

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2021  
Via videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Doug Clarke, Leticia Vizcaino, Cheryl Parsley, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz; Stan Winters(joined after meeting started)

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of meeting December 16, 2020 were read; motion by Steve Keene to accept as written, second by Doug Clarke. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Bank balance \$680.49; no outstanding bills.

New Business: (awaiting Stan's arrival)

Doug reports the second break in in the past 4 months at the cemetery shop building; the door was forced but no apparent burglary. Chelan County sheriff's department was called but did not want to respond. Doug also reports 5 cars in the past 2 months have gone into his orchard causing property damage and again the sheriff's response has been very slow if any, requiring multiple calls. After discussion the council agrees that at least the County Commissioners should be notified of this concern, which we will bring up when meeting with Commissioner Bugert.

Lauri also has information that on the North Road as well as in town there have been multiple break ins into mailboxes, with the apparent motivation of theft of checks.

Old Business:

- 1). The Columbia Valley Mobile Connect health clinic has contacted Lauri about people or places to advertise for the clinic hours, as they have not yet been busy. The council suggested fliers at the grocery stores, library, school, post office and packing sheds.
- 2). There has been no significant change in the effects of Covid 19 pandemic locally; vaccines will be coming but are not widely available yet.
- 3). Completion of the county code regarding short term rentals has not come to pass. The Board of Commissioners did not approve the draft code in December 2020 as hoped and expected; they have now announced plans to form a task force of seven members to discuss the issue further, stating they need more information to proceed.

Stan joined the meeting to report the current proposal for the task force is for 3 members from RUN (Residents United for Neighbors), 3 members from STRACC (Short Term Rental Association of Chelan County), and 3 members from the Planning Commission. Mike Nash from a consulting firm in Cashmere will act as moderator. The plan is for the task force to meet for 90 days, then send a new draft to the Commissioners. There has been no information sent to the Council about whether or not there will be proposed changes to the sections of the draft code which directly affect Peshastin. The Commissioners met yesterday to discuss whether to continue the moratorium on new STRs while the draft code is still under discussion but no decision was made and further discussion was pended to next week. Doug requests that Commissioner Bugert be invited to a special meeting of the Council to answer questions

about the process and the code; all are in agreement. Lauri will contact him to schedule the date and time for the meeting.

4). Alicia O'dell will be leaving the position of librarian at the Peshastin Library; a new librarian has been hired and will start approximately mid-February. Steve sent her a letter of appreciation.

Election of Officers for 2021:

Doug moved the slate of officers for 2021 be as follows:

- Chair Lauri Malmquist
- Vice-chair Stan Winters
- Treasurer Cheryl Parsley
- Secretary Patricia Ortiz

The motion was seconded by Steve Keene, and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held February 17, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary