

**BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
P.O. BOX 837
BEATTY, NV 89003**

**Minutes
4/22/09**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

**MIKE LASORSA (ML)
BERT BERTRAM (BB)
LARENE YOUNGHANS (LY) (Absent)
TERESA SULLIVAN (TS)
JOE WHITE (JW)**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Action - Approval of the Agenda for the Beatty Town Advisory Board's meeting of April 22, 2009

BB - Motioned to approve with the pulling of Items #3 & #5; seconded by JW 4-0

3 Action - Approval of Minutes of the Beatty Town Advisory Board's meeting(s) for April 8, 2009

This item was pulled.

4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Hammes wanted to let everyone know that there would be a Riverbed clean-up on Saturday at 1:00 pm starting at the bridge on the NDOT side of the road.

5 Action - Emergency Items

This item was pulled.

6 Action - Board Member's Comments

There were none.

7 Consent Agenda Items

a. Action - Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

Mike wanted to pull the Chamber vouchers under 'c'; Mike asked for a motion. Teresa wanted to know why they were being pulled and she had a problem with 'b' as she didn't know if this Board had the authority to sign a contract. Mike stated that we would go with that first then.

b. Approval of Agreement for Street Lights between Town & VEA

Teresa stated that as an Advisory Board she wasn't sure if we had the right to sign; that the Commissioners are the one to sign the contract. Mike replied that the Town of Beatty was paying the bill; Teresa understood this. Mike went on to ask if we weren't going to sign it then who will; Teresa replied the Commissioners. Bert commented that it would definitely be a first. Mike asked Janet if this is what we did with the street lights and Janet asked that the question be repeated. Bert replied saying that the question was whether this Advisory Board had the authority to enter into a contract with VEA. Janet replied that since the bills come to the Town of Beatty that was why the contract was made and the security lights to begin with wasn't signed by the BoCC; was an agreement from the BTAB when it was formed many years ago. Janet stated that we could pull it and she'll agendize it for the County Commissioners. Teresa commented that she just wasn't sure and that it had been her understanding the Commissioners sign the contracts not us. Bert interjected saying that the BTAB is delegated authority to spend routinely allocated money for the expenses. Teresa replied that she didn't believe we had the authority to enter into contracts. There was more discussion regarding the BTAB's authority with regards to signing/entering into contracts. Mike interjected saying let's approve and sign this contract contingent on our authority so we

don't have to postpone this. Teresa stated that she was fine with that and if get notice through the Commissioners that we have the authority to do it she had no problem with it.

c. Approval of Town Vouchers

Teresa asked why the Chamber voucher was being pulled and Janet replied that she needed the signed receipts from Amanda Revert and Tiffany Revert on their cash awards. Janet had made Debbie Baker aware of this and Debbie's comment was 'well if they don't pay them at least those would be two (2) signatures that would be easy to get'. Janet knows it isn't right and is uncomfortable submitting it that way. Teresa asked if those were items required from the Chamber in the past (all those signatures); Janet replied, 'yes, ma'am'. Mike called for a motion...Debbie Baker interjected stating, 'Mr. Chairman, on the vouchers...' Bert interjected saying to wait a minute as didn't even have a motion yet.

BB – Motioned to approve the remaining Town Vouchers (pull Chamber); seconded by JW
During further discussion Debbie Baker stated that on the voucher for the Miss Beatty pageant winners you do have two (2) signatures (Amanda Revert and Tiffany Revert) they have both signed that; that's their receipt, they got cash, you have it there in the packet. Mike replied that we would find out about that and Debbie interjected with, 'no I want it resolved tonight because this has been going on...' Mike replied that it wasn't going to be resolved tonight because we pulled it. Teresa wanted to know why not if the signatures are on it. Janet asked Mike if Debbie could just come and pull out the vouchers that have Amanda Reverts and Tiffany Reverts in here. Debbie stated that she had a copy right here and this was the original; that is the receipt right there Amanda & Tiffany. Janet replied, 'you said you wrote those Debbie'. Debbie replied, 'no I didn't. I said those were signed by those two (2) girls.' Janet stated, 'okay then I was mistaken. The conversation we had was that you signed them and you said if they don't pay it at least those are two (2) signatures that will be easy to get. When I requested all the other signed vouchers from you. And yes this has been delayed, but on no part whatsoever of the Town Office it was that the voucher was not completed when submitted. We have e-mails going back and forth Debbie with me requesting more information from you so I could submit the voucher.' Debbie replied, 'she is absolutely correct there are e-mails going back and forth with bits and pieces; now I need this receipt, now I need this receipt, now I need a copy of this check. It was not all encompassed.' Teresa interjected stating that this is where we don't need to get into the argument. There was discussion regarding the two (2) signatures in question on the Chamber voucher. Mike commented, 'you are just saying that you can just write something out and expect to be paid for it.' Debbie Baker replied, 'no I'm not.' Mike replied, 'well that's what you're saying.' Once again Debbie said, 'no, I'm not.' Mike went on to say that 'none of these...these are all done by you'. Debbie replied, 'exactly and if you look at the back up Mike you will see signatures of all the winners on there as well as our budget item as who gets it with the name typed out.' Mike commented to Teresa what was real interesting when he presented vouchers for the FD and everybody in this Town has copies of it; everybody knows about it. You (Teresa) say you feel very uncomfortable signing this voucher (FD) but when there is a paper trail for everything I do...Teresa interjected saying that as long as there were two (2) signatures she was fine with it. Ann Marchand explained why they gave people cash was to leave the revenue here in Beatty; sign a voucher for the cash so they can spend it here. They can't cash a check here in Town as it is illegal any more to cash 3rd party checks at any of the places; talk to the Rebel or the Stagecoach. Ann stated that she didn't understand what the problem was and if there was a change order for this last year they should have been notified. Mike asked what the financial status was for the Chamber right now. Teresa wanted to know what the point of the question was. Debbie Baker told Mike that wasn't relevant to this voucher. Mike replied I'm just asking a question as to what the status is. Bert stated that this event happened in October. Debbie replied that they have money in the bank. Ann Marchand replied, 'we have money in the bank Mike and I want to explain something to you on that and I'm glad you asked.' Ann went on to explain that every time they print a visitor's guide or a rack card they have to be paid for up front then wait for a 30 to 90 day NCOT reimbursement. Ann continued saying they have to have roughly \$8500.00 for the printing of these brochures and they have roughly around \$10,000.00 in the bank to do so. Mike replied that he actually thought Ann knew what he was getting at but that certainly wasn't it. Debbie asked what the full question was. Mike replied that his point was that these receipts go back several months. Debbie Baker replied that he was exactly correct. Mike wanted to know what took them so long to submit them. Debbie Baker explained the process of having the event in October, finally finished getting the bills in January; waited to get all the bills then look at Chamber budget, get receipts totaling the \$6500.00 grant from BTAB. Mike stated that he was involved in signing the vouchers now and if we felt uncomfortable signing them...Mike asked Janet if these vouchers met the requirements if we were to get a decision by someone in the know if they would pass. Janet replied that they would pass based on the previous year's submissions. Mike entertained a motion to accept these but from now on we aren't going to do business this way any more. Teresa stated that if that was the case then we needed some written guidelines for everyone to follow so they know what to do when it comes up; how to submit these items. Mike stated that he didn't want to cause any problems but he was talking 6 months (before submittal) and he was criticized for 3 months for FD receipts; what's good for him is good for everyone.

BB – Amended his motion to include all vouchers; seconded by JW 4-0

8 General Business

a. Discussion and possible decision to accept contract between Beatty Graphics SM Productions and Town for web site and all other matters properly relating thereto – Suzy McCoy

Suzy stated that the contract was a general one and the items in red are what she told the BTAB when it was first presented; where the contract would be changed. Teresa asked if needed to have two (2) quotes if we were going over \$1500.00 or if it was different because it was unsolicited. Janet replied that as it was unsolicited she didn't know but would verify that with Judy in Purchasing. Teresa thought this was a great idea and if it were possible to approve it contingent upon Judy's response; would also have to go through the BoCC for their signatures. Mike thought this was a good idea and that he saw the website and it was great. Bert asked if we wanted to consider this and just put it on the BoCC agenda for final approval with just the one offer and see what happens or try to go get another quote or just approve it contingent on a ruling by the County. One thing Bert wanted to add/change on it and that was the domain beattynv.org which he has offered to sign over to the Town free of charge; use it for the Beatty website if this is agreeable. Suzy replied that Bert had talked to her before the meeting and she agrees that beattynv.org is a better domain name but because her domain name is only \$10.00 that doesn't change the price. Mike asked if Bert was offering that to us and Bert replied that he would be willing to sign the appropriate paperwork to make it belong to the Town of Beatty. Mike asked Suzy if she had a problem with that and Suzy replied that she didn't and thought that it was a better domain name than what she was able to acquire.

BB – Motioned to approve the contract agreement with the exception of changing the domain name to beattynv.org and he will sign the appropriate paperwork to give that domain name to the Town, contingent on approval by the County as to the legality of the contract; seconded by JW 4-0

b. Discussion and possible decision to write a letter of support to BLM for the Reward Mine located south of Beatty – J. White

Joe commented that this was a mistake and it was his fault as he didn't make his self clear. He came in looking for a name and address so he could mail his own personal letter. He doesn't believe that these types of letters of support, denial or whatever and special interest should go through this Town Office. To Joe this is a dishonest way of trying to deceive people in to thinking that the Board and this Town supports their cause just because it has a letterhead on it. Joe stated that if you want that support instead of making it a personal letter make it generic and petition this Town for signatures. A few years ago you could walk into any store and find petitions for everything; now all of a sudden it all comes through here so we could get this letterhead on there and approved. Joe stated that he will not approve any letter and is asking that this item be removed from the agenda.

c. Discussion and possible decision to hire a contractor to install park benches & trash receptacles and all matters properly relating thereto – T. Sullivan

Teresa commented that previously we had talked about having these installed with volunteer work; knew Bert was working on it. There were some difficulties with the Occupancy Permit and Teresa thought that this had been corrected for the large part. Teresa did get two (2) quotes from general contractors; J&M Concrete for \$1580.00 and H&S Concrete for \$2100.00. These quotes are for 8 4'x10' 4" slabs of concrete.

JW – Motioned to hire J&M to do the contract work; seconded by BB

During further discussion Mike asked if the Board wanted to make this contingent on approval from NDOT; as permit only included 6 benches/receptacles. Teresa replied that she would like to see us move on the six (6) at least; this is what Mike was talking about was the 6 and that the permit had expired. Bert stated that in all the conversations with NDOT they haven't objected to us putting all 8 of them in. Teresa stated that if the permit has expired it should be contingent on extending that permit. Mike commented that Renie told him she had talked to someone in NDOT (Steve Baer) and he told her there shouldn't be a problem. This is what Mike meant by verbal but we still didn't have it in writing so we need to make it contingent on getting something in writing.

JW – Amended motion to be contingent on a valid permit; second was amended by BB

Jerry Hammes questioned the Town doing a contract beyond \$1500.00 as was discussed in Item a; if it also applied here. Mike replied that it was part of the motion; contingent on approval. Jerry asked if the approval was for both the permit and the Town writing a contract for over \$1500.00; Teresa replied that it wouldn't be a contract. There was discussion regarding the contract or lack thereof for the work to be performed.

Mike called for the vote 4-0

d. Discussion and possible decision to approach the Board of County Commissioners for a Downtown Beautification Grant and all matters properly relating thereto – T. Sullivan

Teresa commented that several members of the community have asked if this would be available again this year. She would like us to re-visit this and knows that times are really tight with the Commissioners; something we need to look at. Teresa continued saying that Janet suggested matching it to make it look attractive to the Commissioners; didn't have an amount in mind. Bert commented that this

subject has come up once or twice with the Chairman of our County Commission and she had indicated verbally that the BoCC might look favorably on being approached for more beautification money; worth doing. Mike wanted to know if with everything going on with the County (cut backs, cutting medical costs for employees & retired employees, a whole realm of things) if it was smart to go to the Commissioners for beautification money since we have a lot of money. We also have a project we've been messing around with for 3 years (Town Square) and as this was the initial beautification project we needed to finish it; need to get a perimeter built around it to keep people from parking or camping in there. Mike stated that we had a big investment there and the consensus of the people and the Board when it went through; need to continue before we do anything else. Bert replied that unfortunately that isn't how the agenda item read so we need to just decide the agenda item. Bert recommended that the Town Square be put on an agenda item in the near future to be discussed. Teresa commented that this item needed to be discussed and that we did need to work on the Town triangle as well; didn't think the square was part of the original beautification and that it just evolved into it. Bert stated that he would support us spending some of our own money on Downtown beautification. Jerry Hammes commented that there was nothing wrong with 'running it up the pole' and if they 'don't salute' that's fine; nothing ventured nothing gained adage. He also wanted to know what happened to the pocket park and the medical as they have disappeared from the agenda. Janet replied to Jerry that they only appear on the first meeting of the month; Jerry withdrew his comment as he stood corrected. Joannie Jarvis commented that Joni Eastley had specifically stated to her a month ago that money was definitely tight but that there are PETT funds squirreled away; Commissioners may be favorable if our Board came with some matching funds. Joannie stated that she had also talked this over with Teresa. Bert replied that it was the same indication he received when speaking with Joni Eastley. Bert asked if Teresa had any amount in mind; Teresa replied that she didn't. There was discussion regarding the dollar amount with Bert suggesting the Town offering \$10,000.00 with matching funds from County if this was appropriate. Ann Marchand commented that the Chamber applied for the NDOT grant for sidewalks; from the Bank down to the El Portal on both sides of the street and also McDonald to the Town Square. Ann went on to say that there had also been talk of installing more street lights and that all this might be something to think about for when you do your total accounting to them (BoCC). Bert stated that he was thinking primarily about smaller projects for storefront beautification. There was discussion regarding the last grant received and how that all came about.

TS – Motioned to approach the Commissioners for \$10,000.00 toward Downtown Beautification and that we would agree to match it with \$10,000.00 here; seconded by JW

During further discussion Mike stated that he didn't want to put a 'target' on this money so that we can continue to look at the Town Square; can be part of this also. Bert commented that he was thinking 'storefront beautification' where people paint and fix up for this particular one and was this something everyone agreed on. Teresa replied that it was why she motioned 'downtown beautification' as this was her intent. Bert interjected saying that this would be separate from any other efforts we make with major improvements; Teresa agreed. Mike clarified that the Town Square was being taken out of it and Bert replied yes, for this particular one. Mike asked why they would do that as this was beautification money. Bert replied that he will put the Town Square on the agenda with an entirely different proposal.

Mike called for the vote 4-0

9 Adjournment

JW – Motioned to adjourn at 7:14 pm; seconded by TS 4-0