

**LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING, Jan. 11, 2010**

**MEETING OPENED:** by President Suzy Love at 7 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzy Love, Mike Waters, Larry Tyler, Bill Elliott and Chuck Fluharty

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes for the October meeting were submitted. Motion to approve made by Mike Waters, seconded by Larry Tyler, approved as amended. The December meeting minutes were presented. They were approved with three minor corrections. Motion to approve made by Mike Waters, seconded by Larry Tyler.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report was submitted and approved. Motion to approve made by Larry Tyler, seconded by Bill Elliott.

**AGENDA:**

**President/Public Comments:** During these agenda items Larry Tyler asked for CERT-trained folk to volunteer to sign up to help organize a CERT disaster team in Leona Valley. There is to be a disaster exercise in Lancaster in March. Larry emphasized that it is difficult to get folks together under disaster circumstances and hoped that an organized team here in Leona Valley would be in place before any disaster occurred. There were no volunteers at the meeting.

Resident Deputy Sheriff Loren Worthington told the community that he has been promoted to Detective status serving in Narcotics. He is planning on introducing his replacement (a local resident) at the next meeting. A motion was made by Mike Waters that a letter of commendation be sent to Loren's commanders, seconded by Suzy Love, approved by voice vote. Loren gave a brief update on recent burglaries in the Lakes and Valleys area. He emphasized that the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) trained group is an "awesome program" and a great deterrent to local crime and said that the community should "take care of them...make sure that they know you appreciate them." He stated that his job locally was a lot of fun and probably the hardest job he has ever done. It was good for his career and he appreciates the support he got from the community. He added that he got more complaints and more recommendations than anyone else at the station. Loren mentioned that the deputy replacing him has had good traffic training and will be hard on speeders.

John Seymour reported that Southern California Edison has donated \$10,000 to the Historical Society for the Old Schoolhouse Fund.

**Water Rates:** A meeting to gather support to fight the proposed California Water Service rate increase is set for Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Community Building. There was discussion as to whether the Town Council would lead the fight or what position it would take. Larry Tyler reiterated his opinion that the Town Council should not take the lead. This generated discussion supporting the council taking the lead. The immediate need is to organize a committee and chair to start working on questions that need answering before a Feb. 4 public meeting on the increase request. According to Chuck Fluharty an Administrative Law Judge, who will be in attendance at the meeting, will set the agenda for a CPUC hearing in San Francisco. Persons speaking at the Feb. 4 hearing will be addressing members from the Office of Rate Payer Advocates (ORA) and California Water Service Company. There was discussion about the need for a legal fund if a committee decides that a lawyer was needed and the need to get probable costs in hand before the local Jan. 16 meeting. Karen Bryan recommended that the Town Council send a letter to ORA to protest the requested rate increases. A lot of decisions are on hold to measure the turnout at the Jan 16 meeting. If there is a good turnout and committee/committees can be formed, Chuck Fluharty is willing to take the lead. Such a committee should be under the Town Council umbrella as the Board Members have more knowledge than a lay-person of what might be needed from committee members.

**ARTC:** A letter from a member of the Acton Town Council was sent to the Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) responding to a series of proposed state and county regulations regarding mainly water and septic system issues. It was decided that nothing should be done until there is further information.

**Elizabeth Lakes Road:** Larry reported that curbing is being poured now and that paving will start presently through the Ritter Ranch area. There will be one lane each way at the western end of the project which does not go beyond where work is being done now. Bill Elliott questioned whether the western end of the project was narrowing down to one lane with curbing and no place to pull off in case of a stall or accident. Larry is to find an answer to this question.

**Power Lines:** Karen Bryan reported that county lawyers are still going ahead with information gathering prior to making a decision on whether to go to court against SCE. She added that the committee has to come up with a list of what is wanted as well as what isn't. Norm Hickling, representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, stated that the group has got SCE's attention at last. There were 20 SCE representatives at a recent meeting. This process is also a learning experience for the Supervisors and everyone is learning that communities are not going to be ignored.

**Mary Ann Floyd Memorial:** Richard Thomas reported that the organizing committee last met on Nov. 28. They have not finalized what they want to do. He is to contact memorial makers to see what is available. As Richard is not on the council anymore a liaison is needed from the council to the committee. Mike Waters volunteered.

**Old/New Business:** Bill Elliott reported that Marshall Adams, who is working on Leona Valley CSD's for the county, wants another meeting with the CSD committee as he has issues with recent committee responses. There is a need to get the committee together to meet with the county in a couple of weeks. Bill will contact Alice Benoit to see if she still wants to head up the committee. If not he has offered to take the chair.

Karl Pearcy asked if the 7 p.m. starting time for council meetings is to continue. Yes.

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Dahlia Grossman announced the Lakes Valentine's Dinner Dance on Feb. 13. She added that after a recent garage sale the Yodler can continue for a couple more months.

Guyla Clayton added that the Jan. 30 4-H Spaghetti Dinner is at the Community Building at 5 p.m.

There is to be an LVIA-sponsored Sweet Sundae Ice Cream Social on Feb. 14., 1-4 p.m.

Bill Elliott stressed that local groups should submit information about upcoming events to be put on the Town Council web site.

He particularly wants to update local businesses and out-of-area businesses owned by local residents.

Richard Thomas announced that it was his wife, Mary's, birthday.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:** Moved by Mike Waters, seconded by Bill Elliott, approved by voice vote at 8:45 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Christine Stoddard

Revisions to minutes: No Revisions \_\_\_\_\_

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Motion to approve by: Bill Elliott \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: Suzy Love \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: By Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/08/10 \_\_\_\_\_