

Peshastin Community Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2020  
Via videoconference

Members present: Lauri Malmquist, Stan Winters, Leticia Vizcaino, Doug Clarke, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz

Member absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley

Guest present: Dwight Remick, Cascade School District

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dwight Remick, Cascade School District Executive Director of Finance and Operations for the past 6 years asked to give a brief presentation on the Cascade School District upcoming levy. Now named the Educational Programs and Operations levy, it will be presented to voters in February 2021 to replace the current Maintenance and Operations levy. In addition voters will be asked for approval for maintenance of a Technology and Safety levy, also approved 4 years ago. An important change at this time is that due to increased tax assessment in the county as well as an increased number of taxable properties, there is an increased tax base. This will allow for decreasing the EPO (formerly M & O) levy from \$1.38 per \$1000 to \$0.99 per \$1000, yet still maintain the same programs. For the technology levy, which is voted on separately, the rate will be maintained at \$0.15 per \$1000.

In addition he noted that Cascade School District was fairly well situated for the closure due to Covid 19, as a result of having new school buildings in the district which are fitted for high technology use.

After brief discussion, Mr. Remick left the meeting.

Newly elected Chelan County Commissioner Tiffany Gering, who will take office in January 2021, was expected to be present but did not attend.

At 7:19 the regular meeting commenced with reading of the minutes of meeting November 18, 2020. Motion by Steve Keene to accept the minutes, second by Doug Clarke, and motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: current bank balance is \$680.49, with no outstanding bills.

New Business:

Doug Clarke reported on behalf of the Cemetery Board that photographs of the graffiti on the shed at the cemetery have been submitted to the Chelan County Sheriff's office; they need to compile data prior to it being painted over.

Stan Winters reported from the RUN meeting regarding the current draft code for short term rentals in Chelan County is in its final draft. RUN recommends all residents contact the Board of Commissioners to urge passage in its current form, as it seems to be fair and reasonable. There is a hearing scheduled December 22 for public comment which all are invited to attend via videoconference. Steve Keene noted that the section referring to the Peshastin UGA needs clarification to state that there should be no grace period allowed for any short term rentals currently existing within the Peshastin UGA, as they have not been allowed in the past, and any STRs operating at present are doing so illegally. Steve recommends the council contact the

Board of Commissioners in support of this draft of the document, and the council is in unanimous agreement. Steve also urges council members and any other Peshastin residents to contact the BOCC with support for this draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held via videoconference at 7 p.m. on January 20, 2021. Election of officers will take place at that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary