TOWN OF SIMLA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDSAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

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

Roll Call
Town Clerk Taunton called Roll. Members of the Board present: Trustees, Janette Nipple, Shawn Nehl, Sasa Ivanovic, Jason Kohring, absent Trustee Martin vanZoeren, Mayor Fulmer declared a quorum and meeting was called to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Staff
Staff Present: Town Administrator Jacquelyn Rapp, Town Clerk Taunton, Public Works Director Myke McCune, Building & Code Official Rick Stegmaier and Town Attorney Kunal Parikh (via zoom), absent Police Chief Andrew Kissam.
The Board recognized Trustee Jeb Bilmire for his service to the Town.

Additions to Agenda -
Kevin King -
Analies Ross-Dyjak with BayWa r.e. Americas

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Trustee Ivanovice moved to approve the minutes from September 22,2026, regular meeting, Trustee Nipple, seconded; motion passed.

Ayes: 4 Nayes: 0 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 1

Audience to Visitors:
Citizen Mike McCune appeared before the Board to request that metal headstones be permitted in the cemetery. The current ordinance of regulating headstones does not allow the use of metal markers. Following discussion, the Board directed staff to work with the Town Attorney to prepare revisions to the ordinance that would allow metal headstones within the cemetery.

Analies Ross-Dyjak of BayWa r.e. Americas appeared before the Board and introduced herself as a representative and point of contact for the Shepard Solar Farm project. Ms. Ross-Dyjak advised that discussions had taken place with Director McCune and Town Administrator Rapp regarding the potential purchase of bulk water from the Town. The Board discussed limitations on the sale of water to users outside the Upper Big Sandy Conservation District and noted that the project's estimated water demand may exceed the amount currently available for such use. It was noted that the project would need to coordinate with the Upper Big Sandy Conservation District regarding any necessary approvals for water withdrawals.

Kevin King of Evaporation King appeared before the Board to present information regarding a wastewater treatment product offered by his company. Mr. King discussed the potential application of the product as a future option for assisting the Town in meeting state wastewater treatment and regulatory requirements. The Board received the information and discussed its potential use for future wastewater system needs.

Public Hearing: None

Attorney Report
The Town Attorney stated he had nothing to share with the Board. There were no questions from the Board for the Town Attorney.

Town Administrator Report
Administrator Rapp stated that she was waiting for a bid to have new road signs installed. There were no questions from the Board for Administrator Rapp.

Clerk Report -
Clerk Taunton reported that a citizen expressed appreciation for the Town's participation in providing funding for cat spay and neuter services. Clerk Taunton also provided an update on preparations for the Town's haunted house event, noting that planning and setup activities were progressing. There were no questions from the Board for Clerk Taunton.

Building Official/Code Enforcement – in packet
Official Stegmaier reported that the property located at **200 Washington** has not yet come into compliance. The Board noted that the property owner had previously been granted 180 days to achieve compliance and that the allotted time has expired. The Board further stated that if additional time is needed, the property owner must submit a request for additional variance. Official Stegmaier also reported that he is working with the Town Attorney to develop a proposed ordinance establishing rental property standards for Board consideration. The Board inquired about any contact with the RV park regarding lodging tax compliance. Administrator Rapp stated that she would be consulting with the Town Attorney regarding the matter. There were no additional questions from the Board for Official Stegmaier.

Police Department – in packet – Chief Kissam was absent

Public Works - in packet
Director McCune reported that the State had contacted the Town regarding reimbursement through the CRWA apprenticeship program and that the Town is eligible to receive $10,000 in reimbursement funds. Trustee Kohring requested an update on the plumbing issues at the Hope Center. Director McCune stated that plumbing problems persist and that a contractor had

inspected the facility and provided a quote for the replacement of portions of the cast iron drainpipe. Clerk Taunton noted that the project would be required to undergo the Town's bidding process before work could proceed. There were no additional questions from the Board regarding the Director's report.

Municipal Court – in packet
There were no questions from the Board

Mayor's Report
Mayor Fulmer stated he had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Simla Days Wrap Up
The Board discussed the 2026 Simla Days celebration and agreed that the event was successful overall. The Board also discussed potential additions and improvements for the 2027 Simla Days event and provided direction for future planning efforts.

Discussion/possible action on purchase of new Public Works truck

The Board discussed the potential purchase of a new Public Works truck to be used for snow removal operations. During the discussion, the Board requested clarification from the Town Attorney regarding the use of photo radar revenues for the purchase of the truck and plow. The Town Attorney advised that photo radar revenues may be used for this purpose, as snow removal activities are considered a public safety function.

Trustee Ivanovic moved to approve the purchase of a new truck and plow for the Public Works Department with funds from the photo radar program, Trustee Nehl second; Mayor Fulmer called for discussion, none; motion passed.

Ayes: 4 Nayes: 0 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 1

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of preliminary 2027 budget
Staff presented the preliminary 2027 budget to the Board for review and discussion. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and provided initial feedback. Further consideration and action on the 2027 budget will occur at a future meeting.

Presentation of bids for 2027 trash service
Staff reported that the Town received proposals from two waste service providers, Iron Knight and LPS Waste Solutions, for municipal trash collection services. The Board reviewed the submitted proposals and indicated that a decision regarding the Town's 2027 trash service provider will be considered and voted upon at the November Board meeting.

Approval of chili cook off Special Events Liquor License

The Board considered a Special Events Liquor License for the Town's Chili Cook-Off event. After discussion, the Board approved the Special Events Liquor License as requested by the Town Clerk.

Trustee Nipple moved to approve the Chili Cook Off Special Events Liquor Licensed; Trustee Nehl seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Nayes: 0 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 1

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

Ayes: 4 Nayes: 0 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 1

Claims and Vouchers
Trustee Kohring moved to pay claims and vouchers; Trustee Ivanovic seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 4 Nayes: 0 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 1

Agenda set for next meeting: August 11, 2026:

- 2027 Budget
- 2027 trash service provider
- Appointment to fill Trustee vacancy

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted:

Megan Taunton

Megan Taunton, Town Clerk

(Seal)

Approved by the Simla Town Board of Trustee's

Ryan Fulmer, Mayor