

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Reich called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no additions to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Paul Aragon – present	Claudia Reich - present
Tony Asbury – present	Jane Rumrill – absent
Andy Martinez – present	Tony Trevino – present

Others present were:

- Carl Harvey – Police Chief & Operations Director
- Bradley Sorenson – Town Clerk/Treasurer
- Barry Schaeffer – Public Works Director
- Clint Dudley – Recreation Director
- Brad Laue – Town Attorney
- Holly Bruce

MINUTES 1/11/05

Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on 1/11/05. Trevino seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

WARRANTS 1/25/05

Sorenson indicated that there was one addition to the warrants, a recreational program fee refund in the amount of \$30.00. Asbury inquired about the Xcel billing, Sorenson indicated that Xcel had been experiencing some problems with their billing department and had issued several credits due to estimated as opposed to metered usage. Sorenson is currently working with Todd Anderson from Xcel’s main office to correct the issues. Asbury also questioned the check to be issued to the Town of Kersey. Dudley indicated it was for LaSalle’s portion of a recreation program that Kersey had originally paid. **Martinez moved to approve the warrant’s list dated 1/11/05 for the amended total of \$14,728.21 and staff salaries dated 1/15/05 for \$22,851.48. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0, with Reich abstaining.**

RESOLUTION C – 2005, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Trevino moved to approve Resolution C – 2005 memorializing the agreement between the Weld County Department of Emergency Management and the Town of LaSalle, Colorado. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION D – 2005, ADOPTING THE NORTHEAST COLORADO EMERGENCY MANAGERS MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Martinez moved to approve Resolution D – 2005 adopting the Northeast Colorado emergency manager’s multi-hazard mitigation plan. Trevino seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

RESOLUTION E – 2005, SUPPORT OF COLORADO PRIMARY SEATBELT LAW

Trustees Asbury and Trevino spoke on the issue. Asbury stated that the death toll on Weld County roads is certainly an issue that needs to be addressed by all municipalities in the country and if this law could prevent but one death it would be a step in the right direction. That being said he questioned whether the law was petty in nature. Trevino brought up issues of personal rights and freedom of choice, and wondered if other measures would be more useful and appropriate. Following this discussion, **Martinez moved to approve Resolution E – 2005 stating the Town of LaSalle’s support of a Colorado Primary Seatbelt Law. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

ORDINANCE 1 – 2005, COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Harvey indicated this ordinance was necessary to remain in compliance with recently passed Colorado state law. **Asbury moved to approve Ordinance 1 – 2005, Requirement for Compulsory Insurance and providing penalties for violations. Trevino seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department Report – Dudley reported on various recreation items including the starting of adult volleyball, the remainder of youth basketball, the spring recreation brochure, LaSalle Day planning, possible options for next year’s baseball program and an upcoming GOCO grant meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Department Report – Schaeffer updated the Board and staff on the ongoing lagoon issue, spring maintenance preparation and planning for the upcoming burn day scheduled for March 19th and 20th. Reich inquired about work being done in the street. Schaeffer stated Atmos Energy was working on their lines in 4 locations throughout the town. Trevino requested an update on the Lions Club park donation. Schaeffer had no new information of the status of that project.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Update – Sorenson presented the yearly Conservation Trust Expenditure Audit. Included were a listing of all expenditures and a suggested breakdown for the audit due April the 1st. **Trevino moved to approve suggested breakdown of Conservation Trust Expenditures as presented. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.** Sorenson continued to update the Board on State of Colorado auditors’ letter, December 2004 financial statements and 2006 – 2008 bridge repair funds.

MAYORAL VACANCY

Harvey informed the Board as to the procedure for filling mayoral vacancies. Mayor Pro-Tem Reich solicited discussion by the board members present on their ideas, opinions or suggestions as to the next steps in following the procedure. Martinez conveyed his confidence in, and respect for, the work that has been done by Reich in discharging her duties as Mayor Pro-Tem for the past year. He went on to state that, in his opinion, she would continue to bring that same level of competence, dedication and leadership to the position of mayor. Asbury added his support for Reich in citing her effective and efficient handling of the town's business in the absence of the mayor. Harvey stated that in recent conversations with Reich she had indicated that if the Board were to be in favor of her filling the position she would be honored to serve. **Asbury moved to appoint Claudia Reich as the Mayor to fill the remaining term vacated by Mr. Evans. Trevino seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0, with Reich abstaining.** Mayor Reich resigned her trustee position. **Trevino moved to accept the resignation of Reich as trustee to fill the Mayor position. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0. Asbury moved to appoint Andy Martinez as Mayor Pro-Tem. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.** Harvey suggested the vacancy on the Board of Trustees be advertised in the Voice and mentioned in the spring recreational newsletter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Harvey updated the board on the property at 415 N. 3rd Street, the progress on acquisition of new police vehicles and the status of the speed sign and the cost to upgrade the unit to operate at night.

OTHER

Other informational items were the 2005 CML Legislative Workshop, legal seminars on the Law of Easements and Plat and Subdivision Law and an employment law seminar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Brad Laue had requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Status under provisions of 24-6-402(4) C.R.S. Laue advised no record need be kept and the recorder could be turned off because he considered all of the discussion to take place in the executive session constituted privileged attorney – client communication. **Martinez moved to go to executive session at 8:16 p.m. Trevino seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Board reconvened from executive session at 8:55 p.m. Laue noted the executive session was not recorded because it was his opinion all of the discussion that took place during executive session constituted privileged attorney – client communication.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bradley K. Sorenson,
Town Clerk / Treasurer