

Peshastin Community Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2021  
Via videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Leticia Vizcaino, Cheryl Parsley, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Steve Keene

Council member absent, excused: Stan Winters

Guests: Bob Bugert, Chelan County Commissioner; Eric Pierson, Chelan County Public Works Director; Lydia Folden, Peshastin; Ellie Camp, Peshastin; Jose Navarro, Peshastin

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Introductions made of council and guests.

As courtesy to guests, the council first addressed issues of interest to them.

1). Water drainage

Lydia Folden, who owns historic property on Main St., explained long term problems she has had with lack of drainage around her property, resulting in repeated flooding. Eric Pierson responded that her problem is currently under evaluation by a county engineer, and is complicated by the proximity to Burlington Northern railroad. Steve mentioned ongoing problems with drainage from the large underpass to an open drainage ditch that drains into the river. Tricia mentioned lack of drainage from Derby Canyon Road to a “perched” culvert under BNRR, compounded by lack of ditching along the roadway.

Mike Camp, Peshastin, mentioned that his property at the corner of Mengelos and Jeffris streets is at a low spot, and regularly has water backup onto the roadway.

2). Traffic

The council presented the following safety concerns for Peshastin:

- A) speeding on Main St.
- B) request for a dedicated sheriff’s deputy for Peshastin on weekends and festivals
- C) request for traffic counts in Peshastin on weekends and festivals
- D) consideration of 25mph limit on the straight stretch of Derby Canyon Rd.
- E) Proper clear signage for parking and no parking areas of Main St.

Discussion ensued. Doug pointed out it is unclear from county records exactly where the borders of the county road and BNRR property are located. Eric stated that the county has right of way for the roadway. Lauri stated that because the council doesn’t know where the property lines are we can’t answer questions from the public. All agreed that enforcement is critical, and Eric added that improving traffic flow through Leavenworth will help traffic in Peshastin by extension. Bob reports the sheriff’s department is interested in having discussion with Peshastin community to work on solutions; the council will schedule a meeting for that purpose. Lauri asked if the county has had discussion with the Washington State DOT and the State Patrol regarding increased traffic at the light by Safeway in Leavenworth, and for the proposed new development in Peshastin?

Bob states the county will receive comments on traffic issues related to development; the Council is planning a special meeting to receive community comments and will forward those to the commissioners. Steve points out the flux in traffic that occurs with activities at the school, and with shifts at the warehouses.

Eric referred the council to the Chelan Douglas Transportation Corridor Study for more detailed information.

Lauri thanked Bob and Eric for their attendance, and they left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

The minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were read; motion to approve by Doug, second by Cheryl, unanimous approval.

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

Old business:

1). PRSA report: Lauri attended the meeting considering proposals for the needs assessment, a contractor has been chosen from 4 applicants and PRSA is awaiting confirmation.

2). Library report: Claire the librarian has reorganized books clubs, so there are now available up to 12 copies of books to check out for patrons, and educators can check out up to 25 copies for a classroom. The Peshastin Picks program has started, in which community members can submit information or reviews about books or movies they recommend.

3). PWD: Steve reports the PWD has received a grant of \$1.1 M for the new well; in addition there are pending applications for \$0.9 M grant through Senator Patty Murray's office, and for \$50,000 through Chelan County. It is quite possible that the 10 year capital improvements budget for the PWD would be covered. Steve Wright of the PUD is in agreement with the merger of the PWD with the PUD, and although this likely would take another year to complete, there is the possibility the PUD would assume management prior to that time.

New Business:

1) a special meeting will be scheduled to elicit comments regarding the proposed Pine Ridge Development, which will then be forwarded to the county. The meeting was set for Wednesday June 2 at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference. Notification will be sent to community members who can then request invitation to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held June 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary