

Town of Silver Lake
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Silver Lake Town Hall
May 11, 2022
7:00pm

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hugh Murfin, Nichole Taylor, Jean Weller, Tonya Conley

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley

TOWN ATTORNEY

C. Austin Rovenstine

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

April 13th and April 26th meeting minutes were approved with Jean making first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on Village Estates Infiltration issues

Austin (town attorney) sent a certified letter to them. It was received.

B. Radar Speed Signs-INDOT

The Indiana Dept. of Transportation sent an agreement to the Town of Silver Lake for the placement of speed radar signs on SR. 14 and SR. 15 in town limits. The agreement required the Council President's signature and attestation from the Clerk-Treasurer. Hugh and Tonya signed the agreement.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Project updates

▪ ***School Demolition***

The asbestos removal and masonry work will begin in a few weeks and once they have finished Advanced Demolition Services will start the demolition. It is estimated that demolition will begin the middle of June. Hugh informed those

present that the town can start preparing for a community center. Tonya is establishing a committee and if anyone is interested in or around Silver Lake to serve, let her know.

- ***Playground at Indian Trail***

Tonya, Jennifer, Joey, and Chris met with a playground company this week and will meet with others for quotes.

B. Media & Well Quotes (ARPA)

Joey told the council that the Media Filter at the water plant is overdue, and needs replaced. Well #1 will be chlorine shocked, to remove sediment, and Well #2 will be rehabilitated. Joey received two quotes, Peerless Midwest's quote is \$81005.00 for all three and National Water Service came in cheaper at \$58950.00 for all three. Tonya told the council that the projects were on the ARPA plan and ARPA funds will be used for all three projects. Nichole made first motion to except the quote from National Water Service, Jean seconded, and Hugh all in favor.

C. Salary ordinance 05-01-22

Chris passed the first semester of the apprenticeship program. As part of the program, the apprentice receives a raise as agreed upon when starting the program. Ordinance 05-01-22 gives a raise of \$1.00 per hour, bringing Chris to \$19.72 per hour. Nichole made first motion to give Chris Craft a raise, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor.

D. Fire Department Furnace Quotes

- New Plumbing quoted a 92% efficiency furnace, the size is the same as they have now for \$7750.00
- Colliers quoted a larger unit with 80% efficiency for \$15,220 for upstairs/downstairs and \$10,585 for downstairs only.
- Elliot did not have the quote turned in prior to the start of the meeting.

The council chose to table this until the quote from Elliot's Heating and Air could be received prior to deciding.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- A citizen asked about changing or revoking Ordinance 80-6 regarding farm animals in town limits. He told the council that some residents would like to have chickens or rabbits. He said he understands that regulations will need to be placed on this. He suggested five to eight per household, with proper enclosures to keep them in, no roosters and no large farm animals. He had researched other places that allow chicken and rabbits such as Warsaw and North Manchester, they allow five hens. He described benefits of having chickens: Food source with eggs, bug control mentioning that they eat mosquitos, and the fecal matter can

be used for fertilizer. Hugh stated he would check with other towns and would investigate it.

- **Brett (Silver Lake Conservation Foundation)** reported that they will hold their community meeting on June 4th at the Lion's Club on Harrison St. A permit has been obtained from IDNR for July 3rd for the Pontoon Parade. He stated he would like to see more participate than just those that live down at the lake. He would welcome input on where to park but doesn't want to be a burden. Brett updated the council about the grant received to do scientific study of the lake. Sampling stations have been placed around the lake, they take samples six times a day for the months of May and June. Samples will also be taken from the deepest part of lake and North Little. Brett was able to attend Kosciusko County soil conservation meeting.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a.) Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.:

- * Call history
- * Trevor passed the academy

b.) Joey McNeal, Water Dept.:

* Fence quotes were received for the solar panels. Custom Fencing's quote is \$13260.00 and EU Construction's quote is \$9400.00. Tonya and Joey both told the council that the only thing they were concerned about with EU Construction was the payment arrangement they wanted to have. Tonya stated that giving that much up front to a company that hasn't been used before isn't a good idea. She stated that she didn't know the company so that wasn't meant in a bad way it was just protection for the town. The council wanted to table the issue until June, but Tonya said she was concerned with the solar panels being vandalized if it doesn't have protection around them. After further discussion the council agreed to accept EU Construction's quote on the contingency that they would make a payment arrangement for 50% down and 50% when finished. This will be further discussed at the special meeting on May 17, 2022.

* The fishpond at Memory Park was cleaned but it is in bad shape. Pond was built with a shelf and the shelf is gone. Lily pads caused the damage and if replaced they should be kept in containers. Joey said all the fish were gone and he isn't sure what happened, but they disappeared, and none were floating. He will get quotes to rehab the pond for the next meeting.

c.) John Conley, Fire Dept.:

- * 6 runs
- * The department received a live fire permit from IDEM, it takes effect on Thursday, May 12th. They will start moving dirt to set up containers this month. They will need to get rid of the topsoil and will possibly take it to people for donation.
- * Saturday is the tenderloin dinner, drive thru or eat in and the live auction is online. They had not received as much in donations this year as they have in the past but there is still a lot of stuff to bid on.

* Golf outing is Sunday, June 26th. The department sent a letter asking the town for a donation. John stated that normally the town donates \$500.00, and the town has a team register to play. Jean made first motion to donate \$500 to Fire department, Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor, motion was passed. Anyone wanting to enter a team can get ahold of a firefighter.

VIII. CLAIM DOCKET:

\$195129.54 in **claims** were or needed paid. Some larger expenses included in the docket were the Fire Department's Certificate of Deposit that matured (Tonya rolled it over and added \$8000.00 to total \$63000.00), a NIPSCO transformer for the solar panels at the water plant had to be upgraded costing \$15500.00 and a 2nd payment for solar panels was paid. Jean made first motion to approve claim docket and Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor. Claim Docket approved.

IX. LETTERS:

A leak letter was submitted for adjustment from the Miner's. Tonya read the adjustments to be approved, they qualify for a water adjustment of \$116.82 and \$56.82 sewer adjustment Nichole made a first motion to approve adjustments for both water and sewer and Jean seconded it, Hugh all in favor, motion passed.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

a.) **Next regular meeting** is scheduled for June 8, 2022 at the Silver Lake Town Hall beginning at 7:00pm.

b.) **Fire Dept called public meeting** for May 17, 2022 at 6:00pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment came at 7:46 pm with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

HUGH MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER