



**TOWN OF SILVER LAKE**  
**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 12, 2025-7:00 PM**  
**Silver Lake Town Hall, 604 N Jefferson St.**

\*Due to sound issues, the live meeting on YouTube was unable to be heard by viewers. \*

**I. Meeting opened at 7:00 pm**

**II. Present:**

- a) Elected Members: Medard (Hugh) Murfin, Nichole Taylor, Gloria (Jean) Weller, Tonya Conley
- b) Department Heads: Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley
- c) Attorney: Austin Rovenstine

**III. Meeting Minute Approvals:**

Meeting minutes for October 8, 2025, Budget 2026 Public Hearing, October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting, and October 29, 2025, Budget 2026 Adoption minutes were approved as written. Nichole made the first motion, Jeanie seconded, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

**IV. Guest Speakers:**

- a) **Vacation of South St.-Rama Sobhani** spoke to the council regarding the petition to vacate, requested by David Basham. He stated that a portion of Mr. Basham's home was located on the street, a situation not of Mr. Basham's doing. After Mr. Sobhani finished, the council turned the floor over to Attorney Matt Mize, whom Jeff and Brenda Dotson retained to oppose the vacation. The Dotsons own a parcel of wooded land behind the Basham property. They are concerned about not being able to access their property by any other means. After Mr. Mize finished, the council discussed the matter further. Nichole asked about a partial vacation that would satisfy both parties, stating that the fence and the shed could be moved when logging occurred at the Doston property. Mr. Sobhani said that it would be a hardship for the Bashams, given the cost of moving the fence and shed. After further discussion, the council decided to table the matter until the December meeting

and asked the Attorney for both sides to discuss and see if an agreement could be reached. The matter will be on the December agenda.

- b) **Terra Tytko** gave a presentation regarding Nalox boxes from Lite Recovery Hub. She detailed the organization's mission and spoke about the resources it provides for recovery. The organization will check the box weekly, clean and restock it. Nichole and Jean, both members of the Lions Club, stated that the Conservation Building on Elm St. could be used. Terra will plan to have the box installed and supplied with Narcan at that location.

V. **Old Business:**

- a) **Determination Hearing** for 502 W. Coy Ave. was discussed. Clarence Jones, now the property's owner, informed the council that the structure would be demolished, but NIPSCO gave a 6- to 8-week lead time for disconnecting the building's electricity. The council passed a modified extension for March, and a determination will be made at that meeting. The council voted to grant the extension and rescind the \$500.00 fine against the property. Nichole made the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Austin will modify the notice in accordance with the council's determination and send it to Mr. Jones.
- b) **2026 Raises** were continued from the October meeting, at which time it was tabled until November. Jean stated she wanted to stick with her original motion to freeze raises. Nichole noted that something should be given. At one point, Chris's raise was discussed, and some council members were hesitant to approve it because the water license test had not been passed. Joe McNeal, Town Superintendent, stated that a license wasn't necessary for his job, as he already holds one. But Hugh said that if something happened to Joe, Chris would need one to take over. Upon further discussion, Nichole made a motion to give \$.50 to all. Tonya told Hugh that Jean had a motion to freeze, Nichole made a motion for \$.50, and he was the deciding factor. Hugh stated he agreed with Nichole, made a second motion, and all in favor; the motion carried with Jean opposing. They then brought up the issue of giving Deputy Marshal Kole Williams a raise. Hugh stated that he was still in training, so he wasn't for providing a larger raise than \$.25 per hour at this point. Nichole said she would be fine with that amount for a raise. Tonya asked

if they wanted her to make it retroactive in the ordinance amendment. The council agreed to pay back payment from November 6, 2025, the start of the pay period. Council agreed that it would be fine. Nichole made the first motion, Hugh seconded, and asked if all were in favor. Jean voted nay, but the motion carried. Tonya stated she would have an amendment prepared—a salary ordinance for 2026—for the December meeting and that once that has been passed, she will backpay Kole from 11/6/25 until his salary was changed.

VI. **New Business:**

- a) Tonya explained the **Baker Tilly Service Agreement**. The agreement is on an hourly basis based on the classification of the financial advisors involved. This agreement is for bonds to fund the construction of the community center. Tonya stated the town has received \$1.95 million in grants and donations so far. She said we are not done raising funds, so the more donations we receive, the more will go towards construction. The council approved the agreement with Nichole. The first motion; Jean seconded; Hugh all in favor; motion carried.
- b) Tonya also explained the **Parkview EMS Agreement**. She said this new agreement will extend ambulance service for the next two years, and since the town houses the EMS, we will not be paying a contract fee to Parkview. The council approved, with Nichole making the first motion, Jean the second, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.
- c) **Year-end Meeting** was set for December 29, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Tonya stated that if she prepares everything in time for the regular December meeting, only a claim docket will need to be passed for the year-end meeting, and the meeting will be short. Nichole is unavailable to make the year-end meeting, but the date works for most of the members.
- d) **First Reading of ten (10) Ordinances (11-01-25 through 11-10-25)** was read aloud. Each council member took turns reading, and Town Marshal Jason questioned a couple of ordinances. After the discussion, the council will revise some of the ordinances while keeping most of the language as written. A second reading will take place at the December meeting, after which the council will consider them for passage, and a publication will be made in local newspapers. Ordinances can be viewed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

VII. **Citizens' Comments/Concerns:**

**Nick Gordon** commented that it was good to see the ordinances being revised, and he is having an issue with a dead tree on his neighbor's property. He stated that he had already had to repair part of his home after a limb fell, causing damage. Jason said he could do something civilly, but until the ordinance is passed and takes effect, the town can't do anything about it.

**VIII. Department Head Reports:**

**a) Marshal Department:**

- Call logs were given to the council showing the total number of responses.
- Received a grant from KCode

**b) Street/Utilities Department:**

- Leaves are being picked up, barring weather, days may vary.
- Park has been winterized.

**c) Fire Department:**

- 7 runs were responded to since the last council meeting.

**I. Claim Docket:**

The claim docket for **\$185346.90** was approved, with Jean making the first motion, Nichole seconding, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried. Tonya also asked them to approve last-minute claims that came in after the docket was completed so she could pay them. Nichole made the first motion, Jean the second; Hugh made the all in favor; the motion carried.

**II. Letters:**

**Jena Kerr** petitioned the council for a leak adjustment. They didn't receive a water adjustment because the charge wasn't more than three times their average amount. However, they received a sewer adjustment of \$26.36, with council approval. Nichole made the first motion to adjust, Jean seconded, Hugh made the all in favor motion, and the motion carried.

**III. Miscellaneous:**

- a) The next meeting will take place on **December 10, 2025**, at the Silver Lake Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- b) Year-end meeting is December 29, 2025, at 4:00 pm.
- c) Hugh announced the food pantry cabinet by the meeting room, if anyone needs food, to take what they need, and it would be appreciated if

anyone had extra to give. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but the town greatly appreciates what they have done.

IV. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. with Jean making the first motion, Nichole seconding, and Hugh making the all-in-favor call; the motion carried.

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Hugh Murfin, Council President

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Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer