

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 19, 2022

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Steve Keene, Cheryl Parsley, Patricia Ortiz

Council member absent, excused: Devera Sharp

Council members absent, unexcused: Melissa Reuter, Doug Clarke

Community member: Clare Morrison, librarian

Other attendee: Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Clare presented the library report, with many activities upcoming and ongoing: yoga on second Saturdays of each month; ESL and citizenship classes, ukulele circle with instrument lending, and Saturday morning story time. Saturday October 29 will have drop-in pumpkin painting and November 5 from 2-4 p.m. will be acrylic painting class. There will be monthly virtual reads author interviews.

Carnan was asked for any update on his planned development off Larson Road; application was approved by the county so now he moves on to more detailed planning.

Old Business:

- 1) Steve reports the planned merger of the PWD with the Chelan County PUD is progressing. The purchase and sale agreement may be completed by the end of 2022, then there will be 3-6 months of transition to the new system. There is anticipated to be a 4% increase in rates annually for the first 10 years

Minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting were read and approved, with motion by Steve, second by Cheryl, unanimous aye vote.

Treasurer's report: Bank balance of \$484.11

Lauri has been billed monthly for the cost of the email program; the cost will now be paid annually, and split with the PWD. Tricia moved to reimburse Lauri \$177.64 for her costs thus far, second by Steve, passed unanimously.

More old business:

2). Santa Breakfast

The date will be the first Saturday in December, December 3, 2022, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Milne Insurance will provide bacon and sausage, for the last time.

Tricia will check the supplies remaining in the Memorial Hall.

Cheryl will apply for health card, and contact Vania Winters and Jill Clevenger for assistance. Gingerbread houses have been popular in the past, and we will need to find volunteers to make those.

Still needed: Santa, gift bags and contents

Tricia will contact reservations for Memorial Hall.

3). State Recreation and Conservation grant

Steve met with Mike Caputo who is the local contact for grant applications, and also has contacted Bill Goebels about making application for a feasibility study of a recreation plan for the mill property. Applications are due November 14, with a decision due in mid December.

4). Tricia attended the first of four meetings of the Chelan County Task Force committee charged with reviewing the section of county code relating to subdivision of agricultural lands outside of residential areas, into smaller than normally accepted lot size. There will be three more meetings over the next several months, then recommendation will be sent to the County Commissioners.

5). Trash

Lauri has contacted HI-up, Blue Bird and the Peshastin Market about trash in the small underpass. The trash has been removed for now, although it's unclear who did that. There was some discussion about whether it is best to remove the garbage can completely, or having more organized emptying when it is filled.

The council will proceed with the twice yearly garbage pick up on Saturday October 22, meeting at the Post Office at 10 a.m.

New Business:

1). Don Wood contacted Steve regarding his request for changing the zoning of property he owns behind the downtown commercial area; he wants to build houses on a lot currently zoned Agricultural Commercial. Steve directed him to the County to pursue this.

2). Emerson Peek contacted Lauri as he would like to volunteer to the the PRSA representative from Peshastin. Tricia moved to accept his application, Cheryl seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

3). Lauri reports the Mounsey appeal of the denial for a short term rental at their property on the end of River View St. has been denied. The Davis property on that street is still operating an STR; it is unclear how that has been allowed to continue since it is in a residential area where STRs are not allowed, and there are still questions about them fulfilling all the requirements for "grandfathering" the business. Commercial activities are not allowed in the residential zones within the Peshastin UGA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday November 16, 2022 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary