

*Town of Silver Lake
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Silver Lake Town Hall
November 9, 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

- October 12, 2022, Budget Public Hearing
- October 12, 2022, Regular Meeting
- October 27, 2022, Budget Adoption

Nichole made first motion to accept all meeting minutes, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor. Meeting minutes were accepted.

IV. Old Business

- Kayak Rental-Lake
Tonya spoke of the poll on Facebook page it had only appeared for a few days. There were 36 votes altogether, 29 yes that they would use the rentals, and 7 no they wouldn't. Council tabled a decision until spring.
- Removal of Tree on Roosevelt
Joey is obtaining quotes; town and the property owner are going in half and half to pay for the removal.

V. New Business

A) 2023 County /Town Terminal Service Agreement (PD)

The agreement is for the Marshal's office link to IDEX and RMS software through Kosciusko County and the service fee of \$525 is to be paid. Nichole made the first motion to accept the agreement, Jean made second motion and Hugh all in favor.

B) Ordinance 11-01-22 Wage Increase (Chris Apprenticeship Program)

Chris is due for a wage increase for \$1.00 per hour for passing the second semester. Nichole made first motion to approve ordinance 11-01-22, Jean seconded the motion and Hugh all in favor. Ordinance passed unanimously

C) 2023 Salary/ Wage Increase

Hugh spoke about giving raises based on merit instead of across the board raises. He asked Jason to do a write up on his employees. Tonya reminded them that the ordinance has to be passed by December 31, 2022. She informed the council that they would need to make a decision in the December regular meeting so that the ordinance could be amended and then passed at the Year-End meeting. Jean agreed with Hugh and said she would like to see how Jason thinks his employees are doing. The matter has been tabled until next meeting and the council will decide.

D) Council Computer Quotes

Quotes for new computers were brought to the table. Quotes included were Avus for \$459.98, Asus \$619.99, HP Victus \$799.99, and HP 15 Windows \$489.99. John said they have an Asus at the fire station that has worked well for years. Jean made first motion to go with the Asus for \$619.99, Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor. Motion passed to purchase three computers.

VI. Citizens Comments/ Concerns:

None

VII. Report of Department Heads:

a.) Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.:

- Call history
- Speed Sign graphs, lots of information
- A large donation and a grant for computers in squad cars were received. Jason explained what will be purchased and stated that they were buying better computers.
- The previously approved purchase for the cop car fell through. He submitted a new car quote from Copsgear, Columbia City, that is one year older with less miles. The car had been a demo car and is quoted for \$36,283.67. The car will need a cage, seatbelt extensions and roll bars. The purchase will be after the first of the year, so that extra paperwork will not need done for an additional appropriation since it is budgeted for 2023. Jason stated that the utilities are buying the police truck but Tonya stated that the Utilities will not buying the truck, it will be paid out of the general fund. Nichole made first motion to purchase the car, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor. Motion passed

b.) Joey McNeal, Water Dept.:

- Water leaks have been fixed
- Leaf pick up will continue until the week of Thanksgiving after that leaves will need to be bagged for pick up.
- Memory Park is completed; Town Hall should be done this week. Tonya asked that since the work had been approved, if the council would give permission for the invoice to be paid when it comes in. Nichole made first motion for the payment to be made, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor, approved.

- Tool Cat is back, and the town has not received the bill yet. It isn't going to be a cheap bill. Bobcat of Warsaw was great to the town and let the town borrow a skid loader so that work could still be done.

c.) John Conley, Fire Dept.:

- 11 runs
- The department changed their minds on purchasing the forcible entry door for training. The department needs pagers more and would like to purchase them instead. J&K has been the cheapest and 10 pagers are needed, but town only has \$6800.00 so 8 can be purchased. Nichole made first motion, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor. John can purchase 8 pagers.

VIII. Claim Docket: \$136429.51

Jean made first motion and Nichole seconded it, Hugh all in favor, Claim Docket approved.

IX. Payroll Dockets:

10/12/22 \$12283.18

10/26/22 \$11636.99

11/09/22 \$12564.44

Jean made first motion to accept all three payroll dockets, Nichole made second motion and Hugh all in favor. Motion passed

X. Letters:

Leak letters from Camarena & Jayne were given to the council. Both have fixed leaks and are eligible for adjustments. Camarena qualifies for sewer only of \$594.85, and Jayne for two months with water being \$663.07 and sewer adjustment of \$144.50. Nichole made first motion to accept leak letters for adjustments, and Jean made second motion and Hugh all in favor. Motion passed.

XI. Miscellaneous:

Due to other circumstances the Council Meeting set for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, was changed to Monday, December 12, 2022, for 7:00pm at the Silver Lake Town Meeting Hall.

XII. Adjournment:

Adjournment came at 7:39 pm with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

HUGH MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER