

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
08/25/2010**

**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 6:32

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 25, 2010.

TS – Motioned to pull item 5 and approve agenda; Second KH; 5-0

3 Approval of BTAB minutes of August 11,2010

TS – Motion to approve August 11, 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

Harry Friend had comments about item g; decided to wait until item g was discussed to comment.

5 Action – Emergency Items

This item was pulled

6 Action – Board Member’s Comments

EG – Stated her computer does not work, and to contact her by phone. Erika stated she has a Blog called Beatty Beat; she will post news about the Town Board meetings, Little League, and other happenings around town. Erika said Shirley Harlan asked if we would like Soil Tech to give us an additional cost estimate for the Town Square project; it was clarified that the Town is already in a contract with a landscape architect. Erika said that three people asked her to say that they are really upset about the articles and language Charlie is using in his paper; especially the ones about the magazines and all that stuff.

KH- cautioned Erika about the content about the BTAB meetings she posts to her blog prior to the approval of the meeting minutes, and links that can be controversial. Kay spoke about an Amargosa blog that turned very negative.

EG – Stated that there is an area for comments on her blog but she has the option to approve and post or not to approve and she will be real careful about the content of her blog.

TS, KH, RY, BB – no comment

a. Reports

i. Secretary

Carrie – Read correspondence; Meeting notice of teleconference agenda for Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) teleconference date August 26, 2010.

She will announce the names of the individuals who submit letters of interest for the three Town Advisory Board Seats up for election on November 10, 2010 at each board meeting until the submission dead line of October 25, 2010. Two letters of interest were submitted by; Harry L. Friend and Randy W. Reed.

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 \$1829.87; Second KH; 5-0

8 General Business

a. Presentation – Lumos & Associates Town Square Design – Lumos & Associates; Dale Doerr

Dale Doerr – Displayed a sketch of the refined Town Square Design, and introduced himself. The goal of the plan is to combine use of the space and simplify the design. The phase one budget is approximately \$50,000.00.
Mr. Doerr - Listed the overall goals; gathering place for town citizens, tourist stop on HWY 95, retain the town clock and Christmas tree in their current locations, area for a future Chamber of Commerce building, low maintenance landscaping.
Mr. Doerr – Pointed out the priorities and content of the design; restrooms, benches, shade shelter, walkways, access to the Christmas tree, solar lighting for the tree, tourist information kiosk, fencing and gates, combination Veterans Memorial and special events area.
Mr. Doerr – Reviewed the sketch of the design pointing out the locations of the contents and possible materials that will be included in the park; boulders, flag poles, walls, concrete, aggregate, trees, signs, entry trellis.
Mr. Doerr – Provided a cost estimate; Phase 1 - \$52,000.00, Phase 2 - \$38,000.00, for a total of \$90,000.00; discussion followed.
Wendy Wilson – Encouraged the Board to represent all branches of the military in the Veterans Memorial.
TS – Inquired about a cost estimate for the aggregate that would be need, originally it was believed that the existing aggregate could be used.
Mr. Doerr – Stated the cost would be approximately \$700.00; Discussion followed.
EG – Reviewed the next steps in the landscape design contract specifically a master plan and materials list.

b. Action- Discussion and possible decision to approve the Glenridge NV, LLC; Space station, Highway Frontage Renovation Rebate Program application – Glenridge NV, LLC; Stuart Turner

Mary Lee Grover; manager of the Space Station Market RV – Explained the plan is to plant trees along Highway 95, the trees are a type of Locust that has different color flowers.
KH – Motioned to approve the Highway Beautification Frontage Program to Glenridge LLC in the amount of \$650.00; Second TS; 5-0

c. Action- Discussion and possible decision to approve the renewal of town website with Lunarpages and place town credit card on file as payment method; annual cost \$107.40 or \$8.95 per month for Basic Plan Hosting for beattynv.info – Suzy McCoy

Suzy McCoy – Stated that the payment is due by October 5, 2010 and requested that the Town be billed direct going forward.
RY- Asked who owns the website.
Ms. McCoy – Stated she did not know; Discussion followed.
RY – Stated the backup shows that Bert donated beattynv.org not beattynv.info; Discussion followed.
RY – Asked if this is a contract or can we pay month to month; Discussion followed.
TS – Stated that before a motion is made on this item the name of the domain name should be cleared up; Discussion followed.
Item tabled

d. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract with Beatty Graphics SM Productions; for maintenance and upkeep of the town website, beattynv.info. An annual charge of \$1000.00 will apply. – Beatty Graphics SM Productions; Suzy McCoy

Suzy McCoy – Stated Nye County wrote up a six month contract but she honored her quote for one year.
EG – Reviewed original proposal; Discussion followed.
Item tabled due to domain name conflict.

e. Action – Discussion and possible decision to pay Nye County Taxes for fiscal year 2010/2011 for the Beatty Economic Development Corp. for parcel number 18-621-02 in the amount of \$1608.55 and parcel number 18-621-03 in the amount of \$10,274.24. BEDC (Beatty Economic Development Corporation); Albert Verrilli

Albert Verrilli/Kitty Shubert– Mr. Verrilli is before the board for approval of the payment of the taxes for 2010/2011.

