



GARDNERVILLE TOWN BOARD

Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, December 4, 2018

4:30 p.m.

Gardnerville Town Hall



INVOCATION – Tammy Claughton – Congregational Care pastor from Lifepoint



4:30 P.M. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum – Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and made the determination a quorum is present.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Linda Slater



PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS (No Action)

This portion of the meeting is open to the public to speak on any topic not on the agenda and must be limited to 3 minutes. The Gardnerville Town Board is prohibited by law from taking immediate action on issues raised by the public that are not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Jerry Turner is concerned that public comments at the beginning and the end of the commissioner's meetings are not shown. Public comments going on line are paraphrased and not recorded. The paraphrasing is distorted. I wrote the contents and gave the talk which could not be understood. How could anyone go on the internet looking for public comment understand the writing when I couldn't myself. This happened two meetings in a row which leads me to believe this is intentional. Please go to the internet and see the video under media at the county commissioners' special meeting. Verify what I say under public comment yourselves. See the media video. Read the paraphrasing words and the public comment. This needs to have an investigation. Public comments should be recorded verbatim, not distorted and no paraphrasing. In ancient times royalty and church had scribes. Most dictation was false to keep masses in control and ignorant. Verify and tell the public.

No further public comment.



FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA, with public comment prior to Board action.

The Gardnerville Town Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.

Motion Higuera to approve the agenda.

Chairman Jones found a typo. I need someone to approve the agenda changing item 10 in two places that should say 2019.

Mr. Higuera/Slater amended his motion to include changing the two dates in item #10 to 2019.

Attorney Yturbide noted the beginning item does reference calendar year 2019 and it appears to have been a clerical error in a and b.

No public comment.

Upon call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.



FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A. November 6, 2018 Regular Board meeting

Motion Miller/Higuera to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018.

No public comment.

Upon call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF GARDNERVILLE AWARD PRESENTATION

 **NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Ceremonial presentation of employee service awards to Ron Grove and Geoff LaCost for 5 continuous years of service to the Town of Gardnerville. (Presentation only)

Mr. Dallaire presented Mr. LaCost with a five year certificate and magnet. Ron Grove was not present to accept his certificate.

CONSENT CALENDAR FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are items that may be adopted with one motion **after public comment**. Consent items may be pulled at the request of Town Board members wishing to have an item or items discussed further. When items are pulled for discussion, they will be automatically placed at the beginning of the Administrative Agenda.

1. **For Possible Action:** Correspondence.
Read and noted.
2. **For Possible Action:** Health and Sanitation & Public Works Departments Monthly Report of activities.
Approved.
3. **For Possible Action:** Approve November 2018 claims.
Approved.

Motion Slater/Wenner to approve the consent calendar.

No public comment.

Upon call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

(Any agenda items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be heard at this point)

4.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion on Town Manager report for the Gardnerville Health & Sanitation's proposed trash rate increase, and possible action directing staff regarding proposed increases to trash rates and directing staff to proceed with the public notice process in compliance with NRS 237.080 for a business impact statement and notice/publication for two consecutive public hearings to be held on the proposed trash rate increases; with public comment prior to Board action.

Mr. Dallaire went over the Consumer Price Index, salaries, a future maintenance and/or office facility, expenses for the trash vehicles, customer base for residential and commercial and landfill fees. There are three options presented tonight.

Attorney Yturbide advised if you did a graduated increase and that is part of what you considered at the public hearing that would potentially be fine.

Mr. Miller asked whether it was 4% on commercial and 3% on residential or 7% on commercial.

Mr. Dallaire answered it is 7% commercial 4% residential. The current rate for residential is \$58.00. The proposed rate would be \$60.32. Office residential is slightly more. An extra can for residential would be \$15.60; minimum user \$15.60; a cleanup bin would be \$26.00. Commercial was \$23.00 and would go to \$24.61.

Mr. Higuera noted if we go with option 1 it just meets our expenses.

Vice-Chairman Slater believes we should plan for new residential coming online and keep pace so we don't fall behind.

Chairman Jones asked why salaries and benefits are different with each option. Why do options 2 and 3 have higher expenses associated with them?

Mr. Dallaire will need to update the spreadsheet.

Public comment.

Julia Duda is concerned about the trash situation impacting our planet in a negative way. Just wondering what the town does as far as motivating people to reduce their trash, increase their recycling and greenwaste.

Chairman Jones explained the town did a test recycling program last year to vet the cost and found out it would be very costly to run. The maintenance yard would include expanded facilities for residents to bring their recycling to our location.

