

TOWN OF SILVER LAKE  
PUBLIC/COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021  
SILVER LAKE TOWN HALL  
7:00PM

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

Hugh Murfin, Nichole Taylor, Gloria (Jean) Weller, Tonya Conley

***DEPARTMENT HEADS***

Jason McGlennen absent Cody Mangun sat in his stead, Joey McNeal, John Conley

***TOWN ATTORNEY***

C. Austin Rovenstine

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Nichole made first motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, Jean seconded the motion, Hugh all in favor motion carried. The approval of meeting minutes consisted of the following meetings: August 11, 2021, regular meeting, and August 25, 2021, special meeting called by the Fire Department.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Apprenticeship Program** through Alliance for employee, Christopher Craft, was approved with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. The council had discussions regarding the program in several meetings prior to this decision and Hugh stated that it sounds like a great program. He also explained to those present that it is a two-year program with evaluations every six months and raises.
2. **Bowman's Landing, RV request** update was spoken of by Tonya. She stated that she had email conversations with Area Planning Commission about this and the owners will have to go before the BZA and have it zoned to include RVs because it is considered a non-conforming seasonal trailer park. After that process is over it will then be brought before the council for the vote. Tonya told the council as it stands now with the current ordinance RVs are not allowed as habitation within town limits, so a new ordinance will need to be made if they want to change it, and they will need to be very specific on rules and regulations, etc. Hugh and Nichole both gave the opinion against allowing RVs anywhere in town limits for seasonal or full-time living.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Hilltop Tree Service quotes** were submitted for approval. The total is \$11475.00; one quote is for trees in various locations around town and another quote is for trees at the park only. The council approved the tree removal and trimming as quoted with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Joey, Town Superintendent

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explained that the tree in front of the office will be removed but a tree will be planted in that location in 2022.

2. **90day raise for Christopher Craft** was discussed and he was given a \$1.00 per hour increase. Nichole gave first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion was carried to give the increase and make the raise retroactive starting on August 25, 2021, after the ordinance amendment is passed. Tonya stated that after the October meeting and the passage of the amendment she will write a separate check to Chris for the amount owed him.
3. **Special meeting for budget and retirement** was scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 4:30pm.

**VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

1. **Barb Hudson** addressed the council about an issue she has with the hardware property. Barb stated many concerns including weeds, overgrown grass, old equipment, and scrap metal. She said she is tired of looking at it and the town has ordinances in place to prevent the way it looks. Hugh told her that he would talk with the owner and see what could be done. He also stated the town does have ordinances against some of the things she has mentioned with, and they will be addressed if needed.

**VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**a) Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.: (absent, Cody gave report)**

- ✓ Call history was given to the council
- ✓ **Eric Kelley** has resigned as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy for the Marshal's Dept.; Jason would like to hire from within but if that doesn't work out, he will speak with Tonya about advertising in the newspaper for the position. Council unanimously agreed to start applicants for the position from within or advertising with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

**b) Joey McNeal, Town/Utilities Dept.:**

- ✓ A resident on Eldora Drive is having a tree removed but is piling it by the road for pick-up. It has always been the town's policy if you pay to have a tree removed on your property you also must pay to have it cleaned up and removed. Joey stated they will not be picking it up and if he sees the resident outside, he will let him know.

**d) John Conley, Fire Dept.:**

- ✓ 6 runs since last meeting
- ✓ Invited the council to the county fish fry on September 16, 2021, at 6:30pm at the fair grounds.
- ✓ He will be attending a county meeting for the approval of the training building that will be placed on the farmland behind the fire station. Jean asked him if this will disrupt or remove farmland that has been leased to Hoffman Farms. John replied no and he has spoken with them about this, and they are ok with what is happening. John stated he believed that with the

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clearing of the trees for the training building that this will give them more farmland than they already have.

**VIII. CLAIM DOCKET:**

**\$91733.42** in claims is to be paid. Jean gave first motion to accept, Nichole seconded the motion, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Tonya told the council that after she had the claim docket done that Tony Caudill had submitted invoices for mowing and clean-up of the Hilltop Ln. property, she asked permission to pay those as well. The council unanimously agreed to allow the payments.

**IX. LETTERS:**

**Leak letters** were received from two town residents. The adjustments were explained and the amount they qualify for are as follows:

- b) Haney- water adjustment \$56.33 and sewer adjustment \$28.92
- c) Hoge-water adjustment \$84.75 and sewer adjustment \$0.00

Nichole gave first motion to adjust all accounts as calculated, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Judy Hoge submitted for two months; however, Tonya explained that the second month lacked \$.44 to qualify for the water adjustment as it must be three times the normal per ordinance. She asked the council if they would like to approve the adjustment due to it being so close and the council agreed to adjust the second month as well. The adjustment for September billing for Judy Hoge is \$51.44 for water and \$0.00 for sewer.

**X. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- a) **2022 Budget Public Hearing-October 13, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Silver Lake Town Hall.**
- b) **Next regular meeting** is scheduled for October 13, 2021, at the Silver Lake Town Hall immediately following the Public Hearing. Joey told the council he would not be present at the meeting due to a vacation day he is taking.
- c) **2022 Budget Adoption Meeting-October 27, 2021, @ 5:00pm at the Silver Lake Town Hall.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting ended at 7:31pm with Nichole making first motion to adjourn, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

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**MEDARD MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER**

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