

Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

Mayor Simon called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Jim Hager, Ralph Strunk, Kevin Haag, and Keith Predmore were present for the meeting. Town Administrator Kim Matheson and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Attorney Craig Justus was present on Zoom.

Kevin Haag led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Simon asked to amend the agenda by moving Public Comment before New Business and adding Closed Session after New Business. Hager made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the March 11, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes: Hager made a motion to approve the minutes. Predmore seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Tax Report as of March 31, 2025: Matheson reported the tax collection for March was \$5,619.50.

Mayor Simon read the Ethics Statement Reminder.

Request for Public Comment:

Alan Davidson: Davidson said he had submitted some zoning questions several weeks ago to get some clarification and definitions on what the regulations are as it applies to his circumstance, including a question regarding the Zoning Ordinance 10% rule for non-conforming properties, and has not yet received any answers to those questions.

Matheson said she had forwarded Davidson's questions to the Zoning Administrator and had spoken to him the previous day and he said he would need to dive into the zoning to get all those questions answered.

New Business:

- 1. Semi-truck entering Lake Santeetlah:** Mayor Simon said a semi-truck entered Town on March 21, 2025 and got stuck, closing the road for most of the day. Mayor Simon said this is being brought up to discuss if something

like posting signage needs to be done. Predmore said he is opposed to more signage.

2. **Tree Workers to notify Town Hall of Road Closing:** Matheson said she thinks a mass email could be sent out to notify homeowners that if they have any work done to make sure the people they hire know to let the Town know if they are going to be closing the road, and also to make sure any debris is cleaned up after the work has been done.
3. **Budget Workshop date change:** The new date for the budget workshop has been moved to Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11:30AM.
4. **Started working on a new Town Directory:** Mayor Simon said Farley has begun working on the new Town Directory and Gracie Kamps has already started selling ads.
5. **Guard House Estimate:** Mayor Simon said there was a proposal from Shane Holloway for the repair on the Guard Shack in the amount of \$2,300-\$2,700. Predmore said he would like a written proposal and scope of work from Holloway.

6. Council Statements

Motion for Closed Session: Predmore made the motion to move into closed session. Hager seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously. The Council moved in to Closed Session.

After the Council adjourned Closed Session, Haag made a motion to return to Open Session. Hager seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously. The Council returned to Open Session.

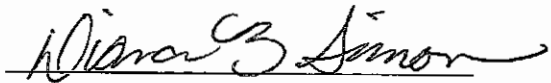
Haag made a motion to engage a new Town Attorney with the Wilkerson and Justus Firm subject to the same terms as the current attorney agreement effective upon the Mayor's signature and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement. Hager seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously. Craig Justus will no longer be with The Van Winkle Law Firm as of April 21, 2025. Justus will remain the Town's attorney under the new law firm of Wilkerson and Justus.

Announcements:

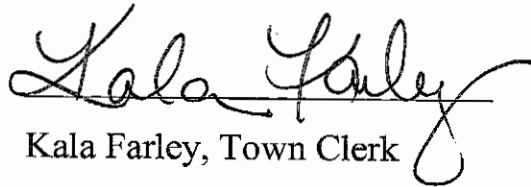
- There will be a Planning Board meeting on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held May 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Town Hall and via Zoom. The link to join by Zoom will be sent out by mass email.
- There will be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11:30AM

Motion to Adjourn: Hager made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Predmore seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM.



Diana Simon, Mayor



Kala Farley, Town Clerk