

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE**Monday, April 18, 2022****7 p.m.**

The Silver Lake Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio. The meeting was in-person and on Zoom.

With Council President William M. Church presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Mr. Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

These members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Dann Nivens, Mr. Phil Kaplan, Mr. Matthew Plesich, Mr. William Church, and Mr. Christopher Scott. Members of Council present were 5; members absent were 2, Mrs. Therese Dunphy and Mrs. Betsy Meyer. Council excused Mrs. Dunphy and Mrs. Meyer.

Mr. Church asked for additions or corrections to the April 4th minutes. [There being none, the minutes were approved as submitted.] He called for the readings.

First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO.: 30-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 945 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, TO ACCORD WITH OHIO EPA REGULATION FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Public Improvements)*

ORDINANCE NO.: 31-2022 AN ORDINANCE OPTING-OUT OF H.B. 172 AND REAFFIRMING THE BAN ON DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1519 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Planning, Zoning & Insurance)*

RESOLUTION NO.: 32-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, GROUP DENTAL, GROUP VISION, AND LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATES SET FORTH AND PURSUANT TO CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Planning, Zoning & Insurance)*

Second Reading: *None.*

Third Reading: *None.*

Comments from the audience (3 minutes each): There were none.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – Mr. Nivens**ORDINANCE NO.: 30-2022**

Mr. Nivens read the legislation and recommended a second reading. He believed the Village Planning Commission [PC] should be involved and he had questions for Mr. Lipan, who was not in attendance. He was unclear on some things, and Mr. Scott was also. The mayor said Mr. Lipan told him that other communities were adopting essentially the same legislation, as expected by the EPA, and it had no deadline. The legislation would allow the Village to fine residents for

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noncompliance, which it couldn't do currently. Including the PC was again raised.

Council decided to hold Ord. 30-2022 for a second reading.

PLANNING, ZONING & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Scott

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Mr. Scott summarized the legislation and asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	5	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	5	No	0

PLANNING, ZONING & INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Scott

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Mr. Scott read the legislation and highlighted the change in medical coverage from Anthem to Medical Mutual. It was determined membership in COSE [Council of Smaller Enterprises] required an additional fee not included in the coverage cost. Mr. Scott noted the 13% increase from the Village's current plan, and said the Village might have to go with a higher deductible plan in the future. Before the meeting, both Mrs. Dunphy and Mrs. Meyer agreed Council should choose the suggested plan. Mr. Housley added the vision and dental plans had multi-year rate guarantees that wouldn't change, and the price of the life insurance stayed the same. Mr. Nivens noted the importance of transparency with employees. It was determined the current insurance would expire on May 1. There were various unforeseen delays in the process, and effort would be made in the future to give Council more time to look over the proposals.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	5	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	5	No	0

Mr. Kaplan asked about \$6,000 for a 2021-2025 EPA permit. Mr. Housley said the Village needed several EPA permits; this one might be related to stormwater and was probably not tied to any specific project. The payment of claims dated Apr. 4, 2022, was accepted as distributed. The statement of cash position dated Mar. 31, 2022, was accepted as distributed. Mr. Housley said everything was functioning as anticipated, and the sewer fund should be able to build a good healthy reserve.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Hovey: Council has probably heard about Mr. Heydorn's situation by now. I ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. I'm taking recommendations for a temporary solicitor and will have the first interview on Wednesday. Council will have to approve them.

Mr. Church expressed his appreciation for Mr. Heydorn's friendship and his sorrow at the situation.

Mr. Robert Heydorn, Village Solicitor: Mr. Heydorn was not present and had no report.

Chief Jamie Norris, Chief of Police: The Easter Egg Hunt went great, probably the largest it's ever been. The parking lot was full; we ran out of food and drinks. I'd like to thank the volunteers and officers' families for their time and effort.

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Mr. Mark Lipan, Service Director: Mr. Lipan was not present and had no report.

Mr. Sean Housley, Clerk-Treasurer: The enterprise [water, sewer, stormwater] funds have a solid operating budget; we've finished paying off our meter. I intend to reevaluate all rates and potentially lower the sewer rate, adjust the water rate accordingly and possibly adjust the stormwater rate. My goal is to minimize any increase on the community, but to just balance out those funds' operating margins to the best of my ability.

Now that my assistant is becoming full-time, the Village has someone to really focus on our tax collection. She's learning some report writing to make it easier for the Village to transition fiscal officers, if necessary, without a crisis. Everyone in the office is great with the new software.

Mr. Kaplan asked if Council would vote on the property policy soon, since the renewal date was June 1, 2022. Mr. Housley confirmed and added he submitted all applications within days of receiving them. Everyone seemed to be behind this year, so he was waiting to hear back. All Village equipment, vehicles, etc. would and should be on the policy. Chief Norris and Mr. Lipan were both usually very good on this.

Mr. Nivens asked when the auditor would be coming. Mr. Housley replied the Village's audit was bundled and bid out with other smaller local governments'. The contract was awarded, but he had heard nothing else. Usually, the auditors came in late June.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Church opened the floor for miscellaneous business and recognized Mr. Nivens. Mr. Nivens informed Council the Park Board met last Saturday for a joint river cleanup with Cuyahoga Falls. The Village had 21 participants; the Falls had 65. They hauled out a lot of trash and will probably do another cleanup later this year.

There was no update on Chautauqua; the mayor would discuss buying certain properties this week.

There being no further questions or comments, Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m. The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7 p.m.

APPROVED:



William M. Church, President of Council

ATTEST:



Sean M. Housley, CPA, Clerk-Treasurer
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