RY – Asked since the taxes were paid last year how many people have contacted them to look at the property.
Mr. Verrilli – Stated he has had a number of contacts; two of those contacts really wanted a discussion and made site visits in the last two years. One party was prepared to make an offer but encountered too many challenges with Valley Electric. Both parties were the result of his attendance at solar energy conferences; Discussion followed.

RY – Reviewed tax payment history for parcel 18-621-03 when it was owned by Barrick Bull Frog and when the property ownership changed to Beatty Economic Development and inquired if Mr. Verrilli could explain the change in property tax amounts;

Tax Years 03/04 and 04/05 \$218.00 Barrick/Bullfrog

Tax Year 05/06 \$218.00 Beatty Economic Development

Tax Year 06/07 \$7,556.00 Beatty Economic Development

Mr. Verrilli – stated he could not; discussion followed.

RY – Stated that Bert said the property taxes paid to the County came back to the town in a prior meeting where this topic was up for decision.

RY – Read a breakdown of how the property taxes are dispersed; noting that the Beatty Town will get \$758.78 of the \$10,274.00 owed on parcel 18-621-03.

BB – Requested that the record reflect that when he made that statement he was repeating what he was told by the County Commissioner.

TS – Asked that, before the Board moves on this, BEDC get with the county assessor and have the property reevaluated; Discussion followed.

Robert Revert – Stated that you can let your taxes go for three years without the County taking it away; Discussion followed.

Harry Friend – Stated this is a case of pay me now or pay me later; it is not a good idea to place yourself in a position where the property could be lost along with any benefit it may be to this town; Discussion followed.

EG – Referred to the Board's decision in April of 09 to pay the current payment at that time and to pay the future annual property taxes as required until the property is disposed of; Discussion followed.

Wendy Wilson – Stated she believed what Bobby (Robert Revert) was saying is that if you put off the taxes and you sell the property the taxes are paid through the escrow. You have three years, there is a lien put on it and the taxes come out of the escrow.

Harry Friend – Stated that that is called betting on the come; gambling that the property will sell and the taxes will be paid that way; Discussion followed.

BB – Explained that Barrick wanted the Town to receive the benefit of the sale of the property, and did not want the property to transfer to the County due to the concern of potential difficulty in the sales process. It was believed that the sale of the property would be less difficult if Beatty Economic Development was the owner. At the time the property was believed to be valued at over a million dollars.

Richard Stephens- Stated, following the news today, there is an agreement with the Paiute Nation for the right of way for a major power line, that major power line could overcome the objection that the original people had, that they could get transmission capacity. This is being constructed specifically for renewable energy up and down the state so there is a chance that this project might make the property much more attractive.

Ann Marchand – Stated that the condition that the property is in right now; with the roofs peeling off, no electricity and no water out there, it would be a stroke of luck to sell it for \$250,000.00.

Ann Marchand – Stated the property needs to be reassessed or BEDC should pay for an appraisal.

Albert Verrilli – Stated there seems to be a misunderstanding this property does not belong to the town it is owned by Beatty Economic Development Corporation, there is a quick claim deed that is titled to Beatty Economic Development Corporation. If the property is sold or leased that money comes to Beatty Economic Development Corporation and of course the back taxes would be paid at that time. The other thing is we have some bonified people wanting to look at it. This particular project, is a research project, they will buy power from Valley Electric to conduct their research project out there. It will put on the ground; researchers from all over the country and have an international presence as well, in order to take advantage of the resources that UNLV is proposing to start and operate at that site.

TS – Requested the tabling of the item, and that BEDC contact the County Assessor and request a reassessment and maybe an appraisal on the property; Discussion followed.

EG – Reviewed the motion of the BTAB of April 2009; to pay the current payment of \$8000.00 plus dollars from fund 710 and to pay the future property taxes as required until the property is disposed of; with a vote of 3 to 2.

EG – Expressed concern about not following through on the commitment of a prior board.

RY- Explained that the motion states that the BTAB will pay the taxes until it is sold or disposed of even if it takes forever.

KY – Stated or they become self sufficient.

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Albert Verrilli – Stated he understood the discussion about the motion of April 2009, but felt it is reasonable to give BEDC some notice if there is a change to the payment of the property taxes as they have been relying on that motion, and it should not go on forever but it has been relied on for this year; Discussion followed.
Item Tabled

f. Action - Discussion and possible decision to coordinate and sponsor a Candidate Night prior to the November 2nd Primary Election - BTAB

RY- Asked for a volunteer to take charge of this; contact people, set date, and set rules.

BB – Stated as an advisory board we must remain nonpartisan.

Carrie – Stated she spoke with Nye County who gave her a contact that would assist a volunteer with getting the word out to the candidates.

Shirley Harlan – Stated she is the one that asked the Board to consider this. She suggested we contact the Nye County Committees Democratic and Republican, or the candidates and let them set it up.

TS – Stated that was a good idea but we would still need someone local to head it up and follow up.

KH – Clarified that the BTAB and citizens would like a candidate night but the BTAB is not affiliated with it; Discussion followed.

RY – Stated Carrie will call the County and find out if the Town can contact the parties; Discussion followed.

Wendy Wilson – Suggested the Town put out a flyer asking if anyone would like to do this.

RY – Stated the Board cannot do that.

Wendy Wilson – Stated she would put out a flyer asking if someone would like to do this; Discussion followed.

TS – Motioned that Carrie the town secretary contact the County to determine the role that the Town Board can take and also to follow up with political parties as approved by the County; Second KH; 5-0

g. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve the purchase of three, Beatty Chamber of Commerce, Beatty Day’s signs in the amount not to exceed \$8000.00. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Ann Marchand

Ann Marchand – The amount will be approximately \$6055.00 for all three signs, the 290 account will be used to fund the signs. The money in the 290 account can only be spent on advertising; this is money generated from room tax.

KH – Motioned to approve the purchase of three Beatty Chamber of Commerce, Beatty Day’s signs in the amount no to exceed \$8000.00; Second BB; 5-0

h. Action – Discussion and possible decision to finalize Capital Plan including prioritizing projects and all matters pertaining thereto. – Teresa Sullivan

TS – Stated she spoke to Pam Webster about this. Pam Webster said this is a very informal plan, it is more like a guide, subject to change in the future, and there are not timeline restrictions placed on this type of plan. This is a simple guide that lets us know what we are looking toward doing.

TS - Distributed a list of projects: Sewer Installation at Town Square, Town Square, Provider Housing, Commercial Kitchen, Medical Clinic, Ambulance Hall, Fire Hall, Library Addition, Trail System, Gateway to Death Valley Arch, 3 Entry Signs, and Skateboard Park.

TS – Clarified that the list is not in any particular order; Discussion followed.

TS – Requested each BTAB member create their own priority list and submit it to her, she will then place the projects in order based on that information; Discussion followed.

Item tabled

i. Action – Discussion and possible decision to pay registration fees and fuel costs for Albert Verrilli and possibly one other to attend the National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas on September 7, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated this would be a good opportunity to make contact with people who might be interested in the mine property; Discussion followed.

RY – Requested a report and presentation from Albert Verrilli following his attendance of the Summit; Discussion followed.

TS – Motion to approve paying registration fees for Albert Verrilli and one other person to attend the National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas on September 7, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$350.00; Second KH; 5-0

- j. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to place an encumbrance against funds when a commitment of \$5,000.00 or more is made towards any entity or project and a requirement that the entity provide reports and/or updates when action is taken on project – Erika Gerling**

EG – Explained that monies committed to projects are not always used in the same fiscal year, and the need to track funds and projects from one fiscal year to the other is critical to creating and approving the annual budgets.

EG – Spoke to the County and they do not have any way to automatically track funds committed by the town for specific projects; Discussion followed.

TS – Motioned that the Town Office maintain a spreadsheet tracking Town Funds encumbered for projects in excess of \$5000.00, and that the board requests reports monthly of encumbered funds spent; Second KH; 5-0

- k. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to approach Nye County BOCC to reconcile language between Ordinance 19, pertaining to fire departments and Nye County Directive regarding volunteer fire departments. Specifically reporting requirements and appointment of Fire Chief and all other items that are in conflict between the two documents. – Erika Gerling**

RY – Recommended we contact the County about abolishing Ordinance 19; Discussion followed.

EG – Explained that Ordinance 19 is the law. What the Nye County Directive states; in some cases does not support or is in conflict with Ordinance 19; Discussion followed.

Jim Benshoof; Beatty Volunteer Fire Department Chief – Stated the Ordinance is what the Fire Department is operating under right now. The Directive put out by Nye County tries to unify what the County wants to do, specifically around equipment purchases to ensure compatibility among the different departments in Nye County; Discussion followed.

MR. Benshoof – Stated the Ordinance covers how officers are elected and which officers the department has; Discussion followed.

RY – Requested a list of the items in conflict be created to present to the County; Discussion followed.

Item Tabled

- l. **Action – Discussion and decision to move forward on what is required and the options for emergency medical care in Beatty. – Erika Gerling**

TS – Stated this is something that she is working on.

Item dies for lack of motion.

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