Mr. Dallaire pointed out we have greenwaste recycling. Waste Management has a recycling service they offer and it goes to Lockwood. We have voluntary recycling at DDI and Carson City is voluntary as well. They are talking about a dirty MRF (materials recovery facility). DDI had stepped up and we tried doing a recycling program. The test area was the Ranch at Gardnerville and a small portion of Chichester. DDI hauled the materials to their sister company, South Tahoe Refuse, put it through the conveyor and hauled it back to Lockwood. The recycling was bundled and a company out of Lodi comes up and picks it up.

Ms. Duda goes to the elementary school and they take plastic, glass and tin.

Chairman Jones shared for us to create an institutionalized program, we are continuing to look at the options. But when we did the study a year ago it was over \$10 per user to do that. We are still looking. Tom is keeping up on the options regionally. .

Ms. Duda understands it's not cost effective to have recycling but I still think people could be encouraged to recycle instead of putting their trash in the garbage can. Costco has a big bin in front and they will take your cardboard boxes. Some of the stores around could be encouraged to have a recycle bin for the cardboard or some of their packaging.

Chairman Jones stated the businesses already do it for themselves.

Ms. Duda felt if you can make it easy for people to recycle, then you will cut down on the trash.

Mr. Miller mentioned the transfer station takes cardboard for free.

Mr. Glenn Linderman wondered about providing some level of recycle bin people could use that would encourage them to use the container. Maybe if the recycling centers work well with that size bin, you could dump it in without having to transfer the recyclables individually. If people were charged a little more for the second can that might help a little bit rather than just doing a flat 4 or 5%. Bump that up so people have more incentive to reduce the amount of trash they have.

No further public comment.

Mr. Higuera thought based on the potential increase in the customer base, the minimum increase would hold us for two or three years, I would go with option 1.

Mr. Miller felt if we don't do something now we will be looking at this every year.

Vice-Chairman Slater agrees option 1 sounds logical. Stay on top of it and time will tell. I think this is something we could visit next year. As subdivisions come online there may be a drastic change, but each year we will have a better picture.

Chairman Jones shared when it comes to recycling, the best hope we have in the long run is an expanded maintenance yard. The maintenance yard is relatively the center after the new houses are built. Increasing the cost on the second can is not realistic. When that happened last time, we lost a significant number of second cans. I think the 4 and 7% projects out what we need for a facility as well as a realistic recycling program, without creating so much extra profit that we're gouging our residents. We need the money to build that maintenance yard before the houses are built.

Vice-Chairman Slater would like to everyone to remember that particular maintenance yard is not meant to be expanded to a much larger capacity. It has to be something within reason.

Mr. Miller reviewed the biggest thing in recycling is visibility and accessibility. That piece of land over by the ponds, could we put a recycling bin on that where it's centered and it's visible to the public?

Mr. Dallaire pointed out DDI has the one at GES. That is totally contaminated. Nobody listens or reads what is supposed to go in what container. They get the minimum value for that recycling because it's not manned. Minden is trying to install a cardboard recycling box. I don't think they have anyone manning that. We have also talked to DDI about providing cardboard recycling to our customers. We need to figure out the logistics of that. Additionally there are a few processes and changes. We have special needs, minimum user and vacation stop service.

Motion Higuera/Miller to approve the Gardnerville Health and Sanitation's proposed trash rate increase 7 percent commercial and 4 percent residential and direct staff to proceed with the public notice process in compliance with NRS 237.080 for a business impact statement and notice the publication for two consecutive public hearings to be held on the proposed trash rate increases. Motion carried unanimously.

5.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment #3 Cooperative Agreement P492-12-063 U.S. 395 Kingslane Project, installing 110 lineal feet of sidewalk, regarding construction of the Kingslane entrance and replacement of a portion of the existing perimeter wall along with new channel and culvert improvements, increasing funding from Nevada Department of Transportation and extending the project timeline, and authorizing the town manager to sign the agreement; with public comment prior to Board action.

Mr. Dallaire has been working with NDOT and needs your approval for the last amendment. We are waiting on the agreement and Lumos is working on revised plans. We will submit to District 2 in Sparks.

No public comment.

Motion Slater to approve amendment #3 second Higuera. Motion carried unanimously.

6.  **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment #3 to the Crosswalk project agreement with NDOT extending the project timeline and authorize the town manager to sign the agreement; with public comment prior to Board action.

Mr. Dallaire has the same issue on this one. It's been reduced to the three crossings. NDOT right-of-way department requested orange flags and stakes so they can discuss the actual construction easement locations they have to obtain plus the right-of-way they need to acquire based on the improvements. Lumos came out and did all the stakes.

No public comment.

Motion Slater/Wenner to approve amendment #3 to the crosswalk project agreement with NDOT extending the project timeline and authorize the town manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

7.  **Not for Possible Action:** Discussion on the Town Attorney's Monthly Report of activities for November 2018.

Attorney Yturbide reported this month regular communications with staff occurred and primarily the work has been done on the trash rate increase, in addition to the two agreements that you just looked at this evening.

8.  **Not For Possible Action:** Discussion on the Town Manager's Monthly Report of activities for November 2018.

Mr. Dallaire reported working on signage at the maintenance facility. The sign on top of the Gardnerville station was mis-measured. They had to create a new one. I am hoping to see if we can put the logo on the wall and it will be lighted. Do we want to label the drop-off location? Geoff and staff are concerned that everyone in the valley will be

dumping at the facility. They can't drive back there, but they can walk and drag the large limbs. Before we instigate this I want to get a security camera. We don't have to put the signage on the outside. It can be on the inside. I've been notified by Charge Point that our unit on Eddy is expiring at the end of the year. They will not support that model anymore. The replacement unit runs about \$7,000. There is a program where they take \$3,000 off, so it would be about \$4,500. The program goes through the end of the year that they would replace it. This is a level two charger. They want a level one charger at the gas station but it would need three phase power. Nevada Energy has a program that the application has to be in by the end of the month. We are going to ask for 100 percent cost to install. They would subsidize it for five years. We can charge for the current charging station in a year. I will get the plans done for the grand opening. Kurt Hildebrand wrote an article that I responded to reminding him the Gardnerville station is not a visitor's center. It is a welcome center. Looks like Mark Gonzales, Gardnerville Water Company manager, is retiring on December 18th. He was a town engineer at one point. I will be taking board members on a tour around town. Ken and Linda are on Friday. Mike has already done the tour. I will do the tour with Mary and Lloyd after this.

9.  **Not For Possible Action: Discussion on the Board members activities and liaison committee reports including but not limited to; Carson Valley Arts Council, Nevada League of Cities, and Main Street Gardnerville.**

Ms. Wenner reported the Carson Valley Arts Council annual report is out. At their meeting they mentioned the Avid Volunteers have been dissolved. We lost two board members due to constructive criticism. The Council is looking for new members.

Mr. Higuera didn't attend the Main Street meeting. They are working hard to get the performance evaluation for Debbi Lehr, the Executive Director, done. She should have had it in September. Also on the Main Street website there is a great video of the Christmas Kickoff. New Year's Eve the labyrinth walk is again at Heritage Park from 6-9 p.m. Community Engagement training is January 14 and 15. I believe National Main Street will be involved in that.

Vice-Chairman Slater reported the executive committee is working on the evaluation for the Executive Director Wes Henderson. They are gearing up for 2018 legislative session.

Mr. Miller had nothing to report from WAVE.

Chairman Jones had nothing to report on the Douglas County Community Foundation.

10.  **For Possible Action: Discussion and election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Gardnerville Town Board for the calendar year 2019.**
a. **Election of Gardnerville Town Board Chairman for the 2019 calendar year; with public comment prior to Board action.**

Motion Higuera/Wenner to appoint Linda Slater chairman.

No public comment.

Upon call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

b. **Election of Gardnerville Town Board Vice-Chairman for the 2019 calendar year; with public comment prior to Board action.**

Motion Miller/Slater to nominate Lloyd Higuera vice-chairman.

No public comment.

Upon call for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

2nd PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS period (No action will be taken)

Mr. Jerry Turner commented the commissioners' November 20, 2018 special meeting, 1:01 p.m., Books: the Naked Communist, by Cleon Skouson, the Naked Socialist, Paul Skouson, the Road to Slavery by Dr. John Coleman, the Puzzle of Fascism by Eric D. Williams. The founders knew private property is the source of personal wealth and

independence. Books: The Naked Communist has 4 to 5 goals and communist characteristics. The Naked Socialist has the seven pillars of the 46 goals of socialism with the eight rights necessary to keep a free people. Socialism, the Road to Slavery, Dr. John Coleman; Rights, the Last Obstacle to Socialism Tierney; Watch You Tube Michael Genarete (phonetic) Also the book Puzzle of Fascism, by Eric D. Williams on the Hegelian Dialectic. You Tube Redevelopment; the Unknown Government by Chris Norby (phonetic); You Tube California Successor agency, know the definitions of each section. You Tube the Caffers Report.

Mr. Jerry Turner cautioned about Nevada Energy, owned by Warren Buffet and PG&E owned by the Rothchilds out of Europe. Their goal is to take over world energy. Be careful when you negotiate with Nevada Energy.

Mr. Dallaire presented Chairman Jones with a plaque and gavel for her four year term and serving as chairman of the board in 2018.

Chairman Jones has loved serving here. Thank you for letting me serve with you for four years. I would still be here but for the opportunity that came up.

Vice-Chairman Slater on behalf of the board we congratulate you and don't ever forget us.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Slater, Chairman



Tom Dallaire, Town Manager