



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting
February 4, 2004
MINUTES

The **General Meeting** of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order at the Juniper Hills Community Building 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, CA 93543, on **February 4, 2004 7:40 p.m.**, by President, Vance Pomeroy.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pomeroy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vance Pomeroy	Michael Weatherbie (excused)
Suzanne Richter	
Dave Reichel	

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

In the Minutes of December 17, 2003 - approved at the January 7, 2004 meeting - another error was noted and email agreement of the correction by all Council members: Elections will be held February 28, 2004

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 7, 2004 were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of 546.76, but there are debts still outstanding and checks being held for deposit.

TREASURER

Mr. Bolema, past treasurer, turned over the Treasurer's funds to Mr. Pomeroy in January. Mr Pomeroy has since turned the funds over to Mr. Reichel, the new treasurer.

The Bank Account has not yet been opened. Further investigation is being made into the Antelope Valley Bank and its offer of fee free checking.

None

COMMUNICATION

Don Pierce presented a picture of the intersection of 106th St East and Fort Tejon Rd., with a comment that the number of recently installed individual advertising signs looked very tacky and asked the Council to look into the matter. Mr. Pomeroy indicated that at the intersection of Ft. Tejon Rd and Longview the same situation exists. Mr. Pomeroy commented on Los Angeles County's Rules that forbid this activity. He also stated that Littlerock had a similar problem. He will inquire about the method they used to deal with it.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – NON AGENDA ITEMS

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Mr. Hickling stated the County is developing a new policy, which is forthcoming.

The possibility of erecting a Community Bulletin Board was discussed.

Mrs. Lori Zink volunteered and was accepted as Chairman of the Fire Safe Committee for the development of a Fire Safe Council. (NOTE: This item was omitted in the original minutes and has been added as a result of action taken at the January 5, 2005 meeting.

FIRE SAFE COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pomeroy stated seventeen (17) people attended the first meeting of the Standard's Committee on January 21. Unfortunately no one from the Punchbowl area was in attendance. Introductions and a general overview of the tasks at hand were presented to the group by Mr. Pomeroy.

Standards – Committee Report

The next meeting will be February 18, 7:00 pm. JHCA Building.

Mr. Pomeroy stated that at the time of the last JHTC Meeting, everything seemed to be moving along. However, the Health Department bureaucrats did an end run to Zev Yaroslovski. Supervisor Yaroslovski made motion to the County Board of Supervisors to accept the Health Department Policy as is with no more discussion possible. Mr. Hickling stated that Mr. Antonovich amended the motion to direct the Health Department to state how they will adjust the Policy to take into consideration the Antelope Valley. The Board agreed with his amendment. The community needs to flood the Board with e-mail and letters and have 40 to 50 people attend and speak at the Supervisor's Meeting.

Potable Water and Hauling

Potable Water and Hauling (continued)

Mr. Hickling stated that Sharon Runner has met with local Realtors to hear their situation concerning Potable Water issues. She will get the State Department to state that the intent of the recommendation, made by the State, was misrepresented by the County Health Department. Mr. Argo stated that if enough people wanted to attend the Board meeting that he would arrange for a bus.

JHCA Newsletter

Communication With Community

Election Committee

Election Committee

Mr. Argo stated that adequate advertising had taken place. However at this time, only two persons have applied to fill the three vacancies on the Juniper Hills Town Council, Donald Pierce and Elizabeth Bridwell. Therefore no formal election will be required. These two persons will be nominated by the election committee, which will write a letter to the Town Council so stating. The Town Council will have the ability to accept them at the March 4 meeting, or not.

NEW BUSINESS

Acknowledgement of donations, Personal checks from Terrence and Karen Jones for \$50.00 and \$100.00 from Ingrid Fulcher were acknowledged. Letters will be sent on Mr. Weatherbie's return..

Acknowledgment

March 3rd Speaker

Mr. Pomeroy stated that Craig Morgan had called him regarding the Community Emergency Response Team and would like to share the information with the Council and the community.

March 3rd Guest Speaker

The next round of training will occur in April on three Saturdays in a row, from 8 am to 4 pm at EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Mr. Argo suggested the Fire Department be included in the next meeting so they, too, could hear the presentation. Vance will contact Mr. Morgan to see if this would be appropriate.

Mr. Argo stated that ARTC Meeting dates have been changed to the last Thursday of every month except for November and December, at 7:00 p.m. The location changes each month at the present time, but they are hoping to have a permanent meeting place in the near future.

ARTC Meetings

Mr. Pomeroy spoke about the ARTC meeting and topics that should be undertaken by the ARTC: the Water Hauling problem, Electricity baseline, and the Palmdale and Lancaster working and planning with the rural areas.

He commented that the "Shaping the Future 2005" document from Los Angeles County totally excludes the Antelope Valley and other rural areas.

He also said that Littlerock will do a National Night Out on August 3.

Mr. Pomeroy reported that the owner of the property 30900 106th St East (Noel Neal's

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or the Bradley's old Rock place south and east of the Clubhouse) had, some time ago, sent out letters stating that he would be turning his property into a religious retreat. Mr. Pomeroy stated he had been checking, but no permit had been issued by the County for any construction. When he noticed construction beginning, he discovered that there still was no permit, so he filed a complaint. After a month, Mr. Pomeroy checked and found nothing had yet been done, so he spoke to an appropriate person at the agency. When he checked again recently, he was informed that an inspector had been out to the location and had placed a notice on the property concerning the issue.

Mrs. Richter submitted three proposed amendments to the Bylaws. See attached revised version.

Bylaws

Deputy Jennings stated he now works 70% for the City of Palmdale and 30% as Liaison to the Rural Communities. His Captain is trying to get a full-time liaison position in the budget. Deputy Jennings stated that more mailbox thefts have occurred and arrests have been made for possession of stolen mail and property. Starting February 23, a new class is starting to inform the community about the Sheriff's Department, called the Community Academy. The class is free and goes for eleven weeks. Monday evenings 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**Sheriff's Department -
Deputy Jennings**

Deputy Jennings provided an internet site, www.avheros.com, where more information regarding the Advisory Committee can be obtained.

Deputy Jennings asked to be included on the next meeting's agenda for a presentation of his plans for reestablishing the Sheriff's Department Community Advisory Committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Suzanne Richter
Secretary, Pro-Tem: