

*Town of Silver Lake
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Silver Lake Town Hall
November 13, 2024
7:00pm*

I. REGULAR MEETING OPENED:

The regular meeting was opened at 7:34pm.

II. OCRA GRANT FINALIZATION:

Resolution 23-01-11 was read and explained by Grant Writer, Shannon McLeod. This resolution states that the town found reasonable reasons to complete an Architectural Study that would determine feasibility of constructing a community center within town limits. It also states that the grant awarded was used for the study and the town provided a local match of \$2160.00. The council approved the final document of the planning phase by passing the resolution with Jean making first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

III. GUEST:

Brett Burch-Silver Lake Foundation & Herb Manifold-Ecosystems Connections Institute

Brett spoke about the Lake study project. The LARE Project was a 2-year study, and the goal is to make a path to better lake standards. Herb Manifold gave a briefing on what he will talk about at the Lions Club building on November 14, 2024, at 6pm. Herb spoke of the study and some of the findings that will help in the correction of the problem. Silver Lake is listed on the state's impaired lake list, and he said many others are as well. He said prior history before town sewage was put in is playing a role and so is the watershed. There are 134 acres, with 4,000 acres of watershed that includes agriculture. Phosphorus is the main problem, and it stays in the sediment. Herb spoke about reports of lesions on fish, water visibility and sediment removal. The water quality issues can cause the fish to have lesions but until it reaches 5-10% it's not a concern. Brett mentioned that the Lake Conservation Foundation is working on another grant and if received will allow them to figure out the best practices for watershed to best remedy lake issues. Nichole asked if lower phosphorus would increase fish rate/population. Herb, in response, said that fish would be larger and survive at a much higher rate. He also said that clearer water would help prey and predator reactions which is always good for the lake.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

a) October 16, 2024, Budget Public Hearing

- b) October 16, 2024, Regular Meeting
 - c) October 29, 2024, Budget Adoption Meeting
- Nichole made the first motion to approve all three meeting minutes, Jean made the second motion and Hugh, all in favor, motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Survey, Topography Quotes** (Rambler Park 10+ acres)
Quotes for survey and topography for Rambler Parks 10+ acres came in from Walker Surveying for \$7000.00 and John Kimpel & Associates was \$7350.00. The Kimpel quote included locating private utilities and the inclusion of the South High Street area. Jean made the first motion to go with John Kimpel & Associates, Nichole seconded the motion, and Hugh, all in favor, motion carried.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Jay Cole thanked the Town for addressing the need for gravel on Eldora

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a.) Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.:

- Call History
- The department applied for grants to purchase a piece of equipment; one grant was approved. The other grant was denied. However, the entity that approved the grant also approved a second grant to finish paying for the piece of equipment.

b.) Joey McNeal, Water Dept.:

- Sycamore Street finished
- Leaves are being picked up until the end of November and should be raked to the curb for removal.

c.) John Conley, Fire Dept.:

- John gave the council a list of multiple things the fire department needs/wants. The amount exceeded what he has in his budget but will eliminate some. The council stated they are fine with the department purchasing the items if they do not go over their budget. Jean made the first motion, Nichole seconded it, and Hugh, all in favor, motion carried.

IX. CLAIM DOCKET:

\$150618.27 in claims were approved with Jean making first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. The council also approved Tonya to pay \$1095.61 in claims that came in after the docket was completed.

X. LEAK LETTERS:

Maple Street Property Holdings (Blankenship, renter) qualified for \$502.65 Water, and \$355.74 sewer for the month of November. Nichole made the first motion, and Jean made the second motion, Hugh all in favor. Motion passed.

XI. Miscellaneous:

Next Regular Meeting December 11, 2024, at the Town Hall at 7:00pm.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment came at 8:16 pm with Jean making the first motion, Nichole seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

HUGH MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER