

Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Mayor Keith Predmore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Ralph Strunk, Diana Simon, and Jim Hager were present for the meeting. Town Administrator Kim Matheson, Town Technician Scott Kamps, and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Attorney Justus was present on Zoom. Kevin Haag arrived late to the meeting just prior to Old Business #5 Council Statements.

Scott Kamps led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

Approval of the Council Meeting Agenda: Mayor Predmore asked to amend the agenda by moving OB#2 until next month. With that change, Hager made a motion to approve. Simon seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

February 20, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Hager made a motion to approve the February 20 Council Meeting Minutes. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Predmore reminded everyone of the ethical requirements as a member of the Town Council.

Financial/Tax Report as of February 28, 2026: Matheson reported the tax collection for February was \$2,564.53.

Request for Public Comment:

Alan Davidson: Davidson said he would like to thank Glenn Barnett for his effort in serving on the Planning Board.

Old Business:

- 1. Received Signed Lakeside Tri-Party Agreement:** Matheson reported that the signed agreement was received and all the work has been completed except for the paving.

New Business:

1. Presentation of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance by Planning Board:

Planning Board Chair Hager submitted a statement to the Council and an explanation of why the change to the definition of height is being recommended. (see attached)

After discussion, the Council decided that a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held during the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

2. Nomination of new Planning Board Member:

Town Hall received interest from three applicants for the vacancy on the Planning Board. Jack Gross, Matthew Major, and Aurorah Yarberry. Hager nominated Aurorah Yarberry for the vacancy. There were no other nominations. Hager voted "Aye". Simon voted "Aye". Mayor Predmore voted "Aye". Strunk voted "Aye". The vote was 4 of 4 for Aurorah Yarberry to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board.

3. General Fund CD Matured (Feb 18):

Matheson said a General Fund CD matured on February 18th. \$20,000 was added to it, bringing it up to \$202,000 with a rate of 2.40% for 6 months. Matheson said a Water Fund CD will be maturing soon and \$20,000 will be added to it as well.

4. Upcoming Water Billing:

Matheson said we will be billing water within the next couple weeks and asked that anyone that hasn't paid their bill to pay as soon as possible.

5. Council Statements:

Diana Simon: Simon announced there was a past member of Town Hall Staff, Debbie Wheeler, that recently passed away and she will be missed.

Ralph Strunk: Strunk said he would like the Planning Board to be recognized in the next Residential Directory and suggested including a section with the Board members photos and contact information.

Keith Predmore: Predmore read a thank you letter from the Santeetlah Fire Department thanking the Town for the donation.

Jim Hager: Hager said he would like to compliment the Mayor for the emails he has been sending out to the Town residents.

Kevin Haag: Haag spoke about a local meeting he attended where HUD (Housing and Urban Development) was discussed for Graham County. \$600,000 appropriated for housing for Graham County since around 2020. That amount has now grown to over 1 million dollars. Those funds have

been held for various reasons but primarily due to the extensive restrictions and regulations for contractors to get the money. Haag said he wanted to bring awareness of this and how it can bring positive change to the community if the people work together to find a solution in order for Graham County to access the funds.

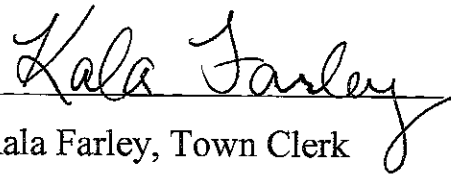
Announcements

- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held April 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM. This meeting will be held at Town Hall and via Zoom. The link to join by Zoom will be sent out by mass email.

Motion to Adjourn: Haag made a motion to adjourn. Strunk seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.



Keith Predmore, Mayor



Kala Farley, Town Clerk