

Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

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

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

Approval of the Council Meeting Agenda: Hager made a motion to approve the agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the August 6, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes: Strunk made a motion to approve the August 6, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. Haag seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the August 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes: Haag made a motion to approve the August 12, 2025 Council Meeting minutes. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Tax Report as of August 31, 2025: Matheson reported the tax collection for August 2025 was \$10,244.74. Matheson said a General Fund CD matured and it was rolled over. The amount of the CD was \$180,239.44 with a maturity date of February 18, 2026. The interest rate was 2.4%. Matheson said \$3,700 was collected for directory ads. From that amount, \$1,850.00 was paid to Gracie Kamps for selling ads, \$802.50 was paid for designing the directory, and \$411.83 was paid for printing, leaving a profit of \$635.67. Matheson said the back steps project at Town Hall was complete. The cost for the labor was \$3,000 and the cost for materials and haul away of debris was \$1,819.69, making the total cost of the project \$4,819.69. Matheson said a Water Fund CD will mature on Friday. Matheson said the work on the Causeway was done and the total for that work was \$18,000. Matheson said the \$40,000 for the Road Reserves had also been transferred since paving will be starting soon.

Mayor Simon read the Ethics Statement Reminder.

Request for Public Comment:

Old Business:

1. **Update on Duke Energy Easement:** Matheson said she had sent some changes to the easement back to Duke, who had forwarded them on for review. There has been no further correspondence at this time.
2. **Update on Causeway:** Matheson said the work on the Causeway is complete. The total for the job was \$18,000.
3. **Update on backup system for water on top of the mountain:** Matheson said she has contacted Buddy Melton who is working to get some options drawn up. Once he gets those done, he will call to schedule a meeting.

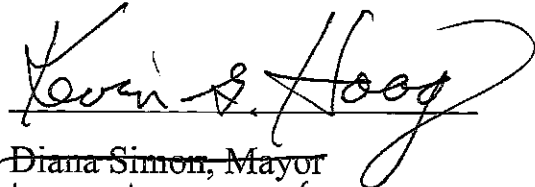
New Business:

1. **Water Operator Contract Renewal:** The contract for the water operator is up for renewal. Hager made a motion to approve the contract. Strunk seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Update on Paving:** Kamps said the paving is scheduled to begin during the middle of next week.
Kamps also gave an update on some work being done on Nantahala Terrace and said a contractor is doing some work on Nantahala Terrace dealing with some water run-off and drainage issues and that work is almost complete.
3. **United States Semiquincentennial: 250th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Declaration of Independence:** Hager discussed contributing a \$3,000 donation toward this Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display in the Town. Hager made a motion for the Town to contribute \$3,000 towards festivities for Fourth of July. Mayor Simon seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Council Statements:**
Ralph Strunk: Strunk inquired about the status of painting the Guard Shack. Mayor Simon said progress for getting it painted was currently stalled due to inability to acquire the contractor contact information for the contractor that previously gave a quote of \$800.
Strunk inquired about the number of people who have been on Zoom lately. Matheson said there hasn't been a high number of participants.

Announcements:

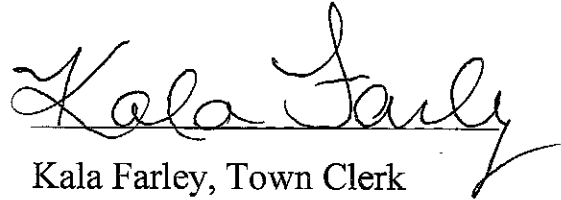
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held October 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM. This meeting will be held at Town Hall and via Zoom. The link to join by Zoom will be sent out by mass email.

Motion to Adjourn: Strunk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Haag seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.



~~Diana Simon, Mayor~~

Kevin Haag, Vice Mayor



Kala Farley, Town Clerk