Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Mayor Predmore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers 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. Councilmember Ralph Strunk was present on Zoom. Councilmember Kevin Haag was not present.

Kamps led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

Approval of the Council Meeting Agenda: Hager requested to amend the agenda and add NB #2 Planning Board Alternate Vacancy and approve as amended. Predmore seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. **May 5, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes**
2. **May 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**
3. **May 26, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes**

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

Financial/Tax Report as of May 31, 2026: Matheson reported there was no tax collection for the month of May, and water revenue collection would increase after the water billing that will be done by end of the week.

Matheson said a Special Meeting needs to be called for end of year clean up due to the end of the fiscal year being June 30. After discussion, the meeting was set for June 24th at 12:00 PM.

Request for Public Comment:

Alan Davidson: Davidson referred to NB #4 request to purchase property beside Town Hall and said he hopes proper procedures will be followed if the sale of Town property is considered.

Old Business:

1. **Update on Water:** Kamps reported that the water system was basically back on track other than one issue he had discovered this morning with the water level reading device. During the previous ongoing issues with the water, Lamar Williams, the contract water operator, had suggested the Town get an Auto Dialer which is an automated alert system that will send out a notification if the water gets below a certain level. Matheson said there is some money left over from the water repairs so the auto dialer can be ordered before the end of the year. Hager suggested doing so. After discussion, it was decided to go ahead and order the auto dialer.

New Business:

1. **Planning Board Update**: Chair Hager was present to give an update and said the Planning Board had a meeting last Friday, June 12, 2026. As part of its periodic review of the Land Use Plan, the Board plans to send out a survey seeking feedback on any areas of the Ordinance that may need closer review. Chair Hager said she has been working on a draft with Susan Robinson who has a PhD in surveys, and the Board hopes to have it ready to send out by July-August.
2. **Planning Board Alternate Vacancy**: There have been two people who have shown interest in the Planning Board Alternate Vacancy: Jack Gross and Susan Robinson. Hager said he would like to nominate Susan Robinson. There were no other nominations. Simon seconded Susan Robinson as an Alternate Board member. Simon, Hager, and Predmore voted "Aye". The vote was 3 of 3 for Susan Robinson to be a Planning Board Alternate.
3. **Discussion of water policy:** Hager proposed writing a draft revision of the water leak forgiveness policy and said he would send it out for discussion at the next Council meeting.
4. **Request to purchase property beside Town Hall:** Matheson said Randall Veal had purchased the property next door to Town Hall and had requested to purchase some property beside the Town Hall parking lot. Predmore said there needs to be an official presentation that includes exactly what he wants with documentation prior to discussion.
5. **Approval of FY 26/27 Budget and Budget Ordinance:** Hager made a motion to approve the FY 26/27 Budget and Budget Ordinance which

includes raising the millage rate to .250. Predmore seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of FY 26/27 Capital Reserves Road Fund Budget and Budget Ordinance:** Hager made a motion to approve as written. Predmore seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **TDA FY 26/27 Budget Report:** Simon shared a report of the Tourism Development Authority and the FY 26/27 Budget. Simon said occupancy tax collections during the current fiscal year have remained strong with total revenues collected being $17,635.93 as of May 27, 2026. In addition, the TDA currently maintains a savings account balance of $4,561.00. The TDA has sponsored the upcoming 250th Fourth of July Celebration and anticipates sponsoring next year's celebration and other community events that encourage tourism and visitation to the area. For the FY 26/27 budget, the projected revenue is $16,000. Expenditures to promote Travel and Tourism is $10,693.00 and includes advertising and promotion of Lake Santeetlah. Related Expenditures which include administrative, insurance, audit, capital projects, and reserves is $5,347.00. The TDA FY 26/27 Budget was approved by the Board during the June 1, 2026 meeting.
8. **Council Statements:**
   Jim Hager: Hager said he will be picking up Fireworks on Saturday, June 27th.

- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held July 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: Hager made a motion to adjourn. Simon seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Keith Predmore, Mayor

Kala Farley, Town Clerk