

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
October 11, 2021
Meeting Conducted at the Community Building

- **Call to Order** 7:00pm – Bill Elliott
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call** – Marie Davis
 - William Elliott –Present
 - Jay Bonham –Present
 - Peggy Fuller –Present
 - Michelle Flanagan –Present
 - Marie Davis –Present
- **Deputy Report** – Deputy Godoy
 - Loud music complaints in the area of Calva and Penhaven. Contact was made and the problems were resolved.
 - Generator noise complaints regarding a property on Elizabeth Lake Road. There are trailers on the property. The identity of the actual owner is unknown at this time. Investigations are pending.
- **Approval of August Minutes** – Marie Davis
 - Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Michelle Flanagan, seconded by Peggy Fuller.
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – Yes
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - William Elliott-- Yes
 - Motion passed.
- **Treasurer’s Report / Finance, Ways and Means**– Peggy Fuller
 - See Separate Treasurer’s Report for full details
 - Total LVTC assets as of October 11, 2021 are \$.104,491.13
 - Michelle Flanagan made a motion to reimburse Peggy Fuller for Oktoberfest expenses in the amount of \$378.81. Marie Davis seconded the motion.
 - Marie Davis- Yes
 - Jay Bonham – Yes
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Abstain
 - William Elliott -- Yes
 - Motion Passed
- **Resident Open Discussions on Grow Houses in Leona Valley**
 - William Elliott urges residents to report suspicious activity. He suggests steeper penalties for illegal grow violations.
 - There were general concerns expressed about the ability of the Sheriff’s Department to investigate grow houses.

▪ **Committee Reports**

- Association of Rural Town Councils – Peggy Fuller
 - No updates available due to lack of internet connection at the last ARTC meeting.
- Community and Public Relations – Michelle Flanagan
 - Michelle continues to post relevant information to the community Facebook page. Information about Oktoberfest, tire disposal, mattress disposal, and landfill information.
- Community Health, Safety, and Welfare – Jay Bonham
 - The Next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for November.
 - Godde Hill Road is currently the only public works project currently in process.
 - Jay purchased two new Neighborhood watch signs to replace the old ones.
- Community Standards and Land Use – Peggy Fuller
 - There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at Palmdale City council regarding the new Ana Verde proposed development. The plans include improvements to several streets and the freeway access via Avenue S.
 - There are currently no updates regarding the Ritter Ranch development
 - Karen Bryan has volunteered to donate her time and expertise in an effort to get Leona Valley certified as an internationally recognized Dark Sky Community.
 - Peggy Fuller made a motion to apply for recognition with the International Dark Sky Association. Michelle Flanagan seconded
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – No
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - William Elliott -- Yes
 - Peggy Fuller made a motion to appoint Karen Bryan make the application for recognition. Michelle seconded.
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – Yes
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - William Elliott – Yes
- Election Committee -Peggy Fuller
 - Candidate status
 - The individuals who have applied for candidacy in the Town Council election this November are as follows
 - Judy Anaya
 - Miguel Bin
 - Marie Davis
 - Jay Tremblay
 - Peggy suggested making the in person election hours on November 2nd at the community center from 4pm to 8pm. Volunteers to work at the community building are Karl Percy, Michelle Flanagan, Jay Bonham, and William Elliott.

- Issues of the qualifications of some of the candidates were addressed
 - Candidate Bin would need the two-year residency requirement waived before being eligible.
 - Candidate Jay Tremblay needs his property boundaries confirmed in order to determine if his residence is technically in Leona Valley.
 - Peggy Fuller needs the two-term limit waived in order to run for a third consecutive term.
 - The election committee will meet later in the month to discuss and further investigate the above issues.
 - Oktoberfest Committee
 - Tickets are being sold; planning is moving ahead on schedule.
- **AV Deputy Supervisor's Comments and Updates** – Charles Bostwick
 - The old auto repair shop on Elizabeth Lake Road has been cited for multiple violations on the property. They have refused to comply and have an attorney to fight the violations. There is a hearing scheduled for some time in the next 6 weeks. Chuck will check to find out if the hearing will be open to the public.
 - The owner of the property on 92nd street was cited in July for violations regarding the new fence on the property. They were recently given a final notice to remove or modify the fencing. So far, the owner has refused to comply.
 - Garbage collection districts were discussed. There is still no estimation of the actual cost per property.
- **Old Business**
 - There has been no response from the City of Palmdale regarding the fireworks zone letter that was sent in September.
 - There is no clean copy of the updated Leona Valley CSDs available from the county yet. Chuck will make some emails to help
- **Council Member Comments**
 - Now that the Leona Valley CSDs have been updated and accepted, the Leona Valley Town Council plans to submit a letter to LAFCO indicating the intent to challenge any further annexations of Leona Valley property.
 - The residents of Leona Valley appear to have no interest in a county run park in Leona Valley.
- **Public Comments**
 - Jay Tremblay offered to offset the neighborhood watch expense for new signs by purchasing the old ones.
- **Candidate Statements**
 - **Marie Davis** is the current LVTC secretary and is running for a second term. She appreciates the unique charm and independence of Leona Valley and its residents.
 - **Peggy Fuller** has been LVTC treasurer off an on for the last 10 years, has been a part of the team to fight against Valley Vineyards, and was part of the team who got Leona Valley water rates reduced. She is involved with many local

organizations, including the Leona Valley Improvement Association and the West Antelope Valley Historical Society.

- **Miguel Bin** is retired and lives in Leona Valley with his fiancée, a long-term Leona Valley resident. He has lived full time in Leona Valley for 10 months. He greatly appreciates the rural charm and value of Leona Valley.
- **Jay Tremblay** has been an active and incredibly helpful member of the Leona Valley community for decades.
- **Judy Anaya** has been a Leona Valley resident for the last 3 years. She loves the community and its rich history. She has been active and involved in many community organizations, including Gymkhana and the Leona Valley Improvement Association.

- **Action Item Review**

- Peggy to write a letter to LAFCO regarding the intent to challenge any land annexation attempts.
- Peggy to write a letter regarding Leona Valley resident's desires to not have any parks in the town.
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- **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion adjourn made by Marie Davis seconded by Michelle Flanagan. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.