

**TOWN OF SIMLA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

Mayor Fulmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll**

Town Clerk Taunton called roll. Members of the Board present: Trustee's: Jason Kohring, Shawn Nehl, Jeb Billmire and Maarten vanZoeren, Absent: Trustee Sasa Ivanovic. Janette Nipple, Mayor Fulmer declared a quorum.

Trustee Janette Nipple joined the meeting after roll call.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Staff**

Staff Present: Town Clerk Taunton, Public Works Director Myke McCune, Police Chief Andrew Kissam, Building Inspector Ricky Stegmaier & Kunal Parikh (via zoom).

**Additions to Agenda**

None

**Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Billmire moved to approve agenda items, Trustee Kohring seconded, motion passed.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Trustee Billmire moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2025, regular meeting, Trustee Kohring seconded, motion passed.

**Public Hearing: Nonscheduled**

**Audience to Visitors**

Matthew & Stephanie Blankenship and Jorge & Elizabeth Cruz came before the Board to discuss the sub-division of the property at 701 Ute. The group is looking to purchase the property. Clerk Taunton was instructed to email Mr. Blankenship the Town's packet on lot sub-dividing

**Attorney Report**

Mr. Parikh informed the Board that he is working with Chief Kissam on revising the Town's off highway vehicle ordinance and that it should be available at the April meeting for review and discussion.

**Clerks Report**

- Board approved setting public hearing to amend the 2023 budget at the April meeting.
- Clerk Taunton was instructed to keep the issue of raises/bonuses for employees not enrolling in health insurance provided by the Town as old business, to be discussed at a later meeting.

**Building Inspector – in packet – nothing added**

**Police Department – in packet**

Chief Kissam stated that the entry of increased patrol as shown in his report to the Board, is a designation to record when the Department is running traffic enforcement on either end of town or in an area of Town that a citizen has expressed concern over.

Chief Kissam discussed the changes he would like to make to Town's ordinance for off highway vehicles. He stated he would like off highway vehicles to be registered with the Town. He would like to add golf cart to the ordinance. He stated that having citizens register their off-highway vehicles with the Town would help the Department know who is driving what and to educate the citizens on the ordinance.

Trustee Nehl asked when the speed trailer that the Police Department was going to be put to use. Chief Kissam stated that Trustee Ivanovic was researching on how to program it.

Chief Kissam requested a Police Department employee receive a raise/bonus as the employee is not enrolled in the Town's health insurance. The Town is not incurring that expense for the employee. Trustee Billmire mad a motion to approve a \$300 per month bonus for the remainder of 2025. Trustee vanZoeren second the motion. Mayor Fulmer asked Clerk Taunton for roll call. Ayes: Trustee Billmire Trustee Kohring, Trustee Nehl, Trustee Nipple, Trustee vanZoeren, Nays: None, Absent: Trustee Ivanovic. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5    Nays: 0    Absent: 1

**Public Works – in packet**

Director McCune went over items included in the report he submitted to the Board.

Trustee Kohring requested tree limbs be trimmed that hang over the road. He stated that when roads are being graded the tree limbs scrape the grader.

Trustee Nipple asked about the status of the DOT grant. Director McCune stated the funds were frozen by the Trump administration.

**Municipal Court – in packet**

**Mayor's Report -**

Mayor Fulmer would like to schedule a grand opening event for the Hope Community Center on 4/5/2025 at 10 am. He was going to contact the paper to see if they would do an article on the grand opening.

The Mayor would like a page added to the Town's website for the Hope Community Center.

The school contacted Mayor Fulmer regarding electrical repairs that needed to be done at the baseball field. The school will be submitting an invoice to the Town for its portion of the repairs.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Brad Harr – CO Journey RV Park – decision on what will be charged to the RV park for water and wastewater**

After discussion Trustee Nehl made a motion to charge the CO Journey RV Park \$43.26 for every 4,000 gallons of water consumed and \$47.80 per occupied spot for wastewater. Trustee Kohring second the motion. No further discussion. Mayor Fulmer asked Clerk Taunton for roll call. Ayes: Trustee Billmire, Trustee Kohring, Trustee Nehl, Trustee vanZoeren, Nays: Trustee Nipple, Absent: Trustee Ivanovic. Motion passed

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Absent: 1

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Simla Days** – Mayor Fulmer asked if any of the other Board members would be interested in heading up Simla Days, Mayor Fulmer will be heading up Simla Days 2025, with Trustees stepping up were they can. The Board discussed charging more for vendor spots in the park. Vendor fees will be \$25 for a spot in the park and \$15 for a spot on the street. Chief Kissam suggested giving priority to businesses that are located in the Hope Community Center. The Board agreed to providing businesses that are located in the Hope Community Center first pick of vendor spots, and at no charge. The Board discussed tournaments for corn-hole and horseshoes. It was discussed to possibly have a kickoff event on Sunday night, with a d.j. or band and dance The Board also would be interested in having a beer garden. Simla Days will remain as unfinished business for further discussion.

b. **Resolution 393-2025 – Lease approval for Randy Martinez d/b/a Catrina Latin Food beginning April 1, 2025** – Trustee Billmire moved to approve resolution 393-2025, Trustee Nehl second. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**Treasurer's Report**

Trustee Billmire moved to accept the Treasure's report; Trustee Kohring seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**Claims and Vouchers**

Trustee Nipple moved to pay claims and vouchers; Trustee Billmire seconded motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

**Other**

- Move April meeting to Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Agenda set for next meeting April 7, 2025

- Appointment of Police Chief

**Adjourned at 8:53 pm**

**Submitted:**

Megan Taunton  
Megan Taunton, Town Clerk

**Approved by the Simla Town Board of Trustee's**

Ryan Fulmer  
Ryan Fulmer, Mayor

