging around. Our recreational directors over the years have had the same problem. You know, you pop in to see what they are doing, they are lying around, and they are not on deck, bye. Because that is your biggest liability other than your fire department, so there was nothing brought to my attention that year. It was not brought to my attention until 2017, until this year, until somebody was hired. I recommended to hire your current person, because she had the certifications and the where with all, she was already on a contract with us, so the people doing the hiring, had already hired her once to take care of the pool, but thought she wasn't qualified to do a job that she did prior to that. So I don't know where it is coming from, I have been thrown, eggs have been thrown at me for 23 years, and I took it, and I went on with it and I protected our Board and it is a Board decision. I see this as a huge waste of your efforts, your time, on something that happened three years ago. As far as policy goes, your hiring policy is already set in place by you guys, you know, you are the buffer people. I brought it, I managed it a different way. I brought personnel transmittals to this Board, and you guys unfortunately weren't on it, but I brought it there to show you who I was hiring. You did not make the decision to hire the person until that one time and it was brought up and raked through, and I thought, boy that is something that should have never happened. You know but it was a Board decision. I can't stop the Board, I can't stop you guys, I couldn't stop you, and you are going to do whatever you want. I think it is the biggest waste of time and effort and I will tell you it was something, it threw me for a loop and that is after 23 years of being here. That was my last year and I hated to see it happen.

Sara Sweeney: Can I ask you something, did you get a chance to look at some of the other resumes, because some of the other ladies that applied ran pools for 14 years.

D. Sweeney: Resumes? I am not on the Town.

S. Sweeney: I know, but if you are saying that you promoted her to be hired, that is great, that is your opinion of her, but there were some other great applicants.

D. Sweeney: In 2015?

S. Sweeney: No.

Morones: He is not talking about now. He is talking about the previous, when she was

D. Sweeney: I had nothing to do with it now.

S. Sweeney: Well he said he referred her to be rehired.

D. Sweeney: Yeah, that was in 2015.

S. Sweeney: Ok, so now she is being rehired the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

D. Sweeney: It don't matter, you can rehire 5 times.

S. Sweeney: No, I was just wondering, that's all I was just wondering.

D. Sweeney: You can have seasonal people all the time.

Morones: So, does anybody else want to comment on this specific item #10?

Lisa Schwarz: I would just like to say I have been on the Board, and I have been involved in the pool many years and it was also what I did as a young adult, and got through college by working at pools being a lifeguard and such. I know that there are a lot of particular certifications that you have to have to operate a public pool. And so one of my questions was, I was really surprised that you would have that many applicants in this area that have all the current certifications that they need, and it would seem to me that that would probably whittle down the number of applicants that you could really look at, so I don't know, but were there several applicants that had all the certifications required to teach lifeguarding?

Morones: So I am going to, hold that for a second, that in regard to the hiring. Right now we are specifically talking about a decision we need to make about something that happened years ago.

Schwarz: We are still on years ago? Ok, got it.

Morones: Yeah, the next item or agenda item we would love your comments on the hiring process with how that went. So yeah, if we could get to that one, I would love to have you back and hear your questions and comments.

Schwarz: Ok, my daughter worked at the pool during that incident long ago and my personal opinion is that I was really disappointed that the Board had put their employee in such a position.

Hubred: Thank you

Morones: Thank you. Does anyone else want to comment on the actions investigation or reasoning for the resolution as to safety issues, is it two or three years ago, when was this?

Olmedo: 2015, June 2015 is when it allegedly happened.

Dutton: So here is my thing, if we do hire an investigator to do this, do they even have the resources to find anything, if there is anything to find. Besides talking to people and everyone has a different memory of that day. What kind of truth can we eventually get to, there is no, I am sure there is not going to be any video, there is not going to be any audio, it is just kind of one person's word against another and then we are just kind of stuck in the same boat and we just spent \$3000 to find out, we don't really know.

Hubred: On top of that we have to take into consideration that the recreational director at that time does have some work rights that she, that person would have to release some of that information, it is not something that, I don't think they can legally obtain without proper documentation. Am I making sense, I mean there are, she has workers right just as well as anyone else, and it happened two years ago. There was no documentation that was kept, there is no release, waivers or.

Olmedo: You know, just like the previous Town Manager said, there is nothing that has been reported. You know the seriousness of this allegations should have been brought forth, whether it he was approachable or not, something should have been on record for something of that seriousness. So in my opinion #11, are we chasing a rumor, we are spending \$3000 to chase a rumor.

Dutton: Number 11 or number 10?

Olmedo: Number 11. Number 10 I am going to leave that up to you. We have done the processes we had to do. We did weight sheet, we have done all the things that we needed to do to weed through applicants, we have taken a look at their applications, certifications everything and it all went on a weight sheet.

Morones: You know what, I think in all of this.

Dutton: You skipped # 10.

Morones: I think in all of this we spun off. So I welcome your comments back. I think we went to 11 speaking with Dan, we are on 10.

Olmedo: Number 10 is Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to hire a third party company to look into the investigation of the hiring process.

Morones: That is where we are and I think somehow we ended up on 2015. So on # 10 with the hiring, let's come back on track, by all means, I would love to hear your comments and questions. We kind of got off track, getting to number 11 before we finished number 10, so for this purpose we are talking about hiring someone to investigate the hiring practices of the Recreational Director.

Schwarz: So again, hiring someone else is a poor use of the Towns money and a poor use of the Town staff time. I operated pools, I was lifeguard for years, I could apply for the position but I don't have any current certifications, I would have to go back and get all that certification done. So my question was, did you have a whole bunch of, I mean I am shocked because I know never before had more than one person that was currently certified to be able to go in and teach a life guard class and be able to manage a pool and have all the current standards to be able to do that. Alongside of that, I have watched Anna work with teenagers and working with

teenagers is not for everybody, and I would, she has coached and she has been in the position and she familiar with the position, and she has managed the staff just extremely well and it is just not something that everybody can do. As I have said, I have watched as a parent with my kids in swimming lessons, I have had my own daughter work there. I have lapped swummed and used it. I have watched it from the Board position and it's very hard for me to believe you could get someone better than you have.

Olmedo: Thank you.

Morones: On the hiring do you have any questions or comments that you want to add to number 10, which is on the hiring process?

S. Sweeney: I think it is beneficial, but if I am the only one then.

Hubred: Are you able to tell us, was there anyone else that received, that had all these certifications that put in, besides the one? You don't have to tell us who.

Olmedo: We hired the most highly qualified person for the position.

Dutton: I will say, in the job description we did say that they had up to 90 day to acquire the certifications, right. So it wasn't a requirement for the position.

Olmedo: So again, it is up to you 10. I am all for it number 10. My personnel opinion, who are we appeasing?

Dutton: And that is the thing, it is not our opinion that matters, it's.

Morones: It is what the people are asking for.

Dutton: It is what everyone, not everyone, it is what people want, so.

Morones: And I know, I'm going to address Dan's when we move to 11, because I think that is where, I think skipping 10 that is where Dan's comment and concerns came in as far as what happen in 2015. So we have in front of us, whether we are going to hire an investigation on the hiring process of the Recreational Director or not.

R. Hansen: You already approved the resolution to do it.

Morones: However with, that is correct, so now we have to, so now we are just deciding on who? Ok. So let's, have you guys had time to go through these?

Hubred: No.

Dutton: No.

Morones: We didn't have them all did we?

Olmedo: You have got them all.

Morones: Now. Are we prepared?

Dutton: No, I think we need to table this. I hate to do that, there are only 3 of us here, and I think we all need to talk and discuss this deeper. I do want to say I don't, these law firms prices are a little ridiculous compared to the other law firm that we had picked. So if we do this, an investigation company is the way to go.

Hubred: I agree with your comment that we should table this for further discussion, not only for us, but for the community, so that they are able to come to the meetings, so that there is more people, because last time when this was all brought up, we did, we had a large gathering from the community that were upset and wanted this to happen and I would like to see those people here again so that they know what our intentions are. What we are looking at so that they can have further discussion in this as well.

Morones: So for # 10, so we need to move to table that?

Olmedo: Yes, you will have to motion to table that.

Morones: Given the information and I agree with Wes, I would like to see, I want to give it a fair shake, that is what we are here for, we can't just shotgun this, we need to give it it's proper due.

Morones moved to table item number 10 discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to hire a third party company pursuant to resolution 2017-01 until we have a full board that we can discuss this and make sure we have representation of those who brought this to the board. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO HIRE A THIRD PARTY COMPANY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2017-02 ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE A THIRD PARTY COMPANY TO PERFORM AN INVESTIGATION ON THE SAFETY ALLEGATIONS OF THE OPERATION OF THE INGVRT CHRSTENSEN SWIMMING POOL DURING THE SUMMER OF 2015**

Morones: Dan I appreciate your comments on that, being there and being part of it and again I will go back, this is something that probably at that time should have taken place. However we approved moving forward on this one as well in hiring an actual investigation for that.

Dutton: But we can move not to.

T. Mittelstadt: I have a question. Is there a way to retract?

Morones: Well that's something again we need to bring the full Board to talk about. We have to do what is right for us as well as for the Town. My opinion throwing it out there, going back two years to 2015 serves no purpose. People that were here at the time in 2015 should have stepped up if they felt that their kids were in danger or that they felt that there was wrong doing and the fact that we are revisiting it two years later does not serve any purpose for the Town or for the Board. I don't want to see this move forward than the discussion's we have already had, I appreciate the concerns from those, but on this # 11, has been nothing but hearsay. I don't know if we need to discuss this further, if we need to have our Chair here and get final thoughts on this, but in my opinion I don't see what purpose it would serve to investigate going back two years.

D. Sweeney: Waste of money.

Morones: Waste of money for sure, I don't know who it would serve. That decision one way or the other does not affect us today. If we are worried about the hiring process or wrong doing that is one thing, worrying about what happened two years ago when it was fine then, and maybe there are feeling hurt now because of that hiring process and how it took place, we can't go back and tie one to the other. There's two different issues. So in the interest of making sure we have everybody on the same page, knowing that we do need to hear from the other

two members that are not present today and again more discussion with those given fair due to come up and speak on their behalf.

Morones moved to table number 11 as well. Dutton seconded that; the motion passed 3-0.

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

Dan Sweeney: You asked me to go back and poll the firemen, I accomplished that Thursday after the meeting. I spoke with 12 or 13 the next day and picked up a few more and I want to know one thing from you guys right now. What are your feelings on it? What is, I would like to poll you guys to see if you want a paid fire Chief or if you want a volunteer fire Chief? Because that is going to reflect on my decisions, and I still have it all on paper right here. I mean let's hear it from you guys, it is not a vote. I would just like to hear from you, what are your feelings on it.

Dutton: I, well from talking to Jim and listening to the guys at our last couple meetings. It sounds like there is a lot more involved than for just a volunteer. The amount of training that you have had to do. I think it would only be fair to have a paid fire Chief, if we can afford it.

D. Sweeney: That is a good question. Wes?

Hubred: Dan, I have been in this community for a long time, I have been on the volunteer fire department when we had just volunteer Chiefs and I have been on the volunteer fire department since you took over. In my opinion I think we do need a paid Chief, because with the volunteers, that is what the volunteer Chief, that is what you are going to get. You're going to get a volunteer. The equipment is going to deteriorate. The training is going to not be the same, so I am all in favor of paying for a Chief.

D. Sweeney: If you can afford it.

Hubred: If we can afford it, yep.

Morones: If we can afford it. The responsibility of a Chief, you can't put that in the hands of someone that is just a volunteer. It is not the training, it is not keeping the paperwork up, in the event of an emergency there is no way I would put the responsibility of something going wrong, god forbid whether it be a death, major injury on an intern, unpaid person willing to donate their time to the fire department. I don't believe in my mind that this can be nothing more than a paid position in some way. That burden they would have to carry to be fire Chief in that event, that is not a burden I would want to carry on myself. That is not a responsibility that I would see somebody volunteering to do.

D. Sweeney: You make it sound a lot worse. It is a lot of fun too.

Morones: It might be, but if somebody came, if you have been rushed into that fire, you have that decision as a volunteer to put somebody in harm's way, something happens.

D. Sweeney: You are living with it.

Morones: That as a volunteer that is your burden.

D. Sweeney: Ok, it was unanimous. I talked to them about volunteer Chief and stipend volunteer Chiefs, I talked to them about current personnel and it was unanimous by our volunteers that they wanted a paid Chief. I will tell you why. We train 52 days a year, we have 52 training days, 52 Thursdays a year. We trained 46 in

2016 out of those 46 days 273 volunteers showed up, that was combined. They trained over 300 hours of that combined training and that's, they couldn't make it this week but filled in the next week, and that was just on Thursday nights and that was the responsibility of your Chief. Plus we do fire prevention at the school, if you have a volunteer Chief in there, they are going to have to take time off of work to go over to the school and I have been very adamant about that you start with the little kids, some of these little kids are probably in the audience. When I go to fire prevention over there I do it with Nichole Woods, I trained her when she was in this school, so it is kind of neat because she says, he trained me. 4<sup>th</sup> of July, all the guys get involved, whether the parade, at the park doing walk arounds, or on the hill. The bon fire, all our guys show up there and it is 6 o'clock at night until 10 or 11 at night. Hazmat, it is a minimum of 8 hours a year and it has to be coordinated, or 40 hours a year if you go through your 40 hour class. We try to do 2 drills per year, we do one with the mine per year and then we do a fire burn trailer down here and that is generally all day, and that is just outlining some of them. I think it is unanimous. I polled these guys in my office so they didn't have anything bad to say, you know, what do you feel about this guy, this guy, this guy? Nobody else could hear them, so we sat in there about five minutes, maybe ten, some wanted to talk a little bit more, that is what a Chief does. Sometimes they call you up at 8 o'clock at night saying they have got a problem, can we talk. That is what a volunteer in a community does, and that is the way I always accomplished it. I am going to leave this meeting and there are guys in this audience that you can feel free to talk to, ask them questions and they can say whatever they want. I know how they feel about me. Pearl and I have talked a little bit, if I stay a little longer or not. We are just starting a discussion a little bit to make sure we get the right person. I encourage you to get the volunteers involved. I know, Wes were you on it when I was involved? Were you on the Fire Department wen Danny West was here?

Hubred: Yes.

