

TOWN OF SILVER LAKE
PUBLIC/COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2017
7:00PM
SILVER LAKE TOWN HALL

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- II. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. ELECTED OFFICIALS
Chad Miner, Phil Shalley, Dana Owens, Tonya Conley
 - b. DEPARTMENT HEADS
Craig Hollopeter (absent Jason McGlennen sat in for Craig), JT Prater (absent due to illness), Joey McNeal, John Conley
 - c. LEGAL COUNCIL
Vern Landis sat in for Scott Reust

- III. **MINUTES:**

Phil made first motion to accept the meeting minutes for April 12, 2017 Regular Public/Council meeting and May 2, 2017 Executive Session, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried.

- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Water Bond refinancing** was presented by Eric Walsh from Umbaugh & Associates. The Town currently has two outstanding water bonds, one will expire the beginning of 2019 and the other expires in 2038. The interest rate of the 1999 bonds is 4.8% for one and 4.7% for the other. Eric stated with interest rates reduced it would be in the best interest of the Town to refinance those bonds for less years at a lower interest rate. The Council asked Eric to look into lending institutions to compare rates. Chad thought it would be a good idea to refinance paying off the bonds 7-8 years sooner than the current scheduled pay off which would save the Town about \$150,000 when it is complete. Eric added that the water rate increases that are being phased in have helped the Town to start meeting bond requirements, as well as slowly building the operating fund to sufficient standards.
 - b. **Sealed mowing bids** were opened and read aloud. The bids are as follows:
 1. **Scott's Lawn Care \$30.00 per hour**
 2. **Arc LLC \$50.00 per hour.**Phil made first motion to hire Scott's Lawn Care, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried.

- c. **Ordinance 05-01-17 Discharge of grass and other debris in roadway** was read in its entirety. Vern stated the Ordinance can be passed on the first reading. Phil made first motion to pass the Ordinance, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried. The Ordinance will not take effect June 16, 2017; it will need published.

VI. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

- a. **James Teague** purchased a cottage on the corners of Amelia and Pleasant and he is going to be remodeling the structure. He is concerned about the water running into his yard under the structure. He would like the Town to put in a curb to protect his property. JT, Town Superintendent stated that he knew when he purchased the property there was a big hill across the road and building a curb would then force the water onto the neighboring property. The Council stated that they would take a look at the property and take his complaint under advisement. Jim Fowler said that with the lake and the run off from the hill, water is bound to end up on the property and other then diverting the water to the neighbor what can the Town do.

VII. **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- a. **Craig Hollopeter, Town Marshal:**
 1. Department is getting things in place for Silver Lake Day.
 2. Asked the Council about imminent domain regarding the alley by the old Laundry Mat. Chad will talk to the Auditor's office and research the plats on both properties.
 3. Would like the Council to press on with the old school situation.
- b. **JT Prater, Street/Sewer Superintendent:**
 1. A fence and gate are in need of repair at sewer ponds. He reached out to several fencing companies but received only one quote from **Eaton Fencing for \$2840.00**. The Council approved by Phil making first motion, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion passed.
 2. A quote from **LAW Son for \$16440.00** sidewalk replacement and repairs, JT said that he would have to eliminate some of the sidewalks he is wanting done for lack of funds. He said he had around \$14000.00 in the sidewalk appropriation. The Council approved LAW Son with the available appropriation. Dana abstained from voting. Phil made first motion, Chad seconded and all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Joey McNeal, Water Superintendent:**
 1. Will be flushing hydrants soon
- d. **John Conley, Fire Chief:**
 1. 7 runs since last meeting
 2. Asked the Council for permission to do hose testing. It will cost \$2000.00 which will be split between the Town and Township. The Council approved

by Dana making first motion, Chad seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
Phil abstained from vote.

VIII. **CLAIM DOCKET:**

Tonya submitted claims to the Council adding up to **\$94430.71**. Phil made first motion to accept the docket, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried.

IX. **LETTERS:**

Jenny Emmons submitted a leak letter. She didn't qualify for the water adjustment but qualified for a \$20.49 sewer adjustment. Phil made a motion to adjust, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried.

X. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

a. **Next regular Council meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT :**

Phil made first motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Dana seconded, Chad all in favor, motion carried.

Chad Miner, Council President

Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer