Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026

Mayor Predmore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Ralph Strunk and Jim Hager were present for the meeting. Town Administrator Kim Matheson, Town Technician Scott Kamps, and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Councilmember Diana Simon was not present. Haag arrived at 12:03 PM.

Kamps 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 Consent Agenda:

1. **June 16, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **June 24, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**

Hager made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Tax Report as of June 30, 2026: Matheson reported the tax collection for June was $4,522.06. The amount billed for the 2nd Quarter water billing was $34,117.87. Since billing, $591.55 has been collected for Consumption and $9,895.00 for Residential Base for a total of $10,486.55.

Request for Public Comment:

Jack Gross: Gross said he would like to remind the Council to take a roll call.

Alan Davidson: Davidson referred to a previous discussion regarding the amount of tax revenue that is received for rentals in Town, and said he would appreciate it if the Council keep in mind the potential negative impact of rentals in the Town.

Old Business:

1. **Draft revision of water leak forgiveness policy:** The Council discussed the draft revision. The draft states that a hardship waiver may be granted for water usage exceeding $300 during the current quarter. The amount of usage reduction will be 75% or the average usage over the past 12 months,

whichever is greater. Hager made a motion to adopt the leak forgiveness policy and eliminate the bold print on line two on the last page. Haag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Update on Water:** Kamps reported that the system is back up and running and there are spare parts for each of the components that run the system. Kamps also said the Auto Dialer is on the schedule to be set up.
3. **Update for water on top of mountain:** Haag gave a report on the information he had received from two different contactors, with one suggesting changing the startup process of the motors so a smaller generator can be used if needed. Haag said he will continue to do research.

New Business:

1. **Discussion of donations for Elementary School Food Bank and High School Knights Pantry:** Since the schools have not reached out for support, the Council decided to wait on making donations.
2. **Update on Directory**: Matheson said all the information for the directory has been sent in and we are waiting for a proof.
3. **Council Statements:**
   Ralph Strunk: Strunk suggested that a policy be drafted that any Council member who misses 3 meetings in a 12-month period should not receive the monthly Councilmember pay.
   Kevin Haag: Gave a report on the TPOA meeting he attended the previous day.

- Welcome Back-Safety Reminder for residents to be aware of ongoing construction and the increase of traffic in Town during this time of year.
- Water Bills are due Friday, July 24th.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held August 11, 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: Strunk made a motion to adjourn. Hager seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 PM.

Keith Predmore, Mayor

Kala Farley, Town Clerk