

**PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NYE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX  
2100 E WALT WILLIAMS DRIVE  
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.  
August 09, 2011  
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Town Board:

Mike Darby  
Vicky Parker  
Carolene Endersby  
Dr. Tom Waters  
Harley Kulkin

Staff:

Bill Kohbarger, Town Manager  
Seaton Curran, Attorney  
Scott Lewis, Chief  
Michael Sullivan, Finance Director  
Samantha Carns, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Darby called the meeting to order.

Tom Waters led in the moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding Moving the Order of or Deleting an Agenda Item(s).

**Vicky Parker motioned to move the entire consent agenda to item 2.5**

**Mrs. Endersby seconded.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

2.5 Discussion and Possible Decision Consent agenda items:

- a. *Action – Approval of Town Vouchers.*
- b. *Action – Approval of Town Board Minutes for July 26, 2011.*
- c. *Action – Approval to accept the resignations of Mr. Michael Selbach and Mr. Donald Rust from the Pahrump Tourism & Convention Council AB.*
- d. *Action – Approval to accept Mr. Jack Sanders and Ms. Christine Grevich to the Pahrump Tourism & Convention Council AB.*

**Mrs. Parker motioned to approve.**

**Dr. Waters seconded.**

Mrs. Parker welcomed Jack Sanders and Christine Grevich to the Tourism Board.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

3. Announcements

Announcements were read by Carolene Endersby.

Dr. Waters gave statistics combating the statement the Board was divided as 70% of votes the Town Board had made since January were 5-0.

4. Public Comment

Public comment was heard.

5. Advisory Board Reports from Advisory Board Chairpersons and/or Town Board Liaisons on the Status of Advisory Boards.

Mrs. Parker said the Tourism Board had a presentation from PLAB chair, Bob Adams, which would be brought to the following Town Board meeting.

Mr. Kulkin said the Community Center Task Force had the opportunity to take a look at the community center at scheduled times as not to have a quorum. He said if citizens were concerned they were invited to apply for membership on the Task Force as there were two openings. He added the Task Force was comprised of professional citizens of various backgrounds.

Mrs. Endersby reminded liaisons and advisory board members of the question asked by the Town Board to each advisory board. She added the response would need to be received prior to the October 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting.

Mrs. Endersby also said the Youth Advisory Board would have a post-workshop on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Waters stated both of the advisory boards he acted as liaison for would have something at the next meeting.

Mr. Darby asked advisory board members to check the website to verify their information was up to date.

Bob Adams, PLAB chair said they were working on identifying ATV recreation possibilities surrounding Pahrump with a cooperative relationship with the PTCC in promoting those opportunities. He added there were one member and two alternate openings on the advisory board.

6. Discussion on Town of Pahrump Economic Development Report.

Mr. Kohbarger spoke saying three members of Contour had come to Pahrump and held a meeting with the PTCC and business community representatives at the Town Office earlier that day. He added they had been very impressed with both entities and also toured the wineries during their visit.

Mrs. Endersby asked as to the status of the company Windsail Receptors as well as the possible development of the fairgrounds.

Mr. Kohbarger stated the location Windsail receptors had been looking to lease was no longer available. He added the fairgrounds would not be pursued for development in the near future.

Dr. Waters asked for an overview of the Economic Development report as Mr. Balloqui was not in attendance to do so.

After Mr. Kohbarger gave a verbal summary of information provided in the backup, Mrs. Endersby added there had been several ribbon cuttings and applauded the Chamber and Economic Development for helping bring more businesses to Pahrump.

Mr. Kulkin said there were a number of problems within the Town and continuing to do the same thing wouldn't change those problems. He said something needed to be done which would appeal to the masses.

Mrs. Endersby asked should one Town Board member be requested in attendance all members be asked to attend at future meetings such as the one earlier that day with the PTCC.

7. Discussion and Possible Decision on Creating the 2011-2012 Town Board Goals and Performance Objectives.

Mrs. Parker said there were a proposed fifty (50) goals, many of which had been completed and others which were duplicates. She suggested the goals be done in a matter like ordinances.

Mr. Darby agreed as he felt each item should have focus.

Mr. Kulkin suggested tabling the item in order to use Board member time individually rather than public time to discuss such a large list.

Mrs. Endersby spoke of the difference between goals and objectives and stated she had listed most of the goals which had not been completed from former Boards. She added she thought objectives and date for completion should be added to each goal.

Dr. Waters suggested all fifty (50) suggestions be taken on and Mr. Kohbarger list those which had been completed or duplicated to return with a completed list at the next meeting.

Mrs. Parker suggested the item be taken care of that night and be labeled as long term or short term.

Dr. Waters added the goals he had presented were based on what he wanted to accomplish and objectives which showed how and/or why they were to be set.

**Dr. Waters motioned to have staff compile a list of all fifty (50) goals into a manageable document eliminating duplicates and labeling in categories of ongoing, short-term, and long-term to bring to the next meeting.**

**Mr. Kulkin seconded.**

Mr. Kohbarger said it would be helpful to bring Board members in one at a time to discuss goals and objectives.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

8. Discussion and Possible Decision on Cancelling the Town Board meetings of November 22, 2011 and December 27, 2011 due to the Holiday Seasons and Approval of the Accounts Payable for the Aforementioned Dates.

Mrs. Parker said all of the last meetings of November and December had been cancelled in the previous half dozen years or more and that the agendas tended to be very light at the beginning of those months.

**Mrs. Parker motioned to approve cancelling the Town Board meetings of November 22, 2011 and December 27, 2011 due to the holiday season and to authorize the signing committee to approve the accounts payable for the aforementioned dates.**

**Dr. Waters seconded.**

No members of the public came forward for comment.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

**9. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve a Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) Between Town of Pahrump, Pahrump Valley Fire-Rescue Services and Nye County, Emergency Services and Nye County Sheriff's Office and All Matters Properly Related Thereto.**

Fire Chief, Scott Lewis, stated the document had been a result of various meetings and was a product of the due diligence of the attorneys who participated in the process.

Mrs. Endersby asked Nye County Sherriff, Tony DeMeo, as to the dispatch of emergency response services as they concerned to budgets.

Sherriff DeMeo responded the County had been operating with the furlough however no matter what the emergency Fire and Rescue Services as well as the Sherriff's Department would respond.

Dr. Waters asked for clarification on the contract in the section which said PVFRS would have jurisdiction of all Pahrump services which pertained to their department and all issues outside of Pahrump would be handled by Nye County Emergency Services.

Sherriff DeMeo stated he had only been in one of these various meetings involving the creating of the MAA which had been three months prior and he felt there were flaws within the contract as it was not what he expected for such a document. He stated the first time he had seen the proposed document was in the Town Board backup. He added he would like to call the agencies he felt were best qualified for each particular call rather than having it stated PVFRS would be dispatched.

Dr. Waters said he understood however he felt there should be another MAA for those concerns and the MAA on the table did not need to address this.

Sherriff DeMeo went on to state the MAA had too many gray areas and that as it was written, not only was his name misspelled but the office he represented was listed as an entity affected by the MAA therefore he would not sign the document with the flaws it contained. He asked for the opportunity to sit down with Chief Lewis to discuss the issues in the MAA to a point they could agree upon and feel comfortable.

Mrs. Parker asked for an example of what Mr. DeMeo considered would be an instance where PVFRS would be called to a scene, based on this MAA, and not be needed and stepping on toes of the other entities.

Sherriff DeMeo responded that in a hazmat issue concerning a possible bomb the Fire Department would have jurisdiction according to the MAA when they were not trained in the capacity to deal with such an issue however the Sherriff's Department was. He added that, with the presented MAA, the Fire Department would have emergency response jurisdiction within Pahrump which would in turn limit the Sherriff's authority.

Mr. Kulkin stated if the Sherriff would not sign the document, time was being wasted. He asked Chief Lewis if he thought the issues could be worked out and a new document be agreed upon by the departments involved. He added the Sherriff and Chief were relied upon with their expertise and he was surprised the Board was voting on an item which an involved party had issues with.

Chief Lewis said he understood Sherriff DeMeo's concerns however some of the issues he had brought up were best discussed in the appropriate forum rather than addressing them in the current forum.

He stated laws were clear and issues pertaining to investigations would not have responsibility negated on the scene. The document was addressing that should there be any eminent threat of fire or medical need PVFRS would have the authority to be on scene.

Sherriff DeMeo stated his dispatch had been verbally abused by parties who were not called to a scene and he wanted to ensure a stop was put to this.

**Mrs. Endersby motioned to approve and should any amendments or changes be suggested they come back for further approval if necessary.**

**Mrs. Parker seconded.**

Mr. Kulkin said there should be at least a chance for the item to come back to the next meeting so the Sherriff could straighten out any issues which kept him from feeling comfortable to sign the document.

Sherriff DeMeo said he was agreeable with the item being passed with the ability to amend. He added he wanted to get the issues resolved so the parties would not be in the same situation again. As someone who served the Town, he would like to take the opportunity to finally get this accomplished.

Dr. Waters stated he didn't see a problem with approving the document as representatives of the Town of Pahrump and sending it on to the County Commissioners.

In response to a question from Mr. Darby, Sherriff DeMeo stated in the few days prior when they had a drug bust within the town of Pahrump, Nye County Emergency Services was called to handle the items as there was no need for fire or medical services on scene.

Mr. Darby stated he saw an issue with Item 1 of the MAA concerning this as it stated Pahrump Valley Fire and Rescue Services would have jurisdiction over all instances including any which may be similar to the recent drug bust.

Public comment was heard, with five (5) speaking against the motion and two (2) speaking neither for nor against the motion.

**Motion carried, 3-2, with Mr. Darby and Mr. Kulkin voting nay.**

**10. Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve a Town Board Retreat as well as creating a Time, Date and Location for the Town Board Retreat.**

Mr. Kulkin suggested the retreat be held in Gardnerville which was a rural community **and** Town Board members could see as an example of how an efficient rural community runs. He added the location was a little closer than Reno and could be enlightening.

Mrs. Endersby said a retreat would be beneficial however the agenda placed in the backup was focusing mainly on communication which she felt there was not an issue with and she felt the agenda should be more focused on items which would make a difference for the community. She had concern as to who would lead the retreat and who would moderate.

Dr. Waters said he felt there were in fact issues with communication and they did need to be addressed. He added guidance was needed at the retreat in order to learn to be better Board members.

Mr. Darby stated he agreed with the ideas presented and information should be drafted as the agenda provided in the backup did say "Draft".

**Mr. Kulkin motioned to have a Town Board retreat in Gardnerville.  
Motion died due to lack of a second.**

Mr. Darby said he'd like the retreat to be held in Mesquite to coincide with the Nevada League of Cities.

**Mrs. Endersby made a motion to approve a Town Board retreat at the October Nevada League of Cities meeting designating extra time to attend and have the retreat at that time with a trained facilitator which would bring an agenda from suggestions from the Town Board.**

Mr. Kohbarger suggested October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> were the two days prior to the League of Cities as the League of Cities concluded on a Friday.

After Mr. Kulkin stated he could not take five full days off of work as a business owner, Mr. Kohbarger stated the retreat could begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. He added he had been researching facilitators who had worked with Las Vegas retreats and the chosen facilitator would bring an agenda to the meeting.

**Mrs. Endersby verified for her motion to be stated as to have a trained mediator on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Mesquite prior to the Nevada League of Cities meeting with exact time to be determined at a later date.**

**Mrs. Parker seconded the motion.**

Mrs. Parker suggested the retreat start at noon to avoid running too far into the evening and to avoid the need for all Board members to stay in Mesquite the previous night.

Public comment was heard, with two (2) speaking for the motion and three (3) speaking against the motion.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Discussion and Possible Decision to Approve Selling Town of Pahrump Equipment through Nevada Public Auction.

Mr. Kohbarger stated staff had spoken with Ski Censke of Nevada Public Auction concerning equipment, primarily the Ford Explorer which was being phased out.

Mr. Kohbarger went on to state Ski and Matt Luis, Buildings and Grounds Manager, agreed and jointly came up with the agreement which was provided in the backup.

Mrs. Endersby asked if Nevada Public Action was on the approved vendor list as there was a maximum of \$350 which could be surpassed.

Ski replied the amount in question was the commission rate which normally wouldn't have a cap however it would provide an opportunity to liquidate assets rather than letting them accumulate.

Mr. Kohbarger said department heads were working together to have something which would keep equipment from stockpiling.

Dr. Waters said he was very impressed with Ski's auction abilities during the Smiles Across Pahrump event.

**Mrs. Parker motioned to approve.  
Mr. Kulkin seconded.**

Public comment was heard, with one (1) speaking for the motion.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

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(moved to item 2.5)

**12. Future Meetings/Workshops: Date, Time and Location**

Mr. Kohbarger announced the Town Board retreat would take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in Mesquite, NV.

**13. Staff's Comments**

Mr. Kohbarger referenced an accusation that local companies had not been considered for insurance, stating Pool & Pact had asked for any local agents who wished to become authorized to take part in their authorization process and no Pahrump representatives had come forward.

He also referenced a statement that the Town had paid \$25,000 for information concerning the Bob Ruud Community Center stating the funding for such a project was completely through Grants.

As he referenced a statement concerning an invoice which had been refused to be shared, Mr. Kohbarger stated such an invoice never went through the Town and the Town had not paid for the services in question.

**14. Town Board Member's Comments**

Mrs. Parker said she had found out something new during the meeting when Mr. Will Bond stated any destruction of property which was owned by someone over the age of seventy (70) was considered as a felony.

Mr. Kulkin spoke of the Scout who had asked for ideas on what to do in order to reach his Eagle status. He said he had the young man's phone number should anyone wish to get a hold of him.

Mrs. Endersby said she knew all Board members were completely committed to the community as they even attended regular meetings without any type of compensation. She encouraged individuals to go to County Commissioner meetings as there were items of interest on their agendas.

Dr. Waters referred to the MAA stating it was for mutual aid only. He stated HAZMAT issues included fuel spills which would need to be handled by the fire department.

Mr. Darby thanked all for coming.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Darby adjourned the meeting at 11:35pm.