

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

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007                      7:30 p.m.**

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio.

With President of Council, Mrs. Carol Steiner, presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Steiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present and responded to roll call: 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 former Silver Lake Mayor Clyde Conn passed away last week. Mr. Conn was Mayor of Silver Lake for 20 years and devoted many days and hours of his time to the Village.

Mayor Hovey asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mayor Conn.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 5, 2007, Council meeting.

There being none, 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.: 17-2007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 945 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, OHIO, AT SECTION 945.03, 945.04, AND 945.99 HEREBY ESTABLISHING GENERAL RULES AND CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF CURBSIDE AND SETBACK SOLID WASTE REMOVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Steiner assigned Ordinance No.: 17-2007 to the Planning, Zoning and Insurance Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 18-2007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. \$ 121,218.83**

Mrs. Steiner assigned Resolution No.: 18-2007 to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

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

Mr. Timothy Tausch, 3127 Athens Road, stated he has some concerns regarding Ordinance No.: 17-2007.

Mr. Tausch asked if a representative from J&J Refuse would be able to attend the Council meetings so that residents can ask them questions directly. Mr. Tausch stated it was brought up at the last meeting regarding Friday pickup and now an ordinance is being made to add Friday as a day for pickup.

Mrs. Spohn stated it's already in the ordinance that Friday is allowed as a day for pickup.

Mr. Jones stated J&J Refuse already picks up on Wednesday and Fridays. This ordinance is changing a few of the areas mostly regarding the curb side pickup.

Mr. Jones and the Mayor both spoke to J&J Refuse and requested they review their schedule to see if there is any way they could accommodate the Village on any other day besides Friday. J&J Refuse stated at this point in time, the day cannot be changed. Should J&J Refuse review their schedule in the future and find out the pick-up day can be changed, then the Village will be informed.

Mr. Tausch stated as a resident, it would be nice for J&J Refuse to come to the Village and talk to the residents about all of this.

Mr. Church replied that J&J Refuse representatives attended no less than four or five Village Council meetings.

Mr. Tausch suggested that Council set a certain date to ask J&J Refuse to review their schedule.

Mr. Jones stated that J&J Refuse has already stated that it isn't going to happen this year and he is not going to keep going back to them every two or three months to ask them.

Mr. Tausch asked if it was okay for him to call J&J Refuse.

Mr. Jones replied that he can call J&J Refuse all he wants.

Mrs. Barb Lubinski, 2925 Circle Drive, asked why we are not changing the legislation to add all five days as a day for pick up.

Mr. Jones stated Council can always change the legislation.

Mr. Heydorn commented that Council can change the day without any problem by passing the legislation as an emergency.

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Mayor stated that when he spoke to J&J Refuse he asked for any day other than Friday. J&J Refuse has contracts that are due to expire. Once other contracts expire, J&J Refuse will review their schedule at that point.

Mrs. Lubinski stated that Fridays are going to be a problem with curbside pickup. Mrs. Lubinski would like to see a Village Hall meeting a year before the solid waste contract is due to expire so that residents can come in to share their comments and concerns.

Mrs. Linda Lisle, 2842 Lakeland Parkway, stated that she currently has her trash collected on Fridays. Mrs. Lisle prefers Wednesdays, but Friday pickup is really no big deal. This is an argument that is making something more difficult that it needs to be. Mrs. Lisle commends Council for all the work they have done on this issue.

Mr. Fred Johnson, 2943 Overlook Road, asked if the legislation is being amended to say 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Steiner stated, "Yes it is".

Mr. Johnson stated he is concerned about the appearance of the Village on the six to eight holidays that will change the pick up day from Friday to Saturday.

Mayor stated that J&J Refuse observes six holidays throughout the year.

Mrs. Nancy Repp, 3103 Silver Lake Boulevard, stated the January 15, 2007, article in the Falls News Press listed the percentages of which service Village residents would like to have. Most of the responses were for uniformed containers.

Mr. Jones stated going to curbside pickup was a volatile issue and Council did not want to force everyone to get a container.

Mrs. Repp stated that going from setback service to curbside service with uniform containers is totally different than residents using any garbage can they choose.

The other issue Mrs. Repp would like to bring forward is the bag service. There has always been setback service so it wasn't convenient for animals to get into the trash. Most residents would put their trash out in the morning, now residents will be placing their trash out the night before. There will be bags of garbage lying around and will attract all different kinds of animals.

Mr. Church told Mrs. Repp that he is sympathetic to what she is saying. If bag service creates a problem, Council will certainly take steps to try to change things.

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Mrs. Repp replied that not only is it unsightly, it is dangerous.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any more questions or comments from anyone in the audience regarding pending legislation.

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

Mayor Hove administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dean Hull as a member of the Audit Committee.

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

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 18-2007 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Church, seconded by Mr. Scott.  
Roll call on adoption: Yes 7 No 0

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

Mr. Jones stated Ordinance No.: 17-2007 will be treated as a first reading.

Mrs. Fuller stated the Personnel Placement Committee met this evening and discussed step increases for Ms. Heather Reiheld and Ms. Margaret Redford.

Mrs. Fuller made a motion to move Ms. Heather Reiheld from Bookkeeper-Administrative Secretary Step D to Bookkeeper-Administrative Secretary Step E and Ms. Margaret Redford from Administrative Services Clerk II Step C to Administrative Services Clerk II Step D, seconded by Mr. Achtermann, and all of Council agreed.

Mr. Jones scheduled a Health Insurance Committee meeting for Friday, February 23, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Bernie Hovey** reported Dominion East Ohio will be conducting random interior home gas line inspections over the next eleven months in Northeast Ohio. Southern Cross, a company contracted by Dominion East Ohio, will contact residents one day in advance. They will leave a phone number to call if the resident is not home. All Southern Cross employees will be in uniform and will have proper ID.

Mayor complimented the Service Department for all their hard work over the past couple of weeks. This has been the worst year for water main breaks.

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Mayor has received several calls from residents regarding phone, internet and cable service from Time Warner Cable. Mayor is waiting on a return call from Time Warner Cable.

The Mayor stated he appreciates the community input and concerns regarding the trash issue.

J&J Refuse's letter indicated senior citizens will have to provide proof of age. The letter also states that all residents will automatically receive a bill.

Mayor stated he spoke to J&J Refuse's representative, Mr. John Lehlbach, and J&J Refuse will not ask the resident for proof of age. J&J Refuse will give the Village a list of the residents who sign up as senior citizens and the Village will verify proof of age.

Also, residents will not receive a bill unless they call J & J Refuse and choose their service. J&J Refuse will give the Village a list of residents who have signed up for service. The Village will then investigate the reason a resident has not signed up for trash service.

Mayor stated that before the next contract is awarded, the day of pickup will be scrutinized a little bit more intensely. With the three year contract, Council will have time to evaluate how curbside pickup has worked out for the Village as well as how using one hauler has worked out for residents.

Mayor urged all citizens to be a good neighbor. If you choose curbside service, the Mayor is asking that all residents take their trash cans out and bring them back in a responsible manner.

Mayor is asking all residents to seriously consider using the uniform container. The containers are the safest, easiest to move, animal proof, and will not blow around in the street.

Setback service is becoming too costly for many people. It is not always a question of whether people can afford it, but whether they want to spend large amounts of money for trash service when a less expensive alternative is available.

The Mayor does not believe that curbside pickup will be the downfall of Silver Lake. There will be problems at the beginning, but we will be able to cope.

The Mayor will soon sign a contract with J&J Refuse and he will seek the most favorable terms as possible for the Village.

**Chief DeMoss** stated he has given Council members a copy of a Village police officer's six month interim review. There will be a Personnel Placement Committee meeting before the next Council meeting.

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The Police Department is in the process of reviewing the police cruiser specifications. Chief DeMoss will have the specifications completed and ready for review at the next Council meeting.

All police cruisers are now operational.

The bill for holistic vests from D&G Uniforms was included in payment of claims this evening. The Village participates in a grant program and will receive a reimbursement of fifty percent of the money after the bill is paid.

**Mr. Fenwick, Service Director**, reported there have been several water breaks in the Village. Mr. Fenwick thoroughly explained the water breaks to Council by a demonstration on the board in Council chambers.

Mr. Fenwick commended the Service Department employees on the great job they have done.

Mrs. Peg Yeager, 2878 Lakeland Parkway, stated the directional signs were very helpful during the water break.

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

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

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone in the audience.

There being none, Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

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Carol Steiner, President of Council

ATTEST:

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Teresa M. Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer