

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
11/25/19**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM 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.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member
Rob Shirley (RS) – Member - Absent**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

2 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.

None

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of November 25, 2019

Staff pulled item 6 minutes dated November 4th and item 7 emergency items

4 Action – Informal election to elect two (2) Beatty Town Advisory Board members to fill vacancies due to terms expiring for Erika Gerling and Randy Reed, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a 3 minute speech.

Erika Gerling – Stated I'm asking for your vote tonight to continue the work that this Board has been doing. This is the tenth year that I've served as Treasurer and I've learned a lot, about how things work with people and communities and agencies of all types; government, non-government, for profit and non-profit. When I was first elected and appointed to BTBA my focus was finishing the Robert A. and Florence Revert Park (Town Square). There's still a little to do but we're almost there. Through that experience, working on that project I learned how this Advisory Board works, what we're responsible for, our finances, grants and all kinds of process things. More importantly though, I learned what we can do as a Board to make the dreams of our community a reality. To do this one of the things you have to have is a seat at the table and if you can't have a seat at the table you have to be able to get in room at least and that's one of the things that I've worked really hard to accomplish during my time on this Board and communication, though it isn't perfect is a lot better. People do listen to us and our concerns are taken seriously and even acted on sometimes for our good. I attend a lot of meetings on your behalf and try to be a good and proper representative of this community and of your views. Another thing that I learned is that I really enjoy the work of being on the Advisory Board. The wheels of progress turn slowly but they do turn. I hope you'll let me help keep them turning for our benefit. Lastly, I guess what I really want you to know most about me is this, I'm one of you, I'm a lot like Beatty and some of you, a little quirky, a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. I don't always get it right but I try hard and I do my best. I believe in the people of this community and I'm a tireless, persistent, and fearless advocate and defender of my town. Please vote for me tonight and give me another two years on BTAB. Thanks

Rand Reed – Stated I've been a member of the BTAB since 2012 and Vice Chair since 2019. When I got started on here we had the Town Square, Beatty Area Plan and we're working on redoing some of those, updating them. I'm very active in the community; member of the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department, new member of the Beatty General Improvement District, Beatty Neighborhood Watch, Senior Project Council. I care a lot about the town and when there is stuff going on they can talk to me anytime and I'll try to help. Some other stuff that I've done throughout the years to help out; in 2015 I did \$10,000.00 in fund raising for different local organizations, 2016 and 2017 \$3,000.00 in fund raising for the Senior Center Christmas Baskets. This year I'm doing the raffle of \$750.00 for Christmas Baskets for our seniors, I really enjoy doing that. Current projects that I'm working on with a large Jeep group out of Vegas and Mr. Forsyth, we are working to try to build an off-road obstacle course to bring more people to town, to fill beds, motels and restaurants and everything. I would really like to continue my work with the Town Board. Thank you

DG – Stated Starla Gallagher wasn't able to get here but Marty Wehrly is going to read a statement from her.

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Marty Wehrly – Read, Hello, my name is Starla Gallagher, most of you may know me as the little baker, others may know me as the produce girl and some of you may not know me at all, which I hope I can change in the near future. I'm terribly sorry that I am not able to be there in person this evening. (She's in New Mexico for her husband's work) Recently my family and I had the pleasure of moving back to town and we are here to help our community in any way possible. I would like to take a moment to share some of my accomplishments and activities with you. I have been a business owner since 2012; I have degree in special studies and soon will graduate with a bachelor in science and emergency management. I help coordinate and facility numerous activities in community services within town such as boy scouts and the upcoming 4-h club. My personal emphasis upon returning to Beatty has been children's programs, I have three children of my own and I'm very excited to raise them in this beautiful community. I first came to town in 2010 when my husband was a park ranger with Death Valley. While we did not physically move here until 2012 we fell in love with this community the first time we came through it. We purchased land began building a house and started planning our future here, unfortunately due to my husband's work we had to be gone for three years. This however afforded us the opportunity to see other towns similar to Beatty giving rise to new ideas and inspiration for activities and possibilities for Beatty. In addition to my travel/living experiences I had the pleasure of serving in the US House of Representatives as a page in Washington DC. I was chosen by Congressman Rick Renzi of Arizona to serve for two separate semesters on the US House of Representative Congressional floor affording me a once in a lifetime view of politics at its finest; as some of the good, bad and ugly. Due to this experience and my training through leadership academy in school I feel that I am prepared to take on the duties of a chair within this Board and serve this community well. I am an a achiever having earned my Girl Scout bronze, silver and gold awards and am the kind of individual that will not only have ideas but also create a plan and also follow through with this plan. I thank you all for your time and would appreciate your vote.

DG – Stated at this time we'll take a 15 minute recess while everybody that hasn't voted will get a chance to vote. 6:15pm

DG – Reopened the meeting at 6:30pm; staff and volunteers went to count votes.

- 5 Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to forward the names of the two (2) persons, who received the most votes to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment to the Beatty Town Advisory Board.**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Read the election results;

Randy Reed 25 votes, Erika Gerling 23 votes, Starla Gallagher 7 votes.

Staff recommends based on the voting that Randy Reed and Erika Gerling be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for the next two year terms.

PF – Motion Randy Reed and Erika Gerling names be forwarded to the County Commissioners for a two year term of Town Board membership; Second DG; 4-0

- 6 For Possible Action – Approval of the Minutes dated November 4, 2019**

Pulled

- 7 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

Pulled

- 8 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)**

RR – None; DG - None

EG – Stated I wanted to let you guys know Carrie and I did attend the BLM permitting workshop in Goldfield. The best thing to do if you have something is to call the Tonopah field office and talk to them and they'll tell you if you need a permit or not before you fill out all of the paperwork. We also met with Lou from USDA and she went over where we are in our document revision process; we're on the right track and she will help us as we go. I also agreed to be on two other committees; Beatty Economic Development Corporation and with Paul Miller with the Governor's office; Southwest CREDA. I want to thank BGID for lending us their crew to help get the garland up.

PF – Stated I wasn't at the last meeting so I can't approve the meeting minutes.

9 Presentation by Erika Gerling – Thank you to Community Businesses and Organizations for their support of the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Day, Rhyolite Cleanup.

EG – Stated it's really important to this Board to thank people when they do things for the community or for us whether it's a big thing or a little thing and we're usually pretty good about that and a lot more timely but we wanted to thank some people for their help during National Public Lands Day, we had a cleanup out at Rhyolite and these people contributed to the food and prizes for the treasure hunt; Beatty Chamber of Commerce, Beatty Museum, BVFD, BVAS, Death Valley Coffee Time, Eddie World, Smokn' Jay's BBQ, the Space Station Market, Subway, US Ecology, and I want to thank Carrie and Ricardo. Carrie, for all of the organizing she did and Ricardo for helping us set everything up.

10 Presentation – by Tim Dahl Nye County Public Works Director – Encroachment Permits; where to find permit documents, how to complete permit, where to send permit request, what your fee may be and when you can expect a response.

Tim Dahl- Introduced himself and stated he is hoping to take this opportunity to answer some of those questions that you have of me and my staff. I'd much rather have you ask questions about what you can and can't do in the right-of-way, where to find Nye County Code that deals with right-of-way, where you can find encroachment permits that you can fill out on line. Working with the local utility company to help to patch some of the asphalt cuts that they have done throughout the years and we come by and patch them. What you need do to put in a driveway or to change your driveway or to do any work within the right-of-way. Basically all of the roads here in Beatty are the County's. The right-of-way widths vary, if ever you have questions on those widths or whether or not you think that it might not be the County's, it's never been dedicated or accepted by the County please feel free to come into our office, send me an email and we'll do our research and clarify that it is or is not the County's right-of-way, it is or is not yours to do with whatever you want. This isn't about throwing stones at anybody who has put something into the right-of-way (ROW), it's not allowed by code or by engineering guidelines, this is about trying to address things in the future so that we don't have ask for forgiveness, you just ask for permission. It's really simple; it's really inexpensive, you can build whatever you need to for the most part if it follows a few simple guidelines.

Mr. Dahl – Reviewed the presentation; encroachment, any work in the County ROW. The next couple of slides help define what is encroachment, in summary if you want to work on someone else's property you should ask what you can and can't do. That's basically the premise of encroachments. Nye County Code 1208 defines a road: any street, road, alley ROW easement or ROW other than designated as a State or Federal Highway which is show on the plat subdivision, parcel map or regular survey of Nye County duly recorded in the office of the Nye County recorder. Encroachment permits are handled primarily by Nye County Public Works at the direction of the Nye County Commissioners through Nye County Code 1208. There is a lot of stuff in 1208 in encroachments that is not specifically defined. A lot of the wording in 1208 says, up to the discretion of the Public Works Director and so that gives me some flexibility not to hold anybody to any one line in the sand and work with us all. We all have the same common goal; we want to access our lots. Once you build into that specification it's mine to take care of after that. If you don't get a permit, if it gets washed out I can't come back through and restore it the way it was before but if you do get a permit then it's my obligation to fix it in the event it gets washed out.

Some instances where you don't have an encroachment permit, the property never had one, you aren't the only person who ever lived there, no encroachment permit has ever been obtained for that, it doesn't matter. If you can't get an ambulance, the fire truck and the sheriff to your property I'm going to come through there with our staff, our team and we're going to fix that. So, I'm going to do that if it's a Nye County road or not, I have the support of the Board of Nye County Commissioners to spend those resources and time to ensure you can get an ambulance, fire truck, or the sheriff to your property. We don't want any hiccups when it comes to emergency vehicles being able to respond to an emergency.

Some of the other things that we do at the road department; we cold patch, we mow and chop down trees and we try to do the best we can to prevent and repair flood control issues that may arise.

On benefit of going on line is we have a road maintenance request form on line, it's a tool that I love because I can't see everything but you can help me see what needs repair.

Once you fill out an encroachment permit we have 72 hours to get out there and take pictures of road condition prior to work so we can compare after. Sometimes traffic control plans are necessary for just about 99% of Joe public there's not going to be a traffic control plan required; discussion followed

The fee per driveway is \$75.00; it's been that way since 2004. It's barely enough to pay for the guy to go out before work starts and after it's completed and the administrative work. If you have a contractor be sure their information is on the application; discussion followed and a sample application was reviewed.

You have up to a year to complete the work once the permit has been approved.

Albert Verrilli – Asked, existing ROW as it interfaces with private property, if there's a drainage problem, ponding or something in the ROW, who repairs that.

Mr. Dahl – Stated anything in the County ROW we will come out and repair; discussion followed. I need your input I need to know about issues in the ROW; discussion followed.

Mr. Dahl – Stated if anybody has questions please give me a call. Thank you.

11 Consent Agenda Items

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

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount \$1,155.76; Second PF; 4-0

12 Reports

a. Secretary

EG – Reviewed information received by the Town Office;

Elizabeth with the BLM has taken another job

December 4th US Census is having a job fair at the library

December 10th Nevada Health Link will have a representative at the Library to assist with open enrollment, also it's the children's Christmas craft day 4pm to 5pm

December 6th Beatty Women's third annual Christmas cookie exchange

Chamber Christmas lighting contest will be Tuesday December 10th from 5:30pm to 7pm awards during Santa Night on the 13th

December 8th Santa is coming to town; see Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Happy Burro

Nevada Department of Veterans Services monthly second Thursday from 10am to 2pm here

VFW Christmas Bunko December 14th at the Community Center starts at 2pm

All of these should be on the town website.

13 General Business

a. For Possible Action- Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the Beatty High School Close Up, Washington DV trip. – Steven Sullivan; Beatty High School

EG – Motion to accept supplemental information; Second PF; 4-0

Steven Sullivan – Introduced himself; teacher, coach and class sponsor at Betty High School and thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight. This year we are planning another Close Up trip for our Beatty High School juniors and seniors. It is a week long experience in Washington DC where the students get to interact with other students from around the Country and take part in political discussion, see monuments, sights and get the overall experience of how their government works. The tuition per student is \$2,065.00 we have a total of 23 students signed up to attend this year. The \$2,065.00 includes; program tuition, room and board, transportation (flight to DC), safety and security. The 23 students have paid \$400.00 of their own money; they have raised \$6141.00 and have received various donations of up to \$11,150.00, which leaves our remaining balance of \$21,004.00 to make the trip. Two years ago you did provide a generous donation to help our students go and we greatly appreciate that. Beatty High School has been participating in Close Up since 1986 and in that time 316 students from Beatty High School have attended the Close Up program, myself being one of them. We plan on continuing to do various fund raisers that will raise money as well as the students themselves committed another \$300.00 for their trip. As always we are going around to our local businesses, businesses from out of town and we'll also be attending an Amargosa Town Board meeting to ask for a donation.

DG – Asked how many students of the 23 are from Beatty?

Mr. Sullivan – Stated 6 are from Beatty, 17 from Amargosa.

EG – Asked what's the date of the trip? Next year?

Mr. Sullivan – Stated next March.

EG – Clarified for the \$21,000.00 you have us, Amargosa Town Board and some other...

Mr. Sullivan – Stated we have sent letters out to various businesses; we're waiting to hear back from them.

EG – Stated last time we donated \$2,500.00 but the kids did some work out at the Cemetery, did you guys have a plan:

Mr. Sullivan – Stated we're hoping to do some community work to receive the donation.

General Business 13a continued

EG – Stated I would like to come up with a project that would be really great.

DG – Asked how much are you going to ask Amargosa Town Board for?

Mr. Sullivan – Stated it's my understanding that it's the same amount; Discussion followed.

PF – Asked if you need this right away?

Mr. Sullivan – Stated we have to send the payment by February first; Discussion followed.

*EG – Motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Close Up program and if they need additional help they can revisit the Board;
Second PF; 4-0*

14 General Public Comment

RR – Stated I will be doing the drawing for the senior center basket at the next Town Board meeting.

Marty Campbell – Stated we are in the process of getting our 501c3, at that time we will be asking for lots of support.

15 Adjournment

RR – Motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm; Second RS; 4-0