

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

**8:00 p.m.**

The organizational meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Bernie Hovey at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Hovey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hovey asked for a roll call of Council.

The following members were present: Mr. Christopher Scott, Mr. Adrian Achtermann, Mrs. Carol Steiner, Mr. William Church, Mrs. Despina Mulrooney, Mr. Gerald Jones, and Mrs. Karen Fuller.

Roll call of Council – 7 members present

Mayor Hovey stated Mr. Arthur Pimm, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, is resigning from the Commission and at this time he asked Mr. Pimm to step forward to receive a Proclamation for his 21 years of volunteer service to the Village of Silver Lake.

Mr. Pimm stated he was very happy to have served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and he leaves the Commission in very capable hands.

Mayor Hovey thanked Mr. Pimm for his service to the Village.

Mayor Hovey asked for nominations for Council President.

Mr. Church made a motion to nominate Mrs. Steiner to serve as President of Council, seconded by Mrs. Fuller.

Roll call of Council to nominate Mrs. Steiner as President of Council:    Yes 6    No 0

Council unanimously approved the nomination of Mrs. Steiner to serve as President of Council.

Mrs. Steiner thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as President of Council.

Mayor Hovey asked for nominations for Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Scott made a motion to nominate Mr. Church to serve as Vice-President of Council, seconded by Mr. Achtermann.

Roll call of Council to nominate Mr. Church as Vice-President of Council: Yes 6    No 0

Council unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Church to serve as Vice-President of Council.

Mayor Hovey turned the Council meeting over to Council President, Mrs. Carol Steiner.

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Mrs. Steiner asked Council members if they wanted to continue serving on the committees that they are currently on as well as keeping the same seating arrangements for meetings.

Council members responded unanimously that they wanted to continue serving on the committees that they are currently on as well as keeping the same seating arrangements for meetings.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 18, 2006, Council meeting.

There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as sent out.

Mrs. Steiner asked Mrs. Teresa Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer, for the reading of any pending legislation that is up for a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 1-2007 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE INCLUDING A SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES AND RANGES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH SCHEDULES AND RANGES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO.:1-2006 PASSED JANUARY 3, 2006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ordinance No.: 1-2007 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2-2007 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ROBERT W. HEYDORN AS SOLICITOR OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ordinance No.: 2-2007 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 3-2007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARGILL, INC., SALT DIVISION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK ROCK SALT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION (CUE) PURCHASING ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Resolution No.: 3-2007 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 4-2007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-**

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**TWO CENTS (\$11,593.62) FROM THE GENERAL FUND (A01) TO THE ACCRUED BENEFITS PAYMENTS FUND (B11), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Resolution No.: 4-2007 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 5-2007 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MR. DEAN HULL TO THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Resolution No.: 5-2007 was assigned to the Personnel and Public Affairs Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 6-2007 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF GINA ALEXANDER TO THE CITIZENS HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Resolution No.: 6-2007 was assigned to the Personnel and Public Affairs Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 7-2007 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS OF JEFFREY HEINTZ AND ALEX ALEXANDER AS MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Resolution No.: 7-2007 was assigned to the Personnel and Public Affairs Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 8-2007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. \$ 47,663.30**

Resolution No.: 8-2007 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Mrs. Steiner asked for the reading of any legislation that is up for a second reading.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 120-2006 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT AND THEREBY LICENSING J&J REFUSE, INC., TO IMPLEMENT THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM FOR THE TERM APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010.**

Resolution No.: 120-2006 was previously assigned to the Planning, Zoning & Insurance Committee.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any questions from the audience regarding pending legislation.

There being none, Mrs. Steiner continued with the agenda.

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**REPORTS OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Planning, Zoning and Insurance Committee – Mr. Gerald Jones, Chairman**

Mr. Jones stated Resolution No.: 120-2006 will be treated as a second reading.

**Personnel and Public Affairs Committee – Mrs. Karen Fuller, Chairman**

Mrs. Fuller stated Resolution No.: 5-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mrs. Fuller moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 5-2007, seconded by Mr. Church.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Roll call on adoption:        Yes    7      No    0

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Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Mulrooney.

Roll call on adoption:        Yes    7      No    0

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Mrs. Fuller moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 7-2007, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Church.

Roll call on adoption:        Yes    7      No    0

**Finance and Appropriations Committee – Mr. William Church, Chairman**

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 1-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

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Mr. Church moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 1-2007, seconded by Mrs. Mulrooney.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Roll call on adoption:      Yes    7      No    0

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 2-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Church moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 2-2007, seconded by Mrs. Mulrooney.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Roll call on adoption:      Yes    7      No    0

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 3-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Church moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 3-2007, seconded by Mrs. Mulrooney.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mrs. Fuller.

Roll call on adoption:      Yes    7      No    0

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 4-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Church moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 4-2007, seconded by Mrs. Mulrooney.

Roll call on suspension:      Yes    7      No    0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Roll call on adoption:      Yes    7      No    0

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 8-2007, Payment of Claims, was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Roll call on adoption:      Yes    7      No    0

Mrs. Steiner called on Mr. Achtermann to give his report from the Park and Recreational Board.

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Mr. Achtermann read a letter from Park Board Chairman, Mrs. Michelle Burgess reference the funding for renovating the south end of the main island on Silver Lake Boulevard and Kent Road. (A copy of the letter is attached to the original minutes.)

Mr. Achtermann stated Mrs. Burgess has a commitment from the Garden Club for \$10,000 of the \$15,000 cost of renovating this island.

Mrs. Burgess is asking Council to consider funding the remaining balance of \$5,000.

Mrs. Spohn stated money was not allocated in the 2007 budget for renovating this island.

Mr. Jones stated that Village Council will no longer be considering a gas well for the Village.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Hovey** stated there are numerous sources available for the residents to go to for information concerning Village matters. Such as the Falls News Press; the Village website; the Residents' Review and the government access channel. If a resident cannot find the answers to their questions, please call Village Hall and someone will be more than happy to assist them.

Mayor Hovey stated that he and members of the staff will be updating the Employee Handbook.

Mayor stated when updating the Handbook has been completed, he would like Council to review the Handbook for their input.

Mayor Hovey reviewed with Council the cell phone policy that he wants to include in the Handbook.

**Chief Gary DeMoss** stated he spoke to Mr. Victor Allen from the Traffic Signal Division of the City of Stow reference the light on Dover Road and Graham Road.

Mr. Allen said the light is working properly and he does not support an arrow light at this intersection.

Mr. Allen feels that an arrow would be counterproductive to traffic flow.

Chief DeMoss stated the cost to upgrade this signal would be \$5,000.

**Service Director, Mr. Richard Fenwick**, stated he spoke with the Service Director from the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Mrs. Valerie Carr, and she indicated that the City of Cuyahoga Falls is discussing an increase in water rates for Silver Lake and the City of Munroe Falls.

Mr. Fenwick stated Mrs. Carr did not have a percentage increase at this time.

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Mr. Fenwick said two service workers will be attending a waste water collection course in 2007 so they can obtain their license.

Mr. Fenwick stated Mr. Phil Keren interviewed him reference the Village's Cell Phone Policy.

Mr. Fenwick said the Mayor set the policy of no personal cell phone calls and that is fine. "The Mayor's the boss and he sets the policy."

Mr. Fenwick stated he has no problem with paying tax on personal calls. The problem he has is the way the cell phone issue was handled.

Mr. Fenwick stated that it may be possible that the money deducted from employees' checks was done illegally.

Mr. Fenwick would like to know who authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to deduct this money from employees' paychecks and was Council aware of this since it involved something as drastic as deducting the money from employees' paychecks without their knowledge.

Mr. Fenwick requested that a check be issued to him and Mr. Kevin Salmon, Assistant Service Director, for the amount that was illegally deducted from their paychecks.

Mrs. Steiner thanked Mr. Fenwick for bringing this issue to Council's attention and the matter would be addressed.

**Village Solicitor, Mr. Robert Heydorn**, had no report.

**Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Spohn**, had no report.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any further questions or comments.

Mrs. Lila Nissel, 2810 Outlook Drive, said she likes Silver Lake's drinking water, which is water from Cuyahoga Falls. She does not want to see Silver Lake buying water from another source.

Mrs. Nissel stated she appreciated what Council does for the residents of the Village and for being so tolerant.

The Administrative Office is always very courteous when she has asked for information.

Mrs. Nissel went on to say that she is very pleased with the Service Department. The Service Department always does an outstanding job especially during the Leaf and Limb program. The Police Department is always visible throughout the Village. It is always good to know that citizens are being well served.

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Mrs. Steiner thanked Mrs. Nissel for her comments.

Mr. John Wenrick, 2829 Hastings, said he agreed with Mrs. Nissel's comments.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any further questions or comments.

There being none, Council adjourned at 8:53 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Carol Steiner, President of Council

ATTEST:

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Teresa M. Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer