

# TOWN OF LOMA LINDA, MO

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Loma Linda met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Loma Linda Town Office. Trustees present: Bruce Anderson, Denny Holdgrafer, Barbara Hutchison, Gene Delano and Tom Parr.

### I.

The First Order of Business was the presentation of the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes: Tom Parr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Denny Holdgrafer seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### II.

The Second Order of Business was the Financial Report: Jan Woody read the financial reports. A motion to approve the Financial Reports, as presented, was made by Denny Holdgrafer and seconded by Barbara Hutchison. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### III.

The Third Order of Business was the request for payment of routine monthly bills from the General and Utility Fund Accounts: Payments totaling \$4,057.35 from the General Account and \$195.75 from the Utility Account were presented. Gene Delano made a motion to pay the bills and Denny Holdgrafer seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.  
*\*Bruce Anderson abstained\*.*

### IV.

The Fourth Order of Business was the Finance Committee Report. As a result of recent insurance rate increases, largely due in part to Worker's Compensation Coverage, the Finance Committee was charged with gathering alternative insurance options via RFP (request For Proposal) that were sent to four companies. The committee received responses from all four; one which requested a minimum of 30 days for an RFP and one full proposal was received, reviewed and discussed. The recommendation is to allow MOPERM their 30 day response time on the RFP and the Finance Committee will review once received and Chairman Anderson will discuss with the town's attorney coverage requirements for Worker's Compensation Insurance.

### V.

The Fifth Order of Business was the Park Committee Report. The committee met and discussed park priorities/initiatives for the year and it was agreed upon to conduct a community survey to gather the best interests of the residents. The survey will be posted on the Loma Linda Facebook page and will be handed out at the mailboxes. Gene Delano made a motion to proceed with the Park survey and Denny Holdgrafer seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**. A concern about the size of the Pickle Ball/Basketball court was mentioned at the Park meeting in that it needs to be increased for safety and also both the Tether Ball and rope need replaced. Denny Holdgrafer and Gene Delano will get bids on adding the additional concrete bringing the court to 40x60 in size. It was also mentioned about the upkeep needed to the Disc Golf Course and the possibility of creating walking and mountain bike trails. The Park Committee will meet prior to the May Board of Trustee's meeting.

### VI.

The Sixth Order of Business is "Around Town":

1. Denny Holdgrafer continues to monitor the sewage flow, which includes Downstream Casino, and reports the lift station flows continue to be in good shape.

## VII.

The Seventh Order of Business was comments from Sally Smith. Sally brought concerns to the Board about the on-going sewer rate increases since 2010 from the City of Joplin and three main items around the current state of Loma Linda Sewer and the City of Joplin:

1. Removing the \$9.00 Loma Linda fee.
2. The possibility of removing or getting a discount from the City of Joplin as 30% of the billing goes to their infrastructure from outlying communities to connect them to their system.
3. The possibility of annexation.

Chairman Anderson mentioned we are not getting the agreed upon monthly report from the City of Joplin as per the contract verbiage. We will need to reach out to the City Engineers/Allgeier, Martin & Associates to make certain as to receipt of the report of what is being transported and treated. The City of Joplin is not adhering to the contract as stated and Chairman Anderson will consult with town's attorney.

The Finance Committee will meet to re-visit the original concept of the \$9.00 charge and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Empire District: Joe Blau made agreement with Empire to supply underground electricity to Loma Linda. Empire District's Franchise and Service Agreements didn't state propane couldn't be used in Loma Linda, however, further contract research will be done to ensure accurate information. Gene Delano will look into earlier contracts/agreements.

## VIII.

The Eighth Order of Business was Old/New Business:

### **Old Business:**

1. Frozen gate entry keypads status update: *Bob Goddard met with Wyandotte Technologies to provide a protective door covering over the keypads and install heated keypads at both gate entrances. It was recommended that the work be done in the fall.*
2. Town Hall water issue (excess water and ice accumulation between the mail rooms); downspout location change update: *Denny Holdgrafer met with several vendors to provide quotes on the scope of work relocating the downspout in order to re-direct the excess water run-off. The work was completed and there have been no further issues.*
3. Back-up Town Clerk update: *Jan Woody spoke with Lori Jessup and she is on board with filling in as needed.*

### **New Business:**

1. City of Joplin and Empire contracts: *City of Joplin contract & Empire Agreements were covered under the Seventh Order of Business.*
2. Town Clerk requests Monday, April 22, 2019 off. *Board decided to close office.*
3. Water issue; street repairs needed on Butterfield Drive & Loma Linda Drive. *Gene Delano will meet with Bob Goddard on original plan for repairs and advise with further details.*
4. New street sign poles. *Denny Holdgrafer proposes replacing various sign poles around Loma Linda that were replaced with inadequate poles and are in need of correcting.*

5. Larry Rainey brought up two topics: Something more needs to be done with the lack of “yielding” at the gate; “the Yield is not working as no one is yielding with oncoming traffic.” Next, the idea of electronic sewer billing/payments. Larry presented the Board with the utility billing process that is done by Mid-America Corporation that would be a cost savings of resources. Chairman Anderson said it would be worth looking into, he will talk with People’s Bank and the Town Clerk will reach out to Mid-America to invite them to present utility billing options.

IX.

The Ninth Order of Business was a motion to adjourn by Denny Holdgrafer and seconded by Gene Delano. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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RaChelle Garman, Town Clerk

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Bruce L. Anderson, Chair, Board of Trustees

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