D. Sweeney: They let the volunteers, some of the volunteers say their decision on that, because they don't want this guy or you know want to feel for the applicant so maybe you have a volunteer or two sit in with your Town Manager and do the process that way. As far as paying the volunteers, and that is a little further that is on budget, I am a little perplexed on some of this stuff comparing the volunteers to H.O.P.E. And I am sorry Lisa isn't here, but for the record, she said that she talked about calling different fire departments from all the way south to all the way north. I can tell you the one 50 miles down the road is stipends their firemen. They pay them \$1250 a month. When I was in there it was \$600 a month, so they have come up and that was in the 80's. So they have double since the 80's. She wants to know what they do with their money. Well that is like asking Roger, what do you do with your money? After you pay somebody, well could you give me a list of what you do with your money? We have been very where with all about it. We donate to the people that are in need, they don't have to apply, if we hear about it. We just donated to a family \$1000 because they had to fly a family member back to Mexico, it is very costly. You know, so I am very, I just don't know where it is going. \$9600 a year and you guys are talking \$3000 to pay for an investigation or \$200,000 on a pool that is open two and a half months a year and you are getting 273 hours volunteer over 300 hours plus the extra, so it is not a matter of can you afford it, it is do you want to save a buck or save a life, so that is where I have to go on that. I will leave right now and I encourage you to ask these firemen here some questions that you want to know about their feelings, and I will leave and just like I did the other night, I think Liandra, you texted Jim, I was sitting right there, Jim was kind of getting a feel for it. I got up so they could talk to Jim. I got up and went outside, because there is no smoking inside now. So thank you and I encourage you and I will work with you to do whatever. I was told that I had to pick or train the next fire Chief, that is hard to do, I am not paid to do the training of the next guy, but I think you guys will hire the right guy and working with the volunteers, you pick a good guy, maybe he will spend the next 23 years out here. Just like I did, thank you.

Hubred: Thank you Dan.

Dutton: Thank you.

Morones: Thank you very much. We welcome thought process by all means, give us what you are thinking, because you guys have heard from us and what we think and what we would like to see. It is a matter of making it happen. In one statement he brings out, either save a dollar or save a life. You can't put a monetary dollar on a life, it doesn't make sense.

Patrick Sweeney: I agree with putting a full time paid fire Chief in that position because of the amount of time and hours it takes to run a volunteer fire department. I have seen it over the years with my dad being the Chief. He was constantly down at that firehouse, every Thursday, down there every day of the week always doing things for that fire department. We have a state of the art fire station, we have had people come through and tell us this is one of the nicest stations in the state for volunteers. I don't believe that we could get the things that we have having a volunteer Chief that is only there half the time. It takes a lot of time and effort to put in for these grants, to put in for the tools that we require. Our herz tools are \$7000 apiece.

Cory Hansen: And be committed to us.

P. Sweeney: Yeah and be committed to us as well, I mean, he is retired now and he is the volunteer Chief, but he is still, when he is here, he is basically at our service you know, if we need anything we go to him.

Dutton: I think that is going to be the most important relationship, is between you guys and the new fire Chief. That has to work.

P. Sweeney: And I agree with his comment of possibly bringing us in as part of like the interview or when you find somebody to interview, have them come down and meet with us on a Thursday night. We can send out a message and make sure everybody in our department is there to come meet the guy who is possibly taking over, because if we don't have the right connection with the guy, you would have volunteers that would quit. Volunteers that would say, you know what, he is not worth my time to go save this person's life.

Morones: Anyone else?

C. Hansen: He nailed it on the head right there.

Morones: Ditto, is that what you are saying? Ditto.

Hubred: Darrick do you have anything to say? You have been on the fire department for what 20 some years, 18 years.

Darrick Brown: My name is Darrick Brown. I have been on the fire department for 18 years, and Dan has been the Chief of the Fire Department the whole time I have been there. As much as he has accomplished with all our equipment like Patrick said, it is state of the art. We could go in there and we can rely on everything that we have. If it is broken, he gets it fixed. If you were to bring in a volunteer fire Chief or something like that, are we going to have that or are we going to get it replaced in time to work on somebody else? I don't know. I think we need a paid fire Chief, somebody that is going to be there, somebody that we can call and say hey Chief, we are not going to make it today or our Chief calling us and saying hey, where are ya. I think it is a good idea.

C. Brown: Because he is the one that has to tell you who is out of town on the weekends, right?

C. Hansen: Or you have to stay, you have to stay, I am leaving.

C. Brown: Yeah, you have to stay and I am leaving.

P. Sweeney: We coordinate with each other every Thursday night before we leave that meeting he asks who is in town.

C. Brown: Just like that one summer that that shooting happened there were only 4 people in town and those 4 people had to block all the roads off.

Morones: Any other thoughts from, I mean, I think we are all on the same page as far as the paid.

Dutton: Can we vote on it, just the three of us?

Olmedo: It is up to you, if you feel that you have got sufficient information.

Morones: Justin, you looked like you wanted to say something.

Justin Naegle: I am Justin for the record. I spoke a couple weeks ago or whatever it was, they haven't changed, what we need is a paid Chief. Pat summed it up real good with all the paper work, getting our respirators, the fire show, hazmat, coordination with the mine, county, everything, the certifications. Yeah, paid.

Morones: Thank you.

P. Sweeney: Seeing as how we are the Northern Team for hazmat in Nye County, when you do put this out, you will in my opinion have to make sure that that Chief is at least a hazmat technician, because in my opinion, everybody looks up to the Chief and our whole department is a tech, and if he is not a tech it is kind of hard to teach somebody, I mean if they won't listen they won't listen.

Morones: So, yeah I think it is pretty obvious, is to how I feel. I move we make the decision to hire a paid full time fire Chief for Dan Sweeney once his term is up.

Dutton: Can I just ask a question, before I second that?

Olmedo: Yes.

Dutton: If we are going to make this happen, do we have the funds to make it happen?

Olmedo: I will have to do some creative budgeting.

Dutton: But can we do it? I mean it is like Dan said, you save a buck or you save a life.

Olmedo: No, you know that is true, maybe we can.

Dutton: Maybe we can take something from someplace else to make up for this.

Olmedo: So with this decision tonight will help me figure out what we can do.

Dutton: Oh, ok.

Olmedo: Because the statement is correct. I have heard it from home, I am a volunteer fire fighters wife, and I hear the save a buck or save a life. What you get is the quality of the Chief you are going to get and that is what you all need to consider is what quality you want.

Dutton: Well I second the motion.

Hubred: Can I interject before we second. Is there any possibility that, you know how we feel as a Town Board, we all are in favor of this and we would like for this it happen, before we vote on this discussion to say that we are going to hire a full time, is there any way that you can look at your budget to be able to tell us what we are able to offer somebody if we were to do this?

Olmedo: No, not at this minute.

Morones: That is putting the cart before the horse. We have to give her the opportunity to find that. We don't even know what that budget is established for, but we can't ask her to put one together not knowing what we are going to give.

Dutton: You know, going through the budget at the last workshop, there were a lot things that we were going to cut back on.

Morones: Sure.

Olmedo: The tentative is submitted to the state, but we can discuss all that, we can look at it and we can, like I said, it is going to take some creative budgeting. Before you make a motion, we have some time, we have until November 2<sup>nd</sup> he is up, so you know we have got him until then and I truly believe that we should have the fire Chief very involved in the recruitment, and giving advice on job descriptions, ensuring what is most important in the position and I like the idea of what the folks have to say. You know having a couple of volunteers sit in, maybe looking towards the captains to sit in as a panel. But we have got some time, November 2<sup>nd</sup> he is up. We can take a look at numbers, you know we do already have a position budgeted in there. I will have to take a look at that.

Morones motioned to hire a full time paid fire Chief. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

Morones: So just with that, we won't know what these salaries or what this paid fire Chief is until we actually hit our budget, which is what our workshop is that we are in now, but rest assured that it will be a paid full time fire Chief.

Olmedo: And thank you to the volunteers again, thank you for your service and all of your time that you put into training. I see firsthand what it entails and thank you all, we cannot appreciate thank you enough for what you guys all do. You guy all do a great great service to this community.

Morones: Yes.

Hubred: Thank you for taking your time away from your families to come tonight to voice your opinions. Not only do you volunteer for our community, but you are here tonight and you are letting us know what you want, and we do appreciate that, so thank you.

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

Item removed.

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

Item removed.

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

Morones: Has everybody had a chance to read that, have you had a chance to take a look at it.

S. Sweeney: I think you skipped a few. I think you skipped 13 and 14.

Hubred: We tabled those.

Morones: Yeah, we tabled those in the beginning.

S. Sweeney: Oh, ok. Sorry I wasn't here.

Morones: Yeah, Jim was involved in helping put it together so without his input, so in the beginning we table that until the next one so we could actually quiz Jim on what he did. Thank you

Morones moved to table item number 15 so they all have an opportunity to review the policy manual now that it is complete. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS**

R. Hansen: We did want to mention something. Since we are going back to verbatim, when we take a breather during vouchers, it makes it really hard to pick up when you have questions.

Morones: Ok, so what would you like me to do?

R. Hansen: No, you can have questions. It is just, when there is a lot of conversation going on it gets tough.

Morones: Got you, we ask that conversation be held to a minimum so we can hear the tapes for redoing these verbatim.

Morones: Is this for the training, the \$226 Bank of America Credit Card?

Olmedo: Yes, we have taken the liberty to put notes on each and every one of them.

Morones: That is beautiful.

Olmedo: So can I see the note real quick?

Morones: Thank you for that it is a huge help, thank you, you were kind enough to make that happen.

Hubred: Public Utilities \$110.50.

Morones: \$110.50, no, where are we at here?

Olmedo: So the deposit remaining on file and then the account credited.

Morones: Thank you.

Morones: Vaccinations? It cost us \$700 to get people vaccinated? Interesting.

Hubred: Is that everybody?

Olmedo: That was everybody. And believe me, we found cost savings there thanks to our Administrative Supervisor catching over charges.

Morones: We are missing Nevada State Marshall Treasury, three of them for \$55 so we cannot approve them.

Olmedo: I can print them out for you, just a second.

Morones: Do not sign.

Hubred: Yes sir.

Olmedo: You can go to the next one.

Morones: So, approval not included. And you'll amend the total owed? Thank you.

Olmedo: I looked at that a hundred times last week.

Dutton: Do we still sign it?

Olmedo: She is going to try to hurry and get that.

Morones: Can we move on, just approve those after? Ok pending the 3 invoices that aren't included on that, they are going to bring those to us, we are going to move on to number 17 and revisit number 16 when we receive proper documentation.

Morones moved to approve the vouchers for current and past. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION AND DECISION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2017-03 A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT THE 2016-2017 BUDGET OF ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN, NEVADA, FOR SEWER PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS**

Olmedo: That is, I sent out the original resolution if you remember at the end of March. This is to augment last year's budget so that we can include the overage from the 1.1 million dollars sewer that we spent extra on for the modifications to the aerators, so you have got the resolution in hand.

Morones: So we are just re-allocating or moving money right?

Olmedo: Yeah, re-allocating and we included consolidated tax which we normally do not do, and I had the resolution in front of me.

Morones: Yeah, I don't think I have the resolution in my pack.

Olmedo: Did you guys not get your resolution?

Morones: You emailed, I have it in my email.

Morones: A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT THE 2016-2017 BUDGET OF ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN, NEVADA. WHEREAS, total net loss of the Public Utilities Enterprise Fund of Round Mountain Town, Nevada, was budgeted to be \$200,181 on July 1, 2016; and WHEREAS, the total net income is now determined to be \$405,355; and WHEREAS, said additional unanticipated resources are as follows: General Fund Transfer in of \$605,536; and WHEREAS, there is a need to apply these excess proceeds in the Public Utilities Enterprise Fund. So this is to cover the short on the change order that we approved last year. You want to see that, pass it down take a look. Do we need to approve that?

Olmedo: That has to be, yes.

Morones: The resolution?

Olmedo: Because it deals with the enterprise funds, so when it comes to the public utility company, it has got to go through formal process, a resolution adopted, if it is approved that is also submitted to the state. So, I had Dan McArthur draw that up for us and I let him know of some concerns I had regarding the overage due to the aeration system, we went over the initial agreed upon.

Dutton moved to adopt the resolution 2017-03 a resolution to augment the 2016-2017 budget of Round Mountain Town, Nevada for sewer project change orders. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

Hubred: So since Jim is not here, I will sign this and then you want them to sign underneath here?

Olmedo: Yes, Roger will have to.

Morones: On behalf of.

Olmedo: On behalf of the chair.

**DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION, AND POSSIBLE DECISION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING**

Olmedo: So, I normally like to hold it the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, but seeing as to how the last Board Meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum, I am requesting to have it 26th, 30th, 31st.

Morones: And this is for the final budget?

Olmedo: For final budget?

Morones: Which needs to be given notice of 7 days I think is what we discussed, correct?

Olmedo: Yep, so the soonest I could advertise in the paper for the public is the 18<sup>th</sup>, so the 26th, 30th, 31<sup>st</sup> is what we discussed is the availability. I would like it to be held Tuesday May 30th at noon.

Morones: And that is the final budget?

Olmedo: Final budget, adopting it.

Dutton: At noon. Do you think that is the best time? I mean this is for like public people to come in and everybody to.

Olmedo: We have always held during the noon time.

Dutton: Ok.

Olmedo: So that is where I am going with, so that is for you guys to discuss and deliberate on.

Dutton: I mean I am good with it. I just want to make sure that we can get the people here that are interested in coming.

Morones: I am ok with it.

Morones moved to set the public hearing date and time for 2017 to reflect May 30th at noon. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

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

Morones: This has already been submitted and approved, correct, the tentative or submitted to the state?

Olmedo: Yes, I have already submitted that to the state.

Morones: So we are still working, we have to go through and work on a budget for fire Chief right?

Olmedo: We still have to for the fire Chief, we have got to take a look at the salary schedule, figure out what we are going to do with that.

Morones: Can you have stuff to us by the next meeting on that, is that possible?

Olmedo: I hope so, I mean, well I am going to have to because next meeting we have to do the final.

Dutton: I won't be here at the next meeting so, sorry.

Olmedo: Come see me, I think it would be really good for you to take a look at the process that I go through and if you have any concerns let me know in writing, that way we can, I can submit your statements.

Dutton: At the next meeting?

Olmedo: Yeah.

Dutton: Ok.

Olmedo: We can teleconference and if we can do that if you are available to do so.

Morones moved to table item number 19 workshop to discuss 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. Hubred seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (SECOND)**

Dutton: Can I just say I would like to thank the Town and Darrick for cleaning up after our mess. We had a big baseball weekend on the 29<sup>th</sup>, we had Tonopah come and Eureka come and we probably served lunch to 200 people, I would guess.

Morones: Thank you.

Dutton: It made a big mess in the garbage cans and I apologize for that, but it was a great weekend. Our last baseball game here in Round Mountain is tomorrow night for the majors, but I will be cleaning up the concession stand on Monday.

Morones: Tomorrow at 5:30?

Dutton: Yes, but I will be cleaning up that concession stand on Monday and get all our stuff out, but thank you for all your work on the fields. It was a good windy, cold year.

Morones: Anybody else?

Hubred: I brought it to the attention to the Town Manager and my two fellow Board Members. I am going to be putting in a resignation letter as of the next Town Board Meeting to resign from the Town Board. My job is probably going to be taking me elsewhere, hopefully sooner than later and I think it is only fair that I give my resignation now so that somebody who is interested in becoming a Town Board Member can get in a be part of these discussions. That is important for the Town. I just want to put it out there for the public that there is going to be an opening for the Town Board Member and I will stay on until that is filled.

Morones: I am not even going to say goodbye Wes, because you are still here. But that is a good opportunity if you are interested in the Board, this will all be up and coming. Before we close we have the documents to final #16 for the vouchers.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Morones motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:20 pm. Dutton seconded the motion; the motion passed 3-0.