

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE**Monday, October 18, 2021****7:00 p.m.**

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2021, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio. The meeting was only in-person.

With Council President William M. Church presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

These members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Dann Nivens, Mr. Tim Nichols, Mr. Matthew Plesich, Mr. William Church, Mrs. Therese Dunphy, Mrs. Betsy Meyer, and Mr. Christopher Scott.

Roll call of Council - 7 members present. Absent – 0.

Mr. Church: Were there any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 4, 2021, Regular Council Meeting? [There being none, the minutes were approved as submitted.]
Assistant Clerk, first reading.

First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO.: 58-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 55-2020, THE SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, TO RAISE THE COMPENSATION OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Finance & Appropriations)*

RESOLUTION NO.: 59-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE TO PURCHASE A GETAC VIDEO SOLUTIONS INC. VEHICLE AND BODY CAMERA REPLACEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Finance & Appropriations)*

ORDINANCE NO.: 60-2021 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 907, “SIDEWALK REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Public Improvements)*

ORDINANCE NO.: 61-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 125, “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Public Improvements)*

RESOLUTION NO.: 62-2021 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF SARAH SNOOK TO REPLACE HANK GULICH AS A MEMBER OF THE SILVER LAKE PARK BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Personnel & Public Affairs)*

Second Reading: None.

Third Reading: None.

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Silver Lake Police Department (SLPD) Recognition Ceremony: [Mayor’s full statements and Letter of Commendation given to officers are attached.] Mayor Hovey recognized and honored 3 officers: Lt. David Childers, Officer Michael Hudson, and Officer Edgar Beverage. The mayor summarized the officers’ heroic act of giving life-saving medical care to a young man until EMTs arrived. [The young man survived.] The mayor expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the officers. Mayor Hovey yielded some time to a resident from the audience. The esteemed community member stated that the young man saved by the officers was her son. She expressed her deep and sincere thanks to the officers.

The mayor went on to specially recognize Lt. Childers for his work in getting the SLPD certified with the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, including creating new dept. protocols to fit the new state policing standards put forth by the Collaborative.

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

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Dunphy

ORDINANCE NO.: 58-2021

Mrs. Dunphy summarized the legislation and noted that it should help Mr. Lipan’s search for seasonal employees. Mr. Lipan stated he had been advertising to fill 2-3 slots and he already had 3 regulars returning. Mr. Scott recalled that the Village gave an attendance bonus to seasonal workers who stay. Mr. Lipan replied that the bonus was \$100 and 3 people had gotten it. It was clarified the bonus wasn’t in the legislation nor any official document, but was an informal thing. Mr. Lipan informed Council Akron and Munroe Falls were paying their seasonal workers \$15/hr.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	7	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	7	No	0

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Dunphy

ORDINANCE NO.: 59-2021

Mrs. Dunphy summarized the legislation and invited Chief Norris to explain. Chief informed Council the dept.’s current equipment was purchased in 2014. A bodymic’s lifespan is 2 years, with its constant exposure to the elements and wear and tear. The system being bought is the same one used by Cuyahoga Falls. Part of the cost will be covered by the drug fund, and the purchase has already been budgeted for. Mr. Scott asked about the warranty. The Chief answered that if a camera goes down, the dept. will receive a new one quickly. Mr. Nivens asked about accessing old records once the dept. switched to the new CAD system. The Chief responded the old records will go into the cloud and still be accessible. Chief Norris continued that he had applied for \$20,000 of a state grant for bodyrecording systems, with \$5,000,000 being released in 2021 and another \$5,000,000 in 2022. The funding might be retroactive.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	7	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	7	No	0

The statement of cash position dated September 30, 2021, was accepted as distributed.

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – Mr. Plesich

ORDINANCE NO.: 60-2021

Mr. Plesich summarized the legislation and stated he had some questions for Mr. Heydorn. Mr. Housley responded he had spoken to Mr. Heydorn about this legislation. Mr. Heydorn stated the Ohio Revised Code [ORC] was more current than this chapter of the Village’s codified ordinances [VCO], and by repealing the chapter, the Village would just default back to the relevant ORC section. It was determined there was no rush on passing Ord. 60, and if there was any conflict with any other Englewood legislation, Roetzel and Andress [bond counsel firm for Englewood project] would find it and notify the Village with the appropriate fix.

It was decided to hold Ord. 60 for a second reading.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – Mr. Plesich

ORDINANCE NO.: 61-2021

Mr. Plesich summarized the legislation. Mr. Housley stated this legislation allowed Council to decide to assess for roads or not, as the legislation removed the section of the VCO that required the Village to assess residents for roads. The section was put in the VCO in 2000 and has never been used. Mr. Housley added the cost of road assessments was not currently budgeted for.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	7	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	7	No	0

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Mrs. Meyer

RESOLUTION NO.: 62-2021

Mrs. Meyer summarized the legislation and invited the mayor to elaborate. The mayor stated the Park Board interviewed 3 outstanding candidates for the position and wished all 3 could join. It was decided Ms. Snook was the best candidate at this time. As a younger member of the Village, she has energy and enthusiasm, and will hopefully encourage more young people to get involved in Village affairs. The other 2 candidates will be involved in the Park Board or Shade Tree Commission soon, so it’s a win-win for the Village.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	7	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	7	No	0

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Hovey: Starting with Englewood, I hoped to have that resolution of necessity in front of Council tonight, but it wasn’t ready yet. Mr. Lipan and I spoke, and waiting a bit shouldn’t be an issue. As far as Stow’s contribution, I’ve spoken with Stow’s Mayor Pribonic about our refusal to survey and gather signatures of support from Stow residents and he agreed with us and said he would take care of that himself.

For all residents, and especially children, the deadline to enter our house and pumpkin decorating contests is Oct. 25. The details are on our website.

I urge everyone to support the police dept.’s fundraiser and buy some pink patches; it’s for a good cause. I’ve bought 10 myself. That concludes me.

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

Chief Jamie Norris, Chief of Police: I'd like to thank the mayor for his support for tonight's recognition ceremony. The Village has a very good police dept. that works hard to support the community and save lives. I'd like to thank Council for our new cameras and mics; I know every officer is excited about that. That's all I have.

Mrs. Meyer seconded the praise for the dept. and praised the Chief for the quality of his officers. Chief Norris expressed his concern over keeping officers with the Village, given that Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson have started doing lateral transfers.

Mr. Mark Lipan, Service Director: The gas project has started on Dover Rd. Everything's torn up, but they will put everything back. They want the project to be completed by Dec. 31, 2021. It's a big job. [Mr. Plesich asked whether this gas project, or future projects, would impact Englewood.] I've spoken to the Summit County Dept. of Sanitary Sewer Services about plans regarding Englewood's sewers, but I didn't ask the gas company. I'll call my contact there and confirm, but I've already told him about the project.

The leaf and limb pickup starts on Monday, so get them out now.

We finally got the Vactor back on Friday with a brand-new pump. It didn't cost us anything, as it was under warranty. We used it in the field today, jetting sewers. That's all.

Mr. Sean Housley, Clerk-Treasurer: Last meeting, I mentioned sending out notices to delinquent taxfilers. I've been dealing with this for about 9 mon. and this was the last notice before I issue a complaint and hand things over to the Chief. A few people have filed, so we're seeing some progress. Nothing else.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Church moved on to the mutual aid agreement with Newton Falls. He related that Mr. Heydorn said a motion and vote was needed to renew the agreement. Mr. Housley asked to line up agreement dates with Council meeting dates. He reported the position of Newton Falls Finance Director was officially vacant and interviews had commenced, with the goal to replace Mr. Housley as soon as possible. It was determined the agreement had caused no issues, no decrease in the quality of Mr. Housley's work. Mr. Housley added that Newton Falls possibly may need him for longer than the agreed 4 weeks to train his replacement and he would keep Council updated. It was moved and seconded to extend the mutual aid agreement through Nov. 15, 2021. Council unanimously voted to do so.

Mr. Church segued into the discussion regarding sidewalks on Rt. 59 and asked Mr. Nivens to speak on the issue. Mr. Nivens summarized the proposal to put in sidewalks from Church St. to Thomas Dr. and added that there was no sidewalk west of Church St. to the Village boundary. He mentioned there was a disabled child living west of Church St. and described the difficulty crossing the street posed. He asked Council whether the proposed sidewalk should go limit to limit on the south side of Rt. 59. He added that ODOT [Ohio Dept. of Transportation] may cover some of the cost since it would benefit those commuting through the Village. Most of the proposed sidewalk would be on Village land. Mr. Scott wondered how the sidewalk would be

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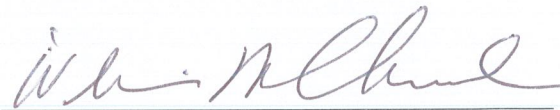
put in at 2971 Kent Rd. [Silver Lake Florist, owned by Mrs. Meyer] considering the paved parking lot and large sign pole. Mrs. Meyer seconded the concern and clarified that there was very little space between her sign and the road. Mr. Plesich asked if any Kent Rd. homeowners supported this, or if only Thomas Dr. residents wanted this. Mr. Scott seconded the question. Mr. Church stated that any decision would be a process. Mr. Lipan said the engineering for Thomas Dr. to Church St. would cost around \$12,000. Mr. Church asked Mr. Housley to look into possible grants and other funding sources. Mr. Nivens added that portions of Graham Rd. also don't have sidewalks. Council asked Mr. Housley to look at the submitted petition and letters regarding the issue to see if any homeowners on Kent Rd. supported this. Mrs. Meyer reiterated the unique situation of her flower shop's sign.

Mr. Nivens moved on to discuss a resident renovating their property and shared he had received multiple complaints, including paperwork concerning legal actions. Mr. Church deferred the conversation until Mr. Heydorn could be present.

Mr. Nichols recalled plans to celebrate the retirement of former Council President Jerry Jones and honor his years of service. Given the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and the impending winter, the decision to host an event should be made soon. Mr. Housley informed Council that any such event would need to be paid for through donations, not Village monies. It was determined that alcohol was not allowed in the pavilion or in Village Hall. Council showed interest holding such an event and Mr. Nichols offered to take point.

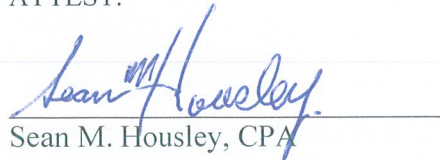
There being no further questions or comments, Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m. There will be a Special Meeting and Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting on Oct. 27, 2021, at 7 p.m. The next regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



William M. Church, President of Council

ATTEST:

Sean M. Housley, CPA
Clerk-Treasurer

prepared by: Kathryn Kleinhans, Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer

In the 16 years that I have been mayor of Silver Lake, I have had the privilege of honoring many of our residents with mayoral proclamations for their various noteworthy achievements. Tonight, I again have that honor. Tonight I am proud to recognize and honor 3 members of our police force for outstanding service to our community. The members of our police department are held in high esteem by not only myself, but also by virtually everyone of our residents. They daily live up to their motto - Protect and Serve. While they often go above and beyond what is required of them, they also often exceed every expectation.

Unfortunately, much of what they do is not, and sometimes cannot be, recognized in a public and open forum. Tonight that changes. For exemplary service, deeds and action, we have instituted an award program whereby their deeds will be publicly acknowledged. The policemen I am about to recognize did not just respond to an accident, although they often have, nor did they arrest a driver driving under the influence, although they often have, nor even did they respond to a drug related incident, although this does happen too frequently. Instead, they saved a life. Let me read the letter of commendation each will now be given. Lt. David Childers, Officer Michael Hudson and Officer Edgar Beverage, please join me on the floor.

(read the award)

I also want to inform you of another piece of great work done by Lt. Childers.

(read high-lighted text)

THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE



LETTER OF COMMENDATION

LIFE SAVING AWARD

The Village of Silver Lake Police Department would like to take this opportunity to recognize *Lt. Dave Childers, Officer Michael Hudson, and Officer in Training Edgar Beverage* for their actions that occurred in July 2021.

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, at approximately 1600 hours, Silver Lake Police and the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department were dispatched to a Village residence in reference to an unresponsive male. When officers arrived on scene, they found the male upstairs and he was not breathing. The victim's body was pulled out of the room and placed in the hallway. Officers recognized these signs as a possible drug overdose and administered NARCAN. Officers then began CPR and continued to administer NARCAN. This was continued until the medical action was turned over to the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department. The male was soon transported to a nearby hospital.

While it is unknown what the future may have in store for the victim, one thing is known. If it were not for the quick response of *Lt. Childers, Officer Hudson, and Officer Beverage*, he probably would not be alive today. Their training, coupled with their recognition of the medical emergency, as well as the apparent drug overdose, determined the action that needed to be taken.

Therefore, with great pride and appreciation, we commend the lifesaving actions of *Lt. David Childers, Officer Michael Hudson, and Officer Edgar Beverage* by honoring them with this Life Saving Award.

Dated this 18th day of October 2021

Bernie Hovey
Mayor, Village of Silver Lake

Jamie Norris
Chief of Police, Village of Silver Lake

In 2020, Lt. Childers began the daunting task of getting the Silver Lake Police Department certified by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. The Ohio Collaborative came to be in 2014 when Gov. Kasich signed an executive order announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between the community and police. The task force included 24 members representing the governor, legislature, attorney general, the Supreme Court of Ohio, local law enforcement, organized labor, local community leaders, the faith-based community, business, municipalities and prosecuting attorneys.

On April 29, 2015, after a series of public forums held around the state, the task force delivered its final report to the Governor, who in turn signed Executive Order 2015-04K, established the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations.

The Ohio Collaborative, a 12-person panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders from throughout the state, established state standards – for the first time in Ohio’s history – on August 28, 2015, for use of force including use of deadly force and agency employee recruitment and hiring that can help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. These new standards will hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. The Collaborative works closely with partners, including the community and law enforcement agencies, to implement the new standards. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations. The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, communicated those new standards to Ohio’s nearly 960 law enforcement agencies.

The standards that are required to be met include: Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations, Vehicular Pursuit, Investigation of Employee Misconduct, Bias Free Policing, Body Worn Cameras, Use of Force, Use of Deadly Force, Employee Recruitment and Hiring & Community Engagement.

Lt. Childers was required to revamp/create new policies and procedures. This included creating tests for officers after reading the updated or new material.

On 05/27, our department completed the final phase to receive our certification. The evaluator that was here noted how organized all of the files and paperwork were handled. He also asked that LT. Childers provide samples of some of his work for other departments to use as the work that was completed was exactly what the collaborative looks for.

The work is not complete, as new policies are being added and more certificates will continue to be issued.

The amount of time that LT. Childers committed to this certification cannot be measured. It is due to all of his hard work and communication with the panel, that the Silver Lake Police Department has officially been awarded certification.