

**TOWN OF SILVER LAKE  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SILVER LAKE TOWN HALL  
MARCH 9, 2022  
7:00PM**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

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

***DEPARTMENT HEADS***

Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley

***TOWN ATTORNEY***

C. Austin Rovenstine

**III. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

Hugh opened the public hearing at 7:02pm. and turned the floor over to Doris Weesner's Attorney, **Steve Snyder**. Steve explained that Doris had petitioned the council to **vacate a public way between her property at 909 Edgewater St and the water's edge**. The council had accepted the petition on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the public council meeting. Steve produced maps showing the location and noted that the vacation wouldn't impede town development, school, or lake access. The floor was opened for public questions or concerns. **Jason Shelton** asked if it would prevent public access to the lake for fishing and Steve answered no that the access to the lake is not being vacated. No other citizens spoke. The council approved Ordinance 03-01-22, an ordinance vacating the public way, with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 7:06pm.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Sealed Bids for (OCRA Grant) demolition of 202 E. Sycamore St.** were opened, checked for appropriate documentation, completeness and read aloud by Brent Martin of SRKM Architecture. Bids are as follows:

- 1) **Bunn Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana-\$247,036.00**
- 2) **Indiana Earth Inc., Osceola, Indiana-\$575,000.00**
- 3) **Taplin Group, Kalamazoo, Michigan-\$1,076,490.04**
- 4) **Dore & Associates Contracting, Inc., Bay City, Michigan-\$268,300.00**
- 5) **Spangle Construction, Silver Lake, Indiana-\$320,330.00**
- 6) **Handy Excavating, Quincy, Michigan-\$208,000.00**
- 7) **Chuck Shane Excavating, Akron, Indiana-\$265,000.00**
- 8) **Green Demolition, Chicago, Illinois-\$408,000.00**
- 9) **Advanced Demolition Services, McComb, Ohio-\$174,750.00**

The council will take bids under advisement and SRKM Architecture will make a recommendation as to the winning bidder once documentation has been considered. The lowest, responsive, responsible bidder will be approved at the April 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**b) Ordinance 02-01-22, an Ordinance Annexing Territory**, was read aloud by Town Attorney, Austin Rovenstine. This was the third and final reading prior to accepting, recording, and advertising. Prior to the first motion to accept the ordinance, citizen, **Terry Baker**, questioned the non-for-profit status of the Wesleyan Church property and asked about annexation. Town Attorney stated the

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ordinance says “unless/until the land is reclassified under assessment rules and guidelines”. Terry went on to say that the church has not filed their exemption status for this year. Tonya stated she didn’t realize that had to be done every year, but she wasn’t aware that they had to do that every year. Austin also said he hadn’t realized that. **Steve Behny** asked if it was annexed commercial or residential and Tonya told him the annexation doesn’t determine the zoning or rezoning of a property. The council passed Ordinance 02-01-22 with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

c) **Station 2 quote for renovations** was tabled again until another quote could be received.

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Nichole made first motion to accept the February 9, 2022, regular meeting, and February 23, 2022, special meeting minutes as written, Jean seconded the motion, Hugh all in favor motion carried.

**VI. GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Alan Tio, KEDCO** spoke to the council about the things happening within the county and the town. Housing development, talent recruitment, industrial and other business recruitment were all mentioned. A business luncheon is set for Silver Lake on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Lake’s Grill, KEDCO will be there listening to business owners and town officials with their concerns and updates on the great things happening in the community.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Deputy Clerk pay increase** was discussed. Tonya stated that she would like to give Jennifer Miller a \$.50 raise bringing her pay up to \$15.00 per hour. Tonya stated that she has been a big help in the office and taking work off her shoulders so she could get other important work completed. Council agreed to give the raise with Jean making first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Tonya said she would emend the ordinance for April’s meeting agenda. The raise will take effect after the ordinance passage.

**VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

- a) **Jason Shelton** asked if there would be more discussion for the campers/RVs at Bowman’s Landing? Tonya said no.

**VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- a) **Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.:**
  - ✓ Gave the Council call history
- b) **Joey McNeal, Water Dept.:**
  - ✓ Submitted quotes:
    - a) **Hohman Excavating for \$5771.80** for clearing and riprap on Pleasant St. (hill behind sewer vac house).

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b) **Kester Electric for \$4930.25** to rebuild a sewer pump.

The council approved both quotes.

- ✓ The foundation is being laid for the solar panels at the water plant. ARPA money is being used for this project.
- ✓ Joey asked if Chris could have his vacation earlier than May, he would like to go on vacation for children's spring break. Chris doesn't receive vacation until May due to his one-year anniversary of his hire date. The council agreed that would be fine. Chris will receive seven (7) vacation days to use starting in April.

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

- ✓ 7 runs since last meeting
- ✓ Cascade bottles are being filled.

**IX. CLAIM DOCKET:**

**\$239340.18** in claims is to be paid. Jean gave first motion to accept, Nichole seconded the motion, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

**X. LETTERS:**

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

a) **Evans- water adjustment \$0.00 and sewer adjustment \$19.82**

b) **Rogers-water adjustment \$552.78 and sewer adjustment \$364.26**

Hugh asked if all were fixed and Tonya stated that the Roger's capped the outside hydrant line that was leaking until warmer weather came to permanently fix it, it is not leaking. Nichole gave first motion to adjust all accounts as calculated, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

**XII. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- a) **Next regular meeting** is scheduled for April 13, 2022, at the Silver Lake Town Hall beginning at 7:00pm.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting ended at 7:54pm with Nichole making first motion to adjourn, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

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**MEDARD MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER**