

LASALLE TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

October 10, 2006

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Martinez called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Harvey indicated there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Paul Aragon - present Gary Bruce - present
Tony Asbury - present Jane Rumrill - present
Andy Martinez - present Anita Salazar - present

Others present were: Carl Harvey - Police Chief & Operations Director
Barry Schaeffer - Public Works Director
Clint Dudley - Recreation Director
Toni Polland - Deputy Town Clerk
Holly Bruce; Brandon Stovall; Sheri Stovall; Stephanie Miles; Ken and Noela Hurley; Sam Johnson; Mildred Anthony; and Cliff Davidson.

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Salazar noted on page 3, under the discussion of graffiti she recalled the area to include across from the old post office in addition to behind the building. Harvey indicated the discussion basically covered the entire area near the old post office including up and down the alleyway. Rumrill moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WARRANTS - October 10, 2006

Harvey noted there were no additions to the warrants.

Table with 4 columns: Inquiries, By, Explanation, By. Rows include Landmark Engineering, Garretsons, Nat=1 Business Furniture, Colo Dept Public Health, Schaeffer Digging, Aguilars, Weld Clerk & Recorder, Slaughter Roofing.

Bruce moved to approve the warrants list dated 10/10/06 for the total \$54,740.40, and staff salaries dated 9/27/06 for \$23,934.45. Salazar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW OFFICER HIRE

Harvey introduced police officer Brandon Stovall, who began working on October 7, 2006. Harvey requested the board proceed with official hiring for Stovall with annual salary established at \$38,400./ \$3200. per month with a six-month probationary period retroactive to the October 7th start date. Asbury moved to hire

Brandon Stovall retroactive to October 7, 2006, with the annual salary of \$38,400.00/\$3,200.00 per month with a six month probationary period. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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SWEAR IN NEW OFFICER

Harvey proceeded to introduce members of Brandon Stovall's family present for the swearing in. Mayor Martinez commenced with the execution of the oath of office for Brandon Stovall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martinez opened the public comment period as noted on the agenda. There were no public comments offered.

**NORTH FRONT RANGE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING DISTRICT (MPO)**

Cliff Davidson, Executive Director of the North Front Range MPO expressed his appreciation for time allotted by the board. He conveyed his regrets to the board, for the resignation of Claudia Reich as well as her representation on the MPO. Additionally, he encouraged the board to assign a new town representative to participate in MPO meetings.

Davidson indicated he was present to solicit board opinions regarding several structural issues relative to the operation of the proposed Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Assurances were given that the RTA would continue with a regional focus, opposed to county by county or community by community base. With continued technical support of the MPO, the RTA was close to being turned over to an independent group of citizens. According to Davidson, the issues have been divided into three categories which include IGA/formation, ballot question and post ballot operations.

IGA Formation

Opt-in / Opt-out Option Davidson explained that without an opt-out option, LaSalle voters could vote against the RTA but if the Board had signed the IGA the town could not opt-out. Davidson was questioned about the type of projects, which he stated had not yet been determined. The citizens coalition would include a variety of projects on the IGA, following extensive technical assistance of the MPO. Salazar questioned the make up of the citizen coalition. Davidson indicated they would be from throughout the regional boundaries of the MPO, and added their primary responsibility would be to campaign for the RTA. Harvey felt that most projects would be geared toward heavily populated areas. Davidson agreed that may be the case but LaSalle residents would benefit through their regional traveling. The key is to think regional according to Davidson. *Board opinion was to include the opt-out option.*

Level of Sales Tax Burden - Davidson questioned the level of sales tax burden the board would support from 1/4 up to 1%. He noted this decision is difficult not knowing the projects to support. *Board opinion no decision for commitment level.*

Imposition of Vehicle Registration Fee for RTA - *Board opinion to not support new fee for RTA.*

Share Back Provision Davidson explained the concept of the share back proposal which would give back a percentage of RTA monies to communities based on population. He added this would be more attractive to support a positive vote of the citizens. If in the long run the RTA could afford the share back. *Board opinion was to support the share back.*

Ballot Question

Use of RTA Funds on I-25/Federal or State Routes - There was considerable discussion of the use of these funds and the benefits to LaSalle residents. Davidson again explained the regional thought approach to projects for local gain. Salazar again questioned how the citizen group would come up with the projects.

Davidson stated the MPO will oversee and provide technical support throughout the selection of projects, including modeling and checks and balances for the projects. *Board decision to maintain some flexibility to consider use of funds.*

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Percentage of Revenue to Administration *Board position to support no more than 1% for administration*
Transit Spending Davidson questioned the use of RTA dollars to fund transit operations. Harvey remarked the Town of LaSalle has been unable to get regional buses into town. Davidson indicated he would advocate to help get buses into LaSalle for the citizens. *Board opinion would be to support some transit spending.*

Sunset of Sales Tax - The amount of time needed to complete many of the hypothetical projects was discussed. *Board opinion was there should be a sunset, but there was no set commitment to the length of the sunset.*

Post - Ballot Operations

Maintenance of RTA Projects *Board opinion to support maintenance of projects.*

Management/Administration of RTA *Board opinion would be for the MPO to manage the RTA.*

Sunset of Maintenance and Transit Funding *Board opinion was for there to be some level of flexibility.*

In closing, Davidson again praised the contributions made by Reich through town representation in the MPO. He emphasized the importance of the town=s participation in the MPO through a regional sense of cooperation. Prior to Davidson departing, Martinez and Salazar requested clarification of the minutes from the September MPO meeting,

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Harvey stated the property owner had phoned requesting the item be taken off the agenda.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

This was the last meeting for the year that the board is requesting water usage information. Harvey noted the numbers were down considerably from last year. Asbury questioned whether these savings could increase our carryover units. Harvey was unsure, and responded to Salazar=s inquiry that he was not familiar with their formulas. He added the town could lease the carryover water one year at a time.

RESOLUTION K-2006 -Dove Hill Estates Phase II Denial of Non-Potable & Erosion Control & Acceptance of Extension Phase I LOC

Harvey explained this resolution memorializes Board action taken on September 12th regarding the denial of non-potable and erosion control in Phase II, and acceptance of the letter of credit extension for Phase I non-potable and erosion control. Salazar questioned the testing of the new well and procedures for same as outlined in the resolution. Harvey explained there is a period of time involved with Adeveloping@ the well which could be upwards to one year=s time. Once the new well is drilled, Harvey suggested the Board consider a one year - 100% maintenance guarantee to insure the well functions correctly. **Asbury moved to accept Resolution K-2006 involving outstanding Dove Hill Estates issues. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION L-2006 - Sprint/Nextel Amended Contracts

Harvey noted this resolution encompasses recent renegotiations of the existing Sprint and Nextel contracts brought about by their recent merger. **Asbury moved to accept Resolution L-2006 for the Sprint/Nextel amended contracts. Rumrill seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

PROPOSED BUDGET 2007

Harvey explained the statutory requirements for submittal of the proposed budget for the ensuing year. Board members questioned whether the proposed budget included decisions resulting from the work sessions.

Harvey confirmed all numbers were included in the proposed budget. He added the budgeting work sessions would continue up to the final product which would be considered for adoption on December 12, 2006. **Rumrill moved to set public hearing for the 2007 Budget on December 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and to publish the notice for hearing and proposed budget. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried**
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department Report Dudley provided an update on programs concluding, and program registrations for adult volleyball, youth basketball and hunters safety. He indicated he will be firming up the bids for carpeting at the community center for the next meeting at which time he will bring samples. Dudley requested approval to replace window awnings at the center as they were extremely worn. **Asbury moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$650.00 for Greeley Tent and Awning to replace the awnings at the center. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Dudley reported on the ballfield rental over the weekend which involved larger than normal capacity crowds with some unruly participants. He stated the group is a regular renter and they did do an excellent job of cleaning up, but felt the board should consider establishing limits on the number of participants without supervision.

Asbury questioned the expenditures on the warrants list to Garretsons and K & K Laser Creations. Dudley explained the Garretsons bill was a culmination of budgeted flag football and volleyball shirts, with some additional program supplies. The K & K Laser Creation bill was for Softball Tournament player medals which was a pass through billing due to NVAA sponsorship of the tournament.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Department Report Schaeffer relayed recent department activities which included the lagoon=s operation following the sludge removal, relocation of park equipment in Beattie Park and the scheduling of shutting down the Dove Hill Estates well on November 1st. Lesh Drilling was expected to begin redrilling the well last week and had not, no progress updates have been received. Schaeffer stated funds had been budgeted to remove and enclose the east overhead shop door. The work could be completed by his department for approximately \$1500.00 rather than the budgeted amount of \$5500.00 according to Schaeffer, who would like to begin the work as soon as possible. **Bruce moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$1500.00 to enclose the east overhead door at the public works shop. Rumrill seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Bruce questioned comp hours for the department, which Schaeffer explained would be provided at the next meeting.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Harvey explained there were no items to report, and that Town Clerk Sorenson had surgery today.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Report Municipal Code provides the declaration of nuisances by the Chief of Police, which Harvey has proclaimed the graffiti in areas recently reported. Owners have been notified to abate the nuisance and have the graffiti removed according to Harvey. The holiday comp hours for police officers was explained by Harvey, who indicated if an officer works a holiday they receive one day off. Martinez expressed his appreciation for the officers stepping up throughout the officer vacancy. Salazar inquired as to the progress in acquiring a software reporting program for the department, and Bruce inquired about the pricing for cameras. Harvey indicated the process was moving forward for each concern. Salazar praised the recent town newsletter which she felt was professional and informative. Rumrill relayed recent information received at a CML meeting which showed many small communities have code enforcement officers. Harvey stated code enforcement is currently handled by the on-duty officers. According to Harvey, LaSalle could use such an officer who could also double as a School Resource Officer (SRO). There have been discussions with the School District regarding a SRO with many unanswered questions especially

funding. Board members felt a work session with the school district prior to the budget period would be beneficial. The school fiscal year was unknown and will be questioned for work session timing.

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OTHER

There was only one information item for an MPO meeting on October 18th. Salazar remarked the new town representative for MPO should relay the 35th Avenue project for consideration. Rumrill stated the board was encouraged to take a position on Amendment 38 according to information received at the CML meeting. Harvey stated we have a template for such a resolution pertaining to Amendment 38 which will be prepared for the next meeting for approval and publication prior to the election. The next budget work session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Polland
Deputy Town Clerk