

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
08/11/2010**

**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.**

**LARENE YOUNGHANS (LY) – Chairman
TERESA SULLIVAN (TS) – Vice-Chairman
ERIKA GERLING (EG) – Treasurer
BERT BERTRAM (BB) - Member
KAY HANDY (KH) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:31

RY – Read Public Comment Disclosure into record. This disclosure is on every BTAB agenda posted;

Public Comment during the Advisory Board Meeting on August 11, 2010 will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during individual action items. The Advisory Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Advisory Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Advisory Board, or if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Advisory Board meeting.

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 11, 2010.

KH – Motioned to pull item 5 and move item 8a under item number 4; Second TS; 5-0

3 Approval of BTAB minutes of July 28,2010

TS – Motion to approve July 28, 2010 minutes; Second KH; 5-0

4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item

Shirley Harmon - Asked if the Town Board would sponsor a candidate night before the November Election.

RY- Requested this be placed on the next agenda.

8a – Notification - Notification of VEA distribution line project – 30 day scoping started – Bureau of Land Management – Tonopah Field Office

Tom Sealy – Stated that in February the BLM received a right of way application from Valley Electric to construct a new power line. It will be an upgrade to an existing line that will be rerouted up to the Tolichi Peak turn off. The BLM issued a request on August 5, 2010, soliciting public comment; comments are due by September 10, 2010. The proposal is to retire the existing line and move them out of the Amargosa Toad habitat up to the wet land areas. The work will start at the Beatty Substation.

Carl Corky - With Valley Electric stated no residences in the work area will be without power. The majority of lines being removed, are in the wet lands and, will be removed by hand to minimize the environmental impact, the new lines are going to be Avian friendly; Discussion followed.

5 Action – Emergency Items

This item was pulled

6 Action – Board Member’s Comments

None

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a. Reports

- i. **Commissioner's**
RY - Stated that the Bull Frog item pertaining to the Airport Hanger and Lease was approved at the BOCC meeting of August 3, 2010
- ii. **Treasurer**
No new report due to fiscal year end
- iii. **Secretary**
Carrie - provided information about 2 open positions available with Nye County; information is available at the meeting and at the Town Office.
- iv. **Beatty Area Plan**
BB - Stated there will be a meeting on August 23, 2010 to start applying land use categories to the maps.
- v. **Beatty Town Square**
None
- vi. **Ordinances**
Carrie reported there has been no response to the latest correspondence sent to the District Attorney's office on July 22, 1020.
- vii. **Beatty Medical Clinic**
None
- viii. **BEDC (Beatty Economic Development Corporation)**
Albert Verrilli - Gave a recap of BEDC; it is a nonprofit corporation that was formed to receive a donation of land from The Barrick Mine.
Mr. Verrilli - Went on to give a description of the property and it's potential. The intention of BEDC is to sell or lease the property at which time the proceeds/benefits would be returned to the Town of Beatty by BEDC by way of donation or other means.
Mr. Verrilli - Spoke about a planned website for the property that would highlight the property advantages to prospective buyers. The site would include environmental studies, the Barrick engineering report, Google Earth photos, and maps, photos of the buildings on site, and statements of intension. Mr. Verrilli will need professional assistance to create and host the site, he would maintain and update the site once it is active.
Mr. Verrilli - Extended an invitation to the town to tour the property; just contact him.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated he will be placing an item on an upcoming agenda requesting the funds necessary to pay this year's property taxes, if the taxes are not paid Nye County could foreclose on, or short sale the property.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated his recommendation is to keep the property for the next three years or so in anticipation of an increase in property values; Discussion followed.
RY - Asked if the property is leased would BEDC be in charge of maintaining the lease.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated it would; however a lease is not preferred, the sale of the property would be the best option.
Ann Marchand - Stated she has heard a few times while Mr. Verrilli has been speaking, the terms Foreclosure and Short Sale; that only happens if there is a current lien on the property; Ms. Marchand asked if there is a current lien on the property.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated there is no current lien on the property; Discussion followed.
EG - Asked if the property is advertised.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated he has not advertised the property, his focus was on the alternative energy sector (solar and wind) and he was working with contacts in that area; however that sector too has felt the effects of the economy; Discussion followed.
RY- Asked if the property is listed with a realtor.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated it is not; Discussion followed.
Wendy Wilson - Asked if there are back taxes owed on the property now.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated there are not; Discussion followed.
TS - Asked if Mr. Verrilli has addressed or corrected the challenges, mentioned earlier, that were encountered by a previous potential buyer and Valley Electric.
Mr. Verrilli - Described the challenges and stated he has not. His attempts at communication with Valley Electric since the issue have not been well received; Discussion followed.
RY- Recommended that the BEDC broaden their scope of potential buyers and expressed concern about the buildings degradation due to lack of use.
Mr. Verrilli - Described the condition of the buildings on the property.
RY- Recommended the property be listed with a realtor; Discussion followed.
EG- Asked if Mr. Verrilli has received the tax bill.
Mr. Verrilli - Stated he has.
RY - Requested the tax bill be agendized.

7 Consent Agenda Items

- a. Action – Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda items that needs review before a decision is made.
- b. Approval of Town Vouchers

BB-Motioned to approve Town Vouchers in the amount of \$282.39; Second KH; 5-0

8 General Business

- a. **Notification - Notification of VEA distribution line project – 30 day scoping started – Bureau of Land Management – Tonopah Field Office**
This item was moved per motion of item 2

- b. **Action- Discussion and possible decision to develop Beatty Town Capital Improvement Plan that will identify and prioritize future Capital Projects and all other matters pertaining thereto. – Teresa Sullivan**

TS- Explained the purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan is to protect the Towns Capital funds; Capital Projects has \$566,000.00, Town Special Projects Capital has \$92,000.00, Room Tax/Tourism Capital has \$97,000.00 plus, for a total \$756,000.00. This does not include the million in the general fund from carry over for a total of approximately \$1,756,000.00 available to use.

TS – Proposed projects and rough estimates of project costs are as follows; sewer installation at the Town Square \$5000.00, the Town Square \$50,000.00, Provider Housing \$150,000.00, Commercial Kitchen \$200,000.00, Medical Clinic\$2,000,000.00, and assistance with Ambulance and Fire buildings estimate to be discussed with Brent Jones.

RY – Stated Susan Paprocki with Nye County Finance recommended the Town leave at least4% of the total expenditures for the Town as an ending fund balance. This practice will ensure the Town can maintain; facilities and staffing should income from taxes or other sources decrease.

RY – Suggested at least \$36,592.00, are left in the ending fund balance, unreserved; Discussion followed.

BB – Expressed concern about developing a plan that includes projects whose costs exceed the Town’s available funds and recommended clarification with the County; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated the latest cost estimate for the Town Square is \$85,874.00 for both phases and would like to budget for at least that amount in preparation for the work going out to bid.

RY- Stated she is against budgeting more than \$50,000.00 for the Town Park; Discussion followed.

Ann Marchand- Stated the Beatty Chamber of Commerce would need financial assistance if the decision is made to move the Chamber building to the Town Square; Discussion followed.

Ann Marchand – Recommended that the Board look at the fencing at the Amargosa roadside rest. The fencing has a rustic look and may be something to consider for the Town Square; Discussion followed.

Ann Marchand – Spoke about possible grants for the clinic, one source may be Ensigns office.

Ann Marchand – Requested the Board consider a trail system as one of the projects and distributed information and statistics about outdoor recreation activities, trail usage is the largest outdoor recreation currently.

Shirley Harlan – Requested the Board consider a library extension as one of the projects; Discussion followed.

Brent Jones – Spoke about the Ambulance Barn; the building has arrived and is on the ground, the expenses to date are approximately \$88,000.00. The request for proposal went out for erecting the building, earth work and foundation work; it will be on the Board of County Commissioners Agenda, Tuesday August 17, 2010, to accept the lowest bid at \$164,000.00. The last phase will be the interior which an additional request for proposal will be submitted in the very near future. There is one more grant and there is another fund that is being used to fund this project. Including this project on the Capital project list would be a good idea; Discussion followed.

TS- Inquired about placing the old Fire Hall remodel on the list; Discussion followed.

KH – Requested the Gate Way to Death Valley Sign be added to the list; Discussion followed.

Ann Marchand – Requested entry way signs be placed on the list; Discussion followed.

Wendy Wilson- Requested that the Skate Board Park be placed on the list; Discussion followed.

TS – Clarified this does not mean that the money is spent, this is just a plan. There are more steps before any money would actually be spent; Discussion followed.

This item abated to be agendized at next meeting; Discussion followed.

- c. **Action- Announcement – Three Beatty Town Advisory Board Seats up for election, letters of intent must be submitted no later than October 25, 2010. Election to be held at the Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting of November 10, 2010. – Carrie Radomski**

Carrie – Announced the availability of three seats on the Beatty Town Advisory Board and stated letters of interest must be submitted no later than October 25th 2010.

Carrie - Read the voter and candidate requirements for the election on November 10, 2010, and stated copies of the requirements and the elector/candidate registration forms are available at the Town Office.

RY- Named the three individuals whose terms are up; LaRene Younghans, Kay Handy, and Bert Bertram.

- d. **Action- Discussion and possible decision to charge fees for; audio copy of BTAB meetings, notary, fax, and photocopy services provided to the public by the Town Secretary and all other matters pertaining thereto. – LaRene Younghans**
RY – Stated the notary fees are set by the state; Discussion followed.
TS – Motioned to approve that the Town Office charge fees in the following amounts; the standard legally appropriate fees for a notary, \$5.00 per audio copy of a BTAB meeting, 0.10 per photo copy, and \$1.00 per page fax incoming and outgoing; KH Second; 5-0
- e. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve payment to Lumos & Associates in the amount of \$1495.00 for the completion of the Town Square Work Plan (contract) Task 1 – items A through E – Erika Gerling**
EG – Stated she verified that Task 1 has been completed; Discussion followed.
TS – Motioned to approve payment to Lumos & Associates in the amount of \$1495.00 for the completion of the Town Square Work Plan (contract) Task 1 – items A through E; Second KH; 5-0
- f. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve Town Square Schematic (Conceptual) Diagram and proceed to Task 3 Master Plan. – Erika Gerling**
EG – Stated the changes suggested at the Teleconference of July 20, 2010 were incorporated in the Schematic Diagram which was reviewed; additional modification suggestions were submitted and Lumos has submitted the current Schematic for final approval; Discussion followed.
RY – Stated she wanted to go on record; she is not willing to spend more than \$50,000.00 on the park; Discussion followed.
TS – Motioned to approve the schematic drawing prepared on August 3, 2010 with the following two changes; exclude the tree at the entry and the tree by the Christmas tree and to add spot lights to the Christmas tree and to proceed to Task 3; Second BB; 5-0
- g. **Action - Discussion and possible decision to provide overnight lodging and fuel reimbursement for out of town volunteers who augment the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service and any other matters properly pertaining thereto. – Bert Bertram**
BB – Stated the status of the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service is critical; we have been able to keep the ambulance service in town because folks from surrounding areas have been volunteering in Beatty to fill out the schedule; Discussion followed
Brent Jones – Stated he understood the Town Board could make a direct bill agreement with the local hotels or possibly the local hotels would donate rooms, to eliminate the room costs paid by volunteers.
Brent Jones – Stated Nye County Emergency Services felt a \$25.00 gift card would work best it can be used at the discretion of the volunteer.
Mr. Jones – Stated if the cards were purchased in quantities of 20 for example; the Nye County Emergency Services office in Pahrump would take responsibility for distributing them appropriately and maintain a log of distribution; Discussion followed.
RY – Requested a letter be drafted and sent to the local hotels and motels requesting rate assistance or donations of rooms for Ambulance Volunteers from out of town.
KH – Motioned to provide overnight lodging and fuel reimbursement to be used at the Volunteers discretion in the form of a \$25.00 gift card to the out of town Volunteers for the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service; Second EG; 5-0

9 Adjournment

KH- motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm; Second TS; 5-0

KH – 8:59pm - Requested to reopen meeting for signature of vouchers; Second TS; 4-0

KH – Motioned to adjourn at 9:55pm; Second TS; 4-0