Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

Mayor Predmore 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, Town Technician Scott Kamps, and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Councilmember Diana Simon was not present.

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

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. **April 14, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes**
2. **April 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**
3. **April 21, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes**

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

Financial/Tax Report as of April 30, 2026: Matheson reported the tax collection for April was $4,354.57 and the tax base for next year has went up from $132,044,756 to $133,647,666. Matheson said $18,973.02 had been collected from water payments and there were 22 past due water accounts as of the end of April. Past due notifications have been sent out. Matheson said she had recently met with a League of Municipalities Representative and they discussed the insurance policy they had with the Town. They also informed Matheson that reappraisals will be later in the year to make sure the policy includes accurate coverage.

Request for Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment

<u>Old Business:</u>

1. **Update on Parking Lot Striping:** Matheson said the parking lot has been pressure washed and the repainting has been started.

New Business:

1. **Water Well Repair:** Matheson said there have been some issues with the water wells and some estimates have been given for the repairs needed. Kamps explained the issues that have been going on with the water wells and said after an assessment Well #1 has a control box that needs to be replaced but the pump was good and it works and functions well otherwise. Well #2 has the original control box so it is very old and needs to be replaced. Also, the pump in Well #2 will surge and since the actual depth of the pumps are unknown it is assumed that the pump may be too high and needs to be lowered. Well #3 needs the pipe replaced as it seems some holes have developed in places, which has resulted in lower output capabilities. Kamps also said there is an issue with the sensors on the large tank on top of the mountain that he has been working on as well. Matheson said Kamps is currently having to manually run the wells until all these repairs can be completed.
2. **Budget Amendment (water):** Matheson said the budget amendment was for $18,000 and was to cover the cost of the water wells and sensor repair that were previously discussed. Hager made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Haag seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Council Statements:**

   Ralph Strunk: Strunk asked about the status of the sheriff's comment box at the Guard House and when it would be installed. Kamps said he would try to get it up as soon as possible. Strunk asked who determines employee compensation and when it was discussed. Matheson replied that is done during the budget discussions. Strunk stated there is no Councilmember alternate and asked why the Planning Board needs an alternate. Hager said it doesn't say anywhere in the Ordinance that alternates have to be appointed, but it is very important that you have five people present for a variance request since a four-fifths supermajority vote is required for a variance. Strunk commended the volunteers that maintain the Front Entrance and thanked them for their hard work.

   Matheson added that the Robbinsville High School principal had informed her that four students recently received $2,000 scholarships each, for a total of $8,000.

Jim Hager: Hager asked if a 250th American Anniversary Flag could be put up in Memorial Park. Kamps said it was feasible. Predmore said he would research the protocol.

Kevin Haag: Haag mentioned a citizen had approached him and was concerned about the road paving. Haag said this citizen was concerned about the price of having a professional evaluation of the roads. Haag said this citizen was also concerned that paving might not get done and the road would deteriorate. Predmore said if we have a professional evaluation made, then we can make an engineering decision. Haag said he was informed that the Town had partial ownership of a truck at the Santeetlah Fire Department and asked if the funds given to the Fire Department should be in form of a grant rather than a donation. Kamps replied it is a donation and the Fire Department's secretary provided a list of items the funds were used for.

- Reminder that mowers will be coming to do the mowing before Memorial Day, on the 21st. Please move boats, trailers, and other items away from road shoulders.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held June 16, 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 12:28 PM.

Keith Predmore, Mayor

Kala Farley, Town Clerk