

# TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting  
Date: March 10, 2016

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## **Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Zaragoza at 7:00 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Zaragoza.

## **Roll Call:**

Present were Trustees: Gallegos, Valdez, Salazar, Cummings, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Absent: Trustee Espinoza.

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Chief Dan Martinez, CMC Shawn Pagnotta, Deputy Clerk Krista Ross, and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Agenda and Trustee Salazar seconded.

## **Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees: Gallegos, Valdez, Salazar, Cummings, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **Approval of Consent Calendar**

Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Trustee Gallegos seconded.

## **Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees: Gallegos, Valdez, Salazar, Cummings, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment**

Alan Wehe, Manager of Jade Communications came to discuss broadband in the San Luis Valley. He stated he would like the town's permission to lay fiber optic lines in the town of La Jara. He discussed the logistics of how fiber optics works and explained the process of how they would lay the fiber lines around town. The Trustees stated that they wanted to gather more research before making any decisions.

## **Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment**

Larry Sisneros, a town resident commented on the town's new plans for the Recreational Park. He stated citizens of La Jara should be more informed about what the town is doing with the park. Trustee Salazar stated the citizens could be more informed by going to the town's website and reading the minutes from past meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Medina stated she agreed with Trustee Salazar and Larry Sisneros. Town Attorney Ray Valdez stated it was a good idea, however he did not want to raise to high of expectations. Mayor Zaragoza stated possibly sending out a statement in the water bills expressing the availability of the plans.

**Town Manager's Report:**

Town Manager Koenig invited Chief Martinez to the podium to present an award to Reserve officer Leonard Jimenez for all his years of service and dedication. Leonard thanked the town. Koenig stated Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> will be the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt, and reminded any Trustees that will be attending to be there at 8:45a.m. Town Manager Koenig stated he attended some trainings, one in Denver and one in Glenwood. He informed the Trustees of the upcoming CML meeting in June and asked for a list of who would be in attendance. He stated the State mandated a backflow prevention devise that will need to be installed to every commercial business, multiple family residences, apartments, schools, hospitals. These devices will need to be inspected on a yearly basis. Trustee Gallegos asked Town Manager Koenig to explain the process.

He discussed the recreational park plans and stated that the town did not receive the grant this year from GOCO for that project. Town Manager Koenig stated the personal trainer services will no longer be needed, her last day will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated the town has two new officers in training, Josh Hill and Dominic Khoketkhom. He stated Officer Staggs is no longer employed with the town. Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a CPR class for employees. He stated if any Trustees wanted to join the CPR training the Town would pay for it.

Town Manager Koenig stated Brenda Felmlee from Congressman Tiptton's office will be coming in to Town Hall on Wednesday, March 23rd to answer any questions the public may have. He stated there will be a job fair at the Parish Hall in Conejos on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. to 2p.m. He stated the evening of March 16<sup>th</sup> there will be an emergency management meeting at 6p.m at the Wagon Wheel. Mayor Zaragoza stated he would be attending that meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked Koenig to check emails specifying when the CIRCA luncheon will be.

**Approval of the Town Managers Report:**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Town Managers Report and Trustee Cummings seconded.

**Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees: Gallegos, Valdez, Salazar, Cummings, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**Town Attorney's Report:**

Town Attorney Valdez stated the Colorado Health and Environment has Provided a sample ordinance for the cross connection notice. He stated he would have to review this and find out what sections apply to our town. In regard to that he stated he would like to adopt an ordinance by code and provide adequate time for compliance. Trustee Gallegos asked if publications can be found at our web site. Attorney Valdez stated he attended a meeting for water users at the Inn at the Rio Grande. He stated he was there to represent the town. He stated it was very well attended, and in fact he had never attended a meeting like this as to which throughout the entire presentation people were thoroughly confused. He stated people left feeling shell shocked. He stated this solely due to large regulations that will be coming into effect for the purpose of conserving water. He stated the State will then have municipalities move on to water

augmentation. He stated the town is very fortunate to be able to prove the consumptive use of water to gauge how much the town needs to augment. Town Manager Koenig stated this could cost the town \$10,000 to \$25,000 a year. He stated the next problem that could arise from this is if the water table does rise and Diamond Springs starts to flow again the town exists on that flood plain and could very possibly flood the town. Mayor Zaragoza thanked both Town Manager Koenig and Town Attorney Valdez for the very informative news.

**Approval of the Town Attorneys Report:**

Trustee Valdez moved to approve the Town Attorneys report and Trustee Salazar second.

**Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees: Gallegos, Valdez, Salazar, Cummings, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**Town Board of Trustees Comments:**

**Trustee Valdez-** No comments

**Trustee Salazar-** No comments

**Mayor Pro Tem Medina-** She stated she had noticed two new businesses. She asked the employees to please keep the board informed of any other new businesses that come to town. She stated it would be a good idea to put the date of our election in the water bills.

**Trustee Cummings-** No comments

**Trustee Gallegos-** She stated she hopes the Town Board will get to be involved in hiring a new chief of police. Perhaps an outside source would be good. She inquired about the remodel work that was being performed in the upstairs of Town Hall. She asked what it was costing the town, and if it had been budgeted for this year. Town Manager stated it has been budgeted for. She asked about permits and qualifications. She stated maintenance should stick to the guide lines and have licensed personnel to perform construction. Town Manager Koenig stated he was saving the town quite a bit of money and Dean Ross has been a carpenter for thirty years, and is more than qualified for that specific job. He stated this project is separate from the maintenance duties and Ross was not working for maintenance until the project is complete. She thought terminating the personal trainer was a good idea. She asked about Judge Mary Beth and if the town has sent a sympathy card and flowers for her husband.

**Mayor Zaragoza** –He stated he attended a seminar that was very informative in regard to a leader ship program. A bronze, silver, and gold award would be given for that program. He noticed there were no municipalities for that program. He stated the second half of the presentation was very interesting. He stated the discussion was on how to properly store and dispose of hazardous waste such as the pesticide spray used for the mosquitos, weed killer, used motor oil, light bulbs, and paint rags. Town Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera stated they keep the used motor oil in fifty five gallon drums and then give it to Barros Auto Service for their oil burning stove. Mayor Zaragoza asked the board members to help decide when to have the next work session. The board decided Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> would be a good day.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

None

**Adjournment**

**Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn and Trustee Gallegos second. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by**

*Shawn Pagnotta*  
Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta

*Randy Zamora*  
Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

