

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
February 10, 2020

- Call to Order- Michael Publicker
- Pledge to the Flag- Michael Publicker
- Roll Call- Marie Davis

Michael Publicker-present, Peggy Fuller-present, Ed Simms-present, Marie Davis-present, Chris Benjamin – absent

- Approval of January Minutes
 - Ed Simms made a motion to approve January minutes, Peggy Fuller seconded. All in favor.
- Treasurer’s Report – Peggy Fuller
 - The money market checking account had a beginning balance of \$6535.35. Interest from the money market account in the amount of \$3.51 and interest from the CDs in the amount of \$193.90 were added for total of \$6732.76. Payments were made for Barbeque repairs, a wooden bar, Oktoberfest reimbursements, and a new hot dog machine for this year’s Oktoberfest. A \$259.87 payment for the website renewal was accidentally charged twice, corrections will be reflected in the next treasurer’s report. The ending total of all accounts is \$106,138.43. All government filings are up to date. We are currently in compliance with our budget.
- Sheriff’s Report – Dennis Miller
 - In the Leona Valley area, there were 2 part 1 crimes, a burglary on Northside Drive and the theft of a makeshift trailer from 92nd St. There were 2 vehicle burglaries in the Bouquet area where personal items were stolen from parked vehicles. Some of the items stolen included credit cards. Deputy Miller issued 12 citations in the area for the month of January, 1 of the 12 was a misdemeanor for driving without a license. Deputy Miller is not aware of any accidents in the month of January related to the intersection of Godde Hill and ELR.
- Bouquet Repaving Project- Chuck Heffernan, Director of Public Works/Julia Mendez, County Road Maintenance Department
 - Bouquet Canyon Road is scheduled to be repaved in 2020 from Elizabeth Lake Road to Spunky Canyon Road, repaving a total of approximately 8 and a half miles. The County of Los Angeles is taking the lead control of the project in order to streamline the repaving by selecting contractors and paying the total cost. The City of Palmdale will reimburse the County for the areas of Bouquet Canyon the County is responsible for. The plan is to completely repave the road with Cold In place Recycling (CIR) with a 1 and ½ inch cap overlay. Karl Percy expressed concern over the growing slippery oil on Elizabeth Lake Road at the intersection of Bouquet Canyon. It is unknown if the oil is a result of multiple accidents at the intersection or

imperfect repaving in that section. Julia said her department is looking at the repaving project for Godde Hill Road next. She believes it may get started in summer of 2020. Chuck said they are also looking at a drainage improvement project for Godde Hill this year. Karl Percy stated he would like to see Leona Valley's dark sky requirements honored in any future plans for streetlights and signs.

- PSPS Presentation by Southern California Edison – Liz Seelman, Government Relations Manager, Bob Stiens, Sr. Advisor, SCE
 - Southern California Edison has 27% of their service area in high fire areas. Leona Valley is considered a tier 3 fire risk area, which is the top level. SCE is identifying key circuits for the high fire danger area to make improvements in those areas as part of their Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Some of the improvements include better poles made of composite instead of wood, wires replaced with covered conductor wire to mitigate sparks, and upgraded circuit grids to allow for more specific shut off areas. Remote automated switches will isolate the particular circuits in the most dangerous areas in regard to weather. SCE has installed hundreds of small weather stations in order to monitor weather in a more accurate way. Cameras are also being installed in high fire risk areas to record 24/7 in order to identify fires quickly. Vegetation management is also a part of The Wildfire Mitigation Plan. This includes identifying and modifying any dead or dying vegetation that pose a potential hazard along power supply routes. Several residents commented that they were affected by multiple outages when the houses across the street were still energized. It was explained by Liz that there are only two circuits that run thru Leona Valley. The circuits range over a large area and because of limited ability to be specific in the shut off area, many customers who were not in a high-risk area were shut off with the whole circuit because of a dangerous condition somewhere else on that circuit. Enhanced overhead inspections are also part of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Many residents have seen low flying helicopters along powerlines and over their homes. Liz explained they were doing visual overhead inspections in order to identify any potential hazards along power supply routes and around structures. Bob said the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) are specific to the circuits and the weather conditions along those circuits. He said the remote automated switches and upgraded circuit controls will allow the PSPS to be more specific and hopefully less frequent in some areas. Bob also reminded everyone to update their contact information with SCE in order to get notified in a timely manner of any scheduled power shutoffs. SCE closely monitors weather predictions in order to plan ahead for PSPS in specific areas. Other providers of services like internet and water have been advised by SCE to have secondary power sources in the event of a PSPS. Michael Publicker noted that residents can

apply for reimbursement for losses due to extended outages that they were not notified of due to PSPS or another planned outage on the SCE website.

- Committee Reports

- Community Standards and Land Use – Peggy Fuller

- Regional Planning will only allow the LVTC to put items in their CSDs that fall under Regional Planning's Jurisdiction. This is due to new staffing and changes. Anything covered by Parks, Department of Public works, or Public Safety do not fall under their jurisdiction. Peggy went to Regional Planning to discuss properties of concern in Leona Valley. The new construction on the corner of 90th street and Calva is complying as its frontage road is 90th street, not Calva, so the set back on the front and side yards are within the minimum setback requirements. The property on the north side of Godde Hill Road has two mobile homes on it. The unit in the front is in violation and has been notified, the unit in the rear is permitted and is complying. The mobile home park on Elizabeth Lake Road has not had current permits in approximately 30 years. The property owner is attempting to get the property into compliance and a public hearing time will be posted regarding the property. The State of California regulates mobile home parks. The horse property on Elizabeth Lake Road is not in violation of anything, but they have been asked by Regional Planning to provide a site plan. The car garage property on Elizabeth Lake Road does not have plans to become a Dollar Store. Michael Publicker reminded all residents that they are welcome at any time to submit a complaint regarding code enforcement directly to Regional Planning, they do not have to notify the LVTC about code issues, although it would be neighborly to speak to the offending party regarding code issues before reporting them to the authorities.

- Association of Rural Town Councils – Michael Publicker

- At the last meeting there was a presentation from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) by Gene Harris. There is a new facility opening on Avenue I that will be open 24 hours for mental health assessment. It will ease the mental health burden on hospitals and families in crisis. The Antelope Valley has one of the highest suicide rates in 19 to 25-year old's in California.

- Community and Public Relations – Ed Simms

- Last month's meeting was recapped on the Facebook Pages. Ed plans to put the highlights and contact information for presenters out on the website.

- Finance, Ways and Means – Peggy Fuller
 - One of the CDs has matured and needs to be put in another fund. A motion was made by Ed Simms to reinvest the 28,000 CD into a short-term fund, as recommended by a financial advisor. Marie Davis seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
- Community Health and Safety – Michael Publicker in place of Chris Benjamin
 - No current update by CHP. Newcastle outbreak last month has pushed the quarantine back by 120 days.
- Bylaws Committee – Peggy Fuller
 - The last meeting was a better turnout than the first. Several issues were discussed, and the bylaws are being revised. The next meeting will be on February 24th for further revisions.
- Public Comments
 - **LVIA** – The Community Building is scheduled to be used as a polling place. The rent paid for usage is 200 per day, which will be helpful towards improvements and upkeeps. An accessibility ramp needs to be installed prior to use as a polling place. Michael Publicker plans to design and build the ramp. April 4th is the next LVIA event. It is a breakfast event. Anyone interested in helping with the Cherry Parade this year is encouraged to contact Nicole Cook.
 - **SERTOMA** – the Senior Dinner was successful with a good turnout. The next event scheduled is the St Patrick’s Day dinner on March 17th at the Community Building.
 - **Neighborhood Watch/CERT** The next CERT class is starting in Sun Village for the next 3 Saturdays. There will be an Equine Response Team class on March 7th at the Palmdale Animal Shelter. This class is for anyone interested in assisting with large animal evacuations during disasters.
 - **WAVHS** The book sale is scheduled for February 29th. On March 2nd, the regular WAVHS meeting will be at the Antelope Valley Rural Museum.
- Town Council Board Member Comments
 - NONE
- Old Business
 - NONE
- New Business
 - Karl Percy mentioned earlier in the meeting that he would like to see a link to the correct code for Leona Valley lighting requirements in the LVTC website. He said the information is difficult to find and he would like it to be easier for new residents to look up. Peggy Fuller said she would put a link on the webpage.
- Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn by Marie Davis, seconded by Ed Simms. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

