

TOWN OF LOMA LINDA, MO

MINUTES OF THE August 12, 2025 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Loma Linda met at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 in the Loma Linda Town Hall to conduct the 2025 Tax Rate Hearing. Trustees present: James Childers, Bruce Anderson, Tyler Ehrhart and Barbara Hutchison. Aaron Hamilton was absent. Treasurer, Jan Woody, presented the 2025 tax rates to the board and Bruce Anderson made a motion to approve the State of Missouri Tax Rate and Barbara Hutchison seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**. Tyler Ehrhart made a motion to adjourn the Tax Rate Hearing and seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion was **unanimously approved**. The hearing was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Loma Linda met at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in the Loma Linda Town Hall. Trustees present: James Childers, Tyler Ehrhart, Aaron Hamilton and Barbara Hutchison. Aaron Hamilton was absent

I.

The First Order of Business was the presentation of the July 8, 2025. Tyler Ehrhart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

II.

The Second Order of Business was "Around Town".

- July 2025 lift station report states flows are above limits in comparison with July 2024 respectively. Town Clerk to provide 2024 v 2025 three-month averages data at September meeting.

III.

The Third Order of Business was Old Business:

1. Haven's Building (2837 N. Loma Linda Drive) – Building continues to be listed for sale. Mr. Havens was not in attendance at the meeting and the board will continue with the nuisance process as per the ordinance.
2. Trespassing preventive measures. Tyler Ehrhart will contact MoDOT for any used concrete barriers or the like for use in the affected area(s).
3. Overgrown tree/brush project. Joplin Special Road District won't change the contract for tree trimming but will do so at \$150/hour. Matt Barker will contact JSRD for site visit to identify trees.
4. Committee letters were sent to residents and Town Clerk has received replies of interest. Residents are encouraged to get involved in committees of interest.

IV.

The Fourth Order of Business was New Business:

5. Burn pile area has been permanently closed. Downstream owns the property and had graciously provided the burn pile to Loma Linda as a courtesy for many years, however, due to on-going abuse of the rules of acceptable items, it is no longer available. The board will research possible options for the town's future use.
6. Street Repairs tentative for end August – early September. Details, dates and times will be posted prior to start of work.

7. Matt Barker has removed the broken playground equipment. Jan Woody discussed the need for new playground items to occupy areas of removed pieces with additional playground-grade mulch. Chairman Childers suggested the Park Committee meet to discuss further with a recommendation to the board.
8. Matt Barker's annual maintenance contract. The board discussed Matt's performance, workload and expenses as presented. Bruce Anderson made a motion to pay Matt Barker \$42,000 and was seconded by Tyler Ehrhart. The motion was **unanimously approved**.
9. 2024 Worker's Comp Audit resulted in a clean audit with no additional premium costs.
10. The Board discussed having a meet and greet event to coincide with the POA's annual Trunk or Treat.

V.

The Fifth Order of Business was the Financial Report. Jan Woody read the Financial Reports. Barbara Hutchison made a motion to approve the July 2025 financial report as presented and seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

VI.

The Sixth Order of Business was the request for payment of routine monthly bills from the General, Utility and Park Accounts: Payments totaling \$12,096.84 from the General Account, \$49,990.70 from the Utility Account and \$23.97 from the Park Account. Barbara Hutchison made a motion to pay the bills and seconded by Tyler Ehrhart. The motion was **unanimously approved**. **James Childers abstained**.

VII.

The Seventh Order of Business was the Building Inspector's Report

VIII.

The Eighth Order of Business was a motion to adjourn by Tyler Ehrhart and seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion **unanimously approved**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RaChelle Garman, Town Clerk

James Childers, Chair, Board of Trustees

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