



TOWN OF SILVER LAKE

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026-7:00 PM

Silver Lake Town Hall, 604 N Jefferson St.

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. **GUESTS: Herb Manifold and Brett Burch** presented the Public Boat Ramp Restoration study to the council. The study found that the boat ramp on Shutt Ave. had a 28% slope and a significant drop-off requiring remediation. The slope at a boat ramp is typically no more than 15%. Repeated attempts to gravel-fill the drop-off are washed away by erosion. The solution is to reconstruct the boat launch using concrete panels, excavate the sediment, and add crushed limestone as the ramp bed material. Cost estimates for the project ranged from \$30,030.00 to \$34,870.00. The process would be a 3- to 5-day on-site project. Parking was also studied on a town-owned parcel on Shutt Ave. The study showed that four parking spaces would be available at the location. Herb is continuing the permitting process with the IDNR, and 17 entities must sign off on the permit. They have been submitted and are awaiting a response. Tonya asked whether the DNR had a specific season or time frame for this type of work, and Herb replied that it typically occurs in the fall. Fall is preferred due to the biological activity in the warmer weather. April 1st through June 30th is a time when it could not be done. Hugh stated that a decision can be made at the April meeting, as Tonya needs to review the funding. Jason Shelton said he would help with a fundraiser. The matter was tabled until April.
- Speaking of the lake, **Brett Burch of the Silver Lake Conservation Foundation** stated that lesions or sores were found on some of the fish. The IDNR came and took fish for lab testing. It is believed to be a bacterial issue, but it is also suspected

to be sarcoma; other lakes in the area have had fish with sarcoma. The IDNR will return soon for more research.

IV. **MEETING MINUTES:**

February 11, 2026, South St. Vacation Public Hearing, and February 11, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes were approved, with Nichole making the first motion to accept as written, Jean seconding, Hugh giving an all-in-favor call, and the motion carried.

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Ordinance 03-01-26 South Street Vacation** was accepted with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconding the motion, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. The agreement reached at February's meeting between two property owners was regarding a partial vacation. The ordinance reflects that agreement. Tonya will send it to Mr. Basham's attorney for recording at the county.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Water treatment recommendation of Phosphate and Oracle** was explained by Joey, Town Superintendent. He stated that the phosphate will help clear up the water of rust and scale. He mentioned the towns that he had spoken with regarding Phosphate and Oracle. Tonya also mentioned speaking with other towns that use them. The council approved to use Phosphate but asked to hold the Oracle for later. Joe stated that IDEM permits would be needed. Jean made the first motion to approve Phosphate, Nichole seconded the motion, and Hugh called all in favor; the motion carried. Jean asked Joey if he was going to flush all the hydrants, and Joey stated that they do. She said they all need to be done and not skipped around.
- b) **Resolution 26-03-01 Kosciusko County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan** was approved with Jean making the first motion, Nichole seconding her motion, and Hugh making the all in favor call; motion carried.

VII. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

None

VIII. **DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

- a) **Jason McGlennen, Marshal:**

- Call history was given to the council.
- Speaking on behalf of the Lions Club, Jason explained a survey the club had received showing they own portions of Walnut and Harrison St. The club would like to give that portion back to the town if the town would accept it. Tonya stated that the town plows, paves, and maintains the streets, so it should accept the offer. Council agreed, and Hugh told Jason to have their attorney or surveyor draw up the paperwork and give it to Austin for review.

c) **Joey McNeal, Superintendent:**

- Nothing to report that hasn't been spoken about already.

d) **John Conley, Fire Chief**

- Gave the council a run report showing 3 callouts since the last meeting.
- The new tornado siren should be installed soon, but the department didn't know the exact date to report.

IX. **CLAIM DOCKET:**

Jeanie made the first motion to accept the claim docket in the amount of **\$138,844.37**. Nichole seconded, and Hugh made the all-in-favor call; the motion carried.

X. **LETTERS:**

Letters were received from the citizens requesting adjustments due to water leaks. The adjustments allowed are as follows:

- Keith (two months) \$0.00 water and a combined total for sewer adjustments of \$32.04.
- Glass \$0.00 water and sewer adjustment of \$26.55.
- Kaluf \$1649.14 for water and sewer of \$1263.65.

All leaks have been fixed. The council approved the adjustments as calculated, with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconding, and Hugh calling for all in favor; the motion carried.

XI. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

The next regular meeting will be held at the town hall on April 8, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Nichole made the first motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Jean seconded the motion, and Hugh called for all in favor. The motion carried.

Medard Murfin, Council President

Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer