

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES



Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Heather Enzi, Vice Chair
Robert Spivey, Jr., Clerk
Nicole Silberschlag, Member
Samantha Faga, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor
Anne Hendrickson, Recreation Director

Citizens Present:	Jason Blackburn	Aleksei Saladino	Novalee Medlock	Chase Diller
	Erin Berg	Neil Jensen	Jenna Diller	Sara Sweeney
	Allyssa McCarty	Sky Trease	Kenndra Larsen	

1. Call meeting to order/roll call

James Swigart called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Swigart – Chair, Heather Enzi - Vice Chair, Robert Spivey, Jr. – Clerk, Nicole Silberschlag – Member, Samantha Faga - Member, were in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

Novalee Ramos stated she lives up Shoshone Canyon at the base and a couple years ago the water that ran through the property through the line quit working. Has been hauling water for the last couple of years and requested help from the town to connect to the tank in Old Round Mountain. Enzi asked how many years. Ramos responded she believes it has been three years. Swigart asked if the town could help. Rebecca Hansen stated we could look at what it would take to get a line from the tank to the property and installing a meter. Ramos replied she didn't have a problem with a meter and was told in the past she wasn't part of the town when it was discussed. Hansen requested to get in touch with her and work on it. Spivey, Jr. asked if this could go on the agenda. Ramos asked if it could go on the agenda. Swigart stated it could go on an agenda and get information on the existing line. Hansen stated an agenda item request form could be provided. Silberschlag asked where Ramos was getting water originally. Ramos replied there is a creek that runs a couple months out of the year and she pumped water out of it to the house. Silberschlag asked if that stopped because the pipe stopped working. Ramos responded yes, the system is gravity flow out of Jefferson and on the line there are valves that need to be cleaned and nipples checked and it's been probably six years since they've been cleaned. Faga asked if Ramos needed to fill out a paper and gets with Hansen or if the Board motions to put the item on the agenda. Olmedo states once it goes on the agenda as an action item, then the Board can make a motion. At this time, it is general public comment for the public to bring up their concerns and no action is taken at the Board level. Spivey, Jr. commented as the Board they are requesting this be put on the agenda, period. Hanses stated Ramos would fill out the paperwork to make the

request. Olmedo stated Ramos is the requestor. Spivey, Jr. replied they as the Board can request it on the next agenda.

Erin Berg commented she was representing the Little League sports program as a parent, coach and member of the Round Mountain Youth Athletics Board. Questioned why they were unable to get water turned on for opening day last weekend as she knows a request was put in and there were even offers to help with what might be needed to turn the water on. Was curious why it didn't happen as we have these facilities for our community and children to use. It is unfortunate to be unable to use the concession stand to its full potential, and have to use porta-potties or walk to the library to use the restroom. Was curious as this happens every year why water can't be turned on for opening day. Swigart asked Pearl Olmedo for more information. Olmedo replied the maintenance schedule is to turn on water mid-April due to weather still warming up and cooling down. Water is scheduled to be turned on this week. The town and surrounding towns follow the same schedule. Olmedo was made aware the request may have come in late last week regarding opening day and in previous years before the school schedule changed opening day wasn't held until the first weekend in May and at that time water being on isn't an issue. Berg confirmed that previously opening day was later, but due to when school releases games are held earlier. Faga asked if the paperwork to turn on water turned in last minute and if the field usage request was turned in in a timely manner. Hansen replied paperwork for beginning practices was submitted, however no dates for opening day or games were provided. Faga stated it was assumed practices would be happening. Hansen replied that was why porta-potties were placed at the facility to use until water was turned on. Silberschlag asked who cleaned them. Hansen replied they are on a schedule with Tonopah to clean weekly.

Sara Sweeney commented that one of the porta-potties appears to have been flipped and is a mess so they are not being cleaned. Feels like with coming out of COVID and unable to wash your hands, specifically for right now the porta-potties are not enough. Feels like the town could have turned the water on a week earlier and as Pearl is the Town Manager she is like a mother and the community is like her children and the town is like her house and you don't invite people to your house and not have a bathroom. For several years opening day has been the first week of April and water has been on and even a last-minute request you would think you would want to protect the people in your town and make it as safe as possible. If that meant they turned water on and then turned it back off it shouldn't have been that big of a deal. Olmedo stated moving forward to have more communication, bring a plan forth so that all parties involved can work toward solutions. Olmedo requested things such as the porta-potty being tipped are brought to the town's attention so they can ensure they are better secured and cleaned. Swigart discussed what would be a reasonable time frame to make requests. Aleksei Saladino commented Ryan Saladino came in three weeks ago and better communication as far as if more things needed to be filled out or turned in. Swigart asked what the status was now of the restrooms and water. Olmedo commented maintenance has water scheduled to turn on this week.

Spivey, Jr. stated Ryan came to a board meeting a month ago and stated he would be starting baseball and addressed the water. The Board said water could be turned on at that meeting. It should have been turned on and not having it on and having the children in this community have to bring in their own water, run here and there to use the bathroom, that's wrong. That's on us. These guys should be able to expect of us to turn water on, it's just a water valve. Heard 4 different reasons why water couldn't be turned on and one maintenance person should have been able to turn a water valve on, check it and then turn it off, that's what they get paid for. We work for the community, Olmedo works for the Board, maintenance works for Olmedo and there was no excuse why it wasn't turned on. There is no excuse why someone says the porta-potty looks like it was flipped over and the other one had blood all over the seat. That's a hazmat. You can't expect children to get around it, especially with COVID. It isn't right. We're supposed to represent them and represent the town and it's pretty sad the we can't even turn on a freaking water spicket. Olmedo stated moving forward there needs to be more communication and when issues like this happen to bring it to the attention of the town so it can be looked into. Spivey, Jr. replied there is no moving forward until you take care of the problem. The Board agreed the water would be turned on. Swigart asked what meeting that decision was made at. Spivey, Jr. responded it was last month when Ryan sat here and told them what he was going to do and the Board agreed they were going to turn it on. This is our youth,

our community, our town, who we serve and that water should have been turned on, no excuses. Whoever didn't turn it on that was too busy should be written up because they couldn't walk over and take ten minutes to do it. It's wrong, no matter what you say, it shouldn't have been done. And now you want to move forward and in three weeks adjust it, no let's take care of it today. Ramos shouldn't go without water and the community shouldn't go without water in the field. That's wrong. It's going to be a human rights thing where we're not giving water to children or someone who lives in a house. Olmedo stated we can put it on the agenda as an action item, but as far as water the staff will be turning it on this week.

Chase Diller commented that it seems he is hearing excuse not do something and would like to hear excuse to do something. Addressed some of the upcoming projects, town hall remodel, tee-ball fields at community softball field. Was curious why the kids had to pick up balls covered in goat heads, fences that aren't tied to the ground and who's responsibility was that. Doesn't mind helping, but doesn't think it is up to baseball to do all the maintenance on the fields. Questioned what happens here locally now that Nye County passed opening up 100 percent. Stated opening day was very disappointing and would like to be proud of Round Mountain. Silberschlag asked if there were safety issues with the fields as he had mentioned goat heads. C. Diller replied yes, every time you pick up a ball there are goat heads there, weeds everywhere and it's something that can be kept up a little better. Swigart stated it is something the Town Manager needs to address. Olmedo assured it would be. C. Diller commented on Friday they were bucketing dirt to fill up holes and a TJ in maintenance said he brings things up, but can't do anything until the orders get pushed back down to him. Swigart stated the Board doesn't get into personnel issues. Olmedo commented she will take it up with the maintenance department. Kenndra Larsen commented adding to the maintenance request to turn the ball field lights toward the field and change out the several bulbs that are out. Olmedo requested Larsen let Recreation know which poles and how many lights.

Swigart thanked the public for their comments. Olmedo added if anyone is aware of issues to please let Town Hall know as they arise so they can be handled more effectively at that time. The Town Board agenda has an email and phone number on it. If the town had been made aware of things like the porta-potty we would have made sure they were cleaned and worked with the company cleaning them to come out more often. Enzi asked if things are inspected by maintenance. Olmedo replied they should be inspecting regularly. Enzi asked if Olmedo checks. Olmedo replied the Maintenance Supervisor oversees the Maintenance worker and then provides updates. Enzi stated so they are saying it is done and then we have people saying it's not done, is Olmedo checking to verify it is done. Olmedo responded we all should be QCing each other. Enzi questioned should be. Silberschlag asked that even with late notice were there things that we would have done safety wise to make sure the field was ready for use. Olmedo stated had we been aware and had we not had to do repairs due to a leak we may have been able to do something. Sweeney commented that on Friday at 1:00pm all three maintenance workers were at the ball fields looking at the water lines and she was told they would not turn on the water and they were there at the valve. Faga asked what would be considered enough notice as Ryan came in three weeks ago and even if game dates weren't provided it was implied games would be played at some point. Olmedo replied she believed a week's notice so maintenance could work any kinks out. In past little league would provide a schedule of games and work with the town so we could ensure there were adequate supplies. Spivey, Jr. asked if two bathrooms were adequate for the amount of people that are there. Olmedo replied supplies such as paper towels, toilet paper. Spivey, Jr. clarified his questioned if two porta-potties were enough, as the ones he deals with are for a certain amount of people for a certain amount of hours per day. If we have running water and bathrooms then you don't have to worry about porta-potties. If we are going to have games or anything in town we're a part of, shouldn't maintenance go down and check and make sure the porta-potties or bathrooms are in good working order, have toilet paper, make sure the field is good and nobody is going to fall down and break their leg. If somebody else has to come and fix the fence, what are we paying maintenance for. That should have been taken care of, what were they doing. Olmedo commented that will be addressed internally with the maintenance department. Spivey, Jr. stated someone should be held accountable, however you hold them accountable because those two porta-potties if that's on us. Olmedo replied it is on us and before game day we should set all of our porta-potties down there. Silberschlag said she was concerned if the two porta-potties are the same two that have been down there and if they could be cleaned tomorrow prior to practice. Olmedo stated yes and they will follow up with the

contracting company that cleans them as we do pay for that weekly. Silberschlag requested if tomorrow they were not cleaned someone contact Olmedo to let her know. Swigart recommended when the contractor cleans, they notify the town so it can be followed up on if it is completed. Silberschlag thanked the public for attending and commenting. Faga also thanked the public.

4. Approval of the April 13, 2021 agenda

Enzi motioned to approve. Silberschlag seconded; motion passed 5-0. April 13, 2021 agenda approved.

5. Approval of the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes

Enzi motioned to approve. Silberschlag seconded; motion passed 5-0. March 23, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to purchase fireworks for July 4, 2021

Olmedo stated from the Lantis presentation the cost is the same as last year \$13,415. Normally two quotes are received. This year, Fireworks West did not submit a quote as they were impacted by the pandemic. Lantis is the company the town used last year.

Silberschlag motioned to approve purchase of fireworks from Lantis Fireworks. Faga seconded; motion passed 5-0. July 4, 2021 fireworks purchase from Lantis Fireworks approved.

7. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

Olmedo reviewed the correspondence:

1. Gmail from Arnold Knightly, RE: Nevada's minimum wages, revd 3/26/21.
2. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees Budget workshop agendas for 4/9/21.
3. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting agendas for 4/14/21.

Nye County will provide an updated reopening guidance when they have approved it. If Nye County approves 100% reopening, the community will be informed via social media. The town has been working on getting quotes to create two tee-ball fields as that age group seems to have to the highest participation. The bids received came in significantly higher than what the town can afford, therefore we have to adjust our budget to afford the quotes coming in. Touched on the storage shed being relocated that is owned by youth athletics, as the tee-ball fields will restrict access to the area. Requested youth athletics come in and talk about options. Larsen commented on if something could be put in the parking lot between the skate park and the ball fields for safety of the kids going back and forth. Olmedo stated the town has been talking about creating a picnic area or playground area, benches, tables as that area is a hub. Statewide pause was placed on the Janssen vaccine, awaiting information from the County regarding Sunday's FEMA pod. Wednesday and Thursday the County will be out for first and second doses of Moderna. Wastewater Treatment Facility update, NDEP requested a formal letter regarding an extension request. No updates regarding the status of the roads from the County. Silberschlag asked if there were any updates regarding plans with opening the pool. Olmedo replied the intention is to open this summer, we have received two applications so far. The dilemma has been getting someone to certify lifeguards, we have a contractor who can do it in late May but we still need a certified lifeguard on deck while the instructor is in the water. Recreation Department is doing the color run May 1st. Spivey, Jr. asked what was wrong with the Teen Center as community members have been told it is down. Sweeney commented when asked to use the teen center was told they could not use that side. Hansen stated it would be looked into it. Faga complimented the turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt.

8. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for April 13, 2021

Enzi motioned to approve the invoices. Spivey, Jr. seconded; motion passed 5-0. April 13, 2021 invoices approved.

9. Budget workshop for fiscal year 2021 – 2022

Olmedo reviewed the correspondence submitted. If there are no changes from budget workshops, the information was transferred to State forms as explained in the email. The only items not discussed previously were revenues, as they are not received until on or before April 1st. This year it was received prior to April 1st, but waited until after April 1st in the event revisions were received. Property tax revenues projected are \$879,690. We have a budget that contains six fund types with an estimated expenditure of \$3,098,500 and one propriety fund which is Round Mountain Public Utilities with estimated expense of \$593,479. Silberschlag asked what budget figure was used for salary increase. Olmedo stated the \$1.00 cost of living approved at the last meeting. We could go page by page during the budget workshop. Swigart noted we have received all the documents at budget workshops. Olmedo noted we have a couple workshops to make any changes prior to submitting the Final Budget. Construction of tee-ball fields was discussed and the consensus was to move forward with preparation of those fields. Swigart noted we want one field now. Olmedo noted installation of a fence to be done to prevent traffic going through the proposed field area. Silberschlag asked if there needed to be a motion. Olmedo stated no. Faga asked if red dirt was ordered, if we are going to try to fix these fields before we start building new stuff? Olmedo responded, the chat was ordered. Hansen said there was a delay with delivery, and to be received this month. We are supposed to receive an update of when it is to be delivered. Spivey, Jr. mentioned the cost of things will be going up. Olmedo asked if there were more questions? Silberschlag asked we pay someone from Tonopah, to come and do something with our sewer? Olmedo said yes, we pay for their wastewater certification. Silberschlag asked if that was in this budget? Olmedo said yes. Silberschlag noted so forward thinking is that we won't have anyone to do this job by that time. Olmedo responded forward thinking is budget for worst case scenario. The individual is scheduled to test, the delay in testing dates is on the State's end. Silberschlag questioned on having a back up plan in the event the we end up without someone certified. Olmedo responded the backup plan has always been contractor based for water and wastewater certifications. Prior to current staff taking over the Town used Nevada Rural Water Association for those services from 2011 until late 2017. The current wastewater operator has brought the facility up to date, brought things compliant at the State level and is very knowledgeable. The intention is to be locally certified and a training plan is in place.

10. Discussion, deliberation, and decision to approve Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Tentative Budget

Silberschlag motioned to approve. Faga seconded; motion passed 5-0. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget approved.

11. General Public Comment (SECOND)

Silberschlag asked where we were with the appointed Fire Chief. Hansen replied the contract will be finalized and signed by the Fire Chief and Chair prior to April 30, 2021.

12. Adjourn meeting

Silberschlag motioned to adjourn. Spivey, Jr. seconded; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.