

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 21, 2022

Peshastin Library and Videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair (via video); Steve Keene, Doug Clarke, Devera Sharp, Melissa Reuter, Patricia Ortiz (via video)

Council member absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley

Chelan County Commissioner: Bob Bugert

Other attendee: Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes of meeting June 15, 2022 were read; motion by Steve Keene to approve, second by Tricia Ortiz; motion passed unanimously.

No treasurer's report available. Lauri reports she is being charged \$21.00 per month for Constant Contact email program. Steve recommends a change to decrease the cost, as the PWD will pay for half the cost if the program is combined. He will talk with Lauri about making this change. The council will reimburse Lauri for costs to date.

New business:

- 1) Chelan County has convened an advisory group to review county code chapters 11 and 12; this group will make recommendations to the Planning Commission, which in turn will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for any changes. Tricia has volunteered to participate in the meetings every two weeks through November. The group includes members from the Malaga and Manson community councils as well. Steve moved to appoint Tricia to this committee; second by Devera; motion passed unanimously. Bob Bugert states the first meeting has taken place, so he will facilitate getting materials to Tricia prior to the next meeting.
- 2) Santa Breakfast planning will take place at the next regular meeting in October.
- 3). Lauri report the group formerly known as RUN (residents united for neighbors) has now changed its name to Residents Coalition of Chelan County, continuing with the purpose of involvement in county issues affecting the residents of the county. Lauri is the Council representative to the group. It has no formal standing in the county, but is a forum for providing input to the Board of Commissioners. Bob notes that the BOC gives more weight to input coming from Community Councils than that from a more informal group.
- 4). Tricia reports that Our Valley Our Future in conjunction with Upper Valley MEND will be sponsoring a forum (third of three) to encourage input from local residents regarding housing needs in the upper valley. It will be held Wednesday September 28 at the Memorial Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; the first two were held in English, and this one will be in Spanish. Steve will send the notice to the Peshastin email list.
- 5). Bob Bugert reports on an upcoming opportunity to apply for state grant funding through the State Recreation and Conservation Office, to build, improve or maintain athletic facilities, with an emphasis on underserved communities. Bob is on the state advisory committee for these

funds, and Chelan County is applying for grant monies in the amount of \$750,000. He recommends the Peshastin Community Council consider submitting an application; the plan needs to include a cost analysis and economic benefits. However, applications are due sometime in October, date yet uncertain, and cannot be submitted until the official notice is posted. Steve suggested contacting Bill Goebels, who has previously discussed plans for recreational areas on the old mill property. Tricia suggests a special council meeting be scheduled when notice available, to create an application if possible.

6). Lauri has a request for further information about notification of county residents when their property changes zone designation. Her property in downtown Peshastin, purchased in 2000, was changed to different zoning once the 2008 Peshastin UGA went into effect, but she was unaware of the change until this month when an adjacent property was purchased and plans made for further development. Bob Bugert will inquire about this and contact Lauri.

7). Lauri recently received information that Reava and Craig Davis had been approved to continue a nightly rental business in the residential area in Peshastin, via a Superior Court decision in 2020. This was not made known to adjacent neighbors of the property; Steve states one can make a search of public record to find this decision.

8). Doug reports repeated incidents of trespassing onto his orchard and forest property, including hunters. He has called the sheriff's office multiple times, with the only response that trespassers are asked to stay away. He wonders if there is any other recourse available to him and other property owners. Bob states the BOC has no authority over the sheriff's office. Tricia notes that this would be an excellent question to bring up in community forums with candidates for sheriff in the upcoming election.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday October 19 at the Peshastin Library at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary