

# TOWN OF LOMA LINDA, MO

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 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, May 14, 2019 in the Loma Linda Town Office. Trustees present: Bruce Anderson, Denny Holdgrafer, Gene Delano and Tom Parr. Barbara Hutchison was absent.

### I.

The First Order of Business was the Swearing In of the newly elected Board of Trustees. Bruce Anderson and Denny Holdgrafer raised their right hand and took the Oath of Office. Next, was the election of a new Chairman to The Board of Trustees. Tom Parr nominated Bruce Anderson to continue on as Chairman of the Board. Denny Holdgrafer seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations made. The nomination/motion was **unanimously approved**.

### II.

The Second Order of Business was the presentation of the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes: Gene Delano made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Denny Holdgrafer seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### III.

The Third 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 Tom Parr and seconded by Denny Holdgrafer. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### IV.

The Fourth Order of Business was the request for payment of routine monthly bills from the General and Utility Fund Accounts: Payments totaling \$5,358.71 from the General Account, \$37,262.82 from the Utility Account and \$1,037.97 from the Park Account were presented. Denny Holdgrafer made a motion to pay the bills and Gene Delano seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**. *\*Bruce Anderson abstained\**.

### V.

The Fifth Order of Business was the Finance Committee Reports: The Finance Committee did an analysis of the proposal to adjust/remove the \$3.00 Loma Linda Sewer charge. Since the \$3.00 monthly charge Loma Linda receives only to covers the operations of the Sewer Fund, it was decided to continue with the rates as they are. The committee also discussed Ordinance No. 16-001 that places a \$.30 levy per \$100 assessed valuation for general municipal purposes that goes to the Health & Welfare Fund. It expires in 2019 and will need to be placed on the 2020 ballot. Treasurer, Jan Woody will analyze the H & W fund and a committee will be set up to evaluate the need and/or justification for the continuation of this assessment.

Chairman Anderson and Treasurer Jan Woody, met with the City of Joplin to discuss the on-going sewer rate increases. The City of Joplin explained the differences between "grey water" and "black water" and it was determined that Loma Linda is sending "black water" to Joplin. Chairman Anderson also spoke with an engineer from Allgeier, Martin & Associates, who also defined grey and black water the same as what the City of Joplin had said. It was also noted that Loma Linda is paying the same additional 30% premium for being outside the Joplin city limits as other outlying communities. Chairman Anderson proposed going to the City Council and if we can show our sewer system is unique in what Loma Linda is sending to the City of Joplin in terms of wastewater, perhaps we might be able to attain a reduced rate.

## VI.

The Sixth Order of Business was the Park Committee Reports: The committee met to discuss and review the draft of the Park Survey and discuss the expansion needed for the basketball/pickle ball court. Denny Holdgrafer volunteered to get quotes for adding an additional 5' of concrete on three sides of the basketball/pickle ball court. Gene Delano made a motion to add the extension to the basketball/pickle ball court and Denny Holdgrafer seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**. Denny also volunteered to replace the Tether Ball and rope. The committee agreed on dates/times there would be volunteers to hand out surveys at the Town Hall, as well as, posted signage for the survey. As a result of the 53 returned Park Surveys, playground equipment had the most votes, with lighting and flag pole coming in a close second. Votes for funding park items were via donations and existing property taxes. There was also a positive response of 35 'Yes' to 23 'No' votes on the historical Butterfield Stagecoach property. The committee will review playground offers and review options.

## VII.

The Seventh Order of Business was the Architecture Committee Report: The committee met on April 22, 2019 to review and discuss two building permit applications. Both applications were approved for the following:

1. Tom Moore, new home construction, address TBD, Block 1, Lot 20. Construction will be done by Collins General Contracting.
2. Gene Delano, 2153 N. Loma Linda Drive roof extension over existing back patio. Construction will be done by Four States Homes.

## VIII.

The Eighth 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.

## XI.

The Ninth Order of Business was Old/New Business:

### Old Business:

1. City of Joplin sewer status update. *Addressed and discussed under Finance Committee Reports.*
2. Street sign poles replacement status update. (Denny Holdgrafer) *Denny states 14 poles need fixed and is estimated to cost \$200.00 per pole. Denny will look into getting two additional quotes.*
3. Pickle ball/basketball court concrete addition status update. (Denny Holdgrafer) *Addressed and discussed under Park Committee Reports.*
4. Butterfield Drive & Loma Linda Drive street repairs update. (Gene Delano) *Chairman Anderson stated the Joplin Special Road District contract is coming up for renewal in June for road maintenance and he will attend the Mayors meeting on May 28, 2018.*
5. Empire agreements/contracts (propane use in Loma Linda) status update. (Gene Delano) *Loma Linda was originally set up as an electric use community as opposed to natural gas.*

### New Business:

1. Resident, Ted Meador, reported to Town Clerk of Eastwind road severely damaged after recent flooding. Bob Goddard investigated and placed cones for area to avoid and advised Town Clerk to notify Republic to steer clear of portion of buckled road from 2708-2711 Eastwind Drive. *Bob Goddard put together a road map drawing of the work needed and provided an estimate. Chairman Anderson spoke with the town's attorney in light of the emergency need and impact of damage, the town will not have to put the project out for bid. Board agrees this is an emergency project and needs to be done as soon as possible.* Denny Holdgrafer made a motion to proceed with the road work and Tom Parr seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.
2. Utility billing options status update. *Town Clerk spoke with Mid-America Corp regarding the options of having an on-line bill paying system for the quarterly sewer bills. There would be set-fees and collection fees associated with doing so, which would not be a cost savings to the town as a result.*
3. Worker's Compensation Audit begins May 31, 2019.

4. *Chairman Anderson spoke with the town's attorney regarding Worker's Comp charges. Committee members do not need to have Worker's Comp coverage.*
5. *Gate and security issues. Resident, Jerry Hentz presented an incident report for Loma Linda and discussed his concerns over the security in Loma Linda. He proposed an option in changing the gate style and set-up, updating to better cameras, closing one gate and routing to a single gate use after hours and perhaps going to vehicle ID stickers, as well as, needing a gate code to enter and exit.*  
*Resident, Tracy Borgmeyer also mentioned the importance of neighbors being watchful of suspicious activity/people around our homes, our neighbors and neighborhoods. Downstream does have security patrol throughout but is not considered law enforcement to Loma Linda.*  
*Denny Holdgrafer and Tom Parr volunteered to look into additional security measures.*

X.

The Tenth Order of Business was a motion to adjourn by Gene Delano and seconded by Tom Parr. The motion was **unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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RaChelle Garman, Town Clerk

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Bruce L. Anderson, Chair, Board of Trustees

*Posted: Thursday, May 16, 2019*