

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of regular meeting  
November 16, 2022

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Steve Keene, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Melissa Reuter, Devera Sharp, Cheryl Parsley

Community members: Clare Morrison, librarian; Emerson Peek

Other attendee: Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of October 19, 2022 were read and amended to delete the last sentence under item 3) under New Business. Lauri moved for acceptance as amended; second by Devera. The motion passed unanimously.

Library report:

Clare reports ongoing ukelele and yoga sessions; a winter read program is beginning.

Treasurer's report:

Current balance is \$306.47

Old Business:

- 1) Lauri asked Carnan for any update on Pine Ridge development; he reports none at this time.
- 2) Emerson Peek has been selected as Peshastin representative to the PRSA. He reports there are ongoing discussions regarding a feasibility study to cover and/or improve the Leavenworth pool.
- 3). Steve reported on the State Recreation and Conservation grant application; he worked with Mike Caputo to complete and submit the application. Chelan County is the lead organization which would contract for a feasibility study done by SCJ of Wenatchee regarding recreational use of the old mill property currently owned by Bill Goebels.
- 4). Santa Breakfast  
Setup at the Memorial Hall is scheduled for noon on Friday December 2; the breakfast will take place Saturday December 3 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.  
Start cooking etc. Approx 7:30 a.m.

Work assignments:

- Cook pancakes: Doug, Randy Milne; meat: Cheryl
- Provide coffee, serve: Jill and Greg Clevenger
- Gingerbread houses for raffle: Steve, Lauri, Devera, Clare, Melissa
- Christmas crafts: Clare
- Gifts/toys from Santa: Lauri
- Music: Melissa
- CHS choir to arrive about 8:10, to be fed prior to performance approx. 8:40
- Santa arrival approx. 9:15
- Publicity: Steve will place information on Peshastin web site; Lauri to make copies to post in town

5). Lauri has spoken with Rhonda at Blue Bird; she has emptied trash can in underpass about every 3 weeks and is willing to do that for now. Peshastin Market owner would prefer to have it removed and add an extra can by their front door.

6). PWD: Steve reports the merger with the PUD is continuing on track, with an expected draft agreement available by the December meeting of PWD. Completion may occur by January or February 2023.

#### New Business

1). Lauri contacted Deanna Walters in Community Development at the county, to request staff reports pertaining to the upper valley be sent to Peshastin Community Council.

2). Tricia recommended that early in the new year the Council request visits to a regular meeting, from the new Chelan County Sheriff as well as the County Commissioner representing this district.

3). Irrigation water in the area of School/Lynn Streets was discussed; this is an old system with multiple weak spots. Any further improvement is the responsibility of the area landowners; this could best be accomplished with the formation of a Local Utility District. Any solution will require significant costs to landowners.

4). Due to unforeseen circumstances the steps leading up to the regular election of council members which was scheduled for this meeting have not been completed.

Tricia proposed the following remedy:

- A). Advertise now for the two positions due for election
- B). Schedule a special election for the regular meeting March 15, 2023.
- C). Council appoint Lauri Malmquist and Devera Sharp to continue in those positions from now through March 15, 2023.
- D). Petitions for election to two positions are due to the secretary no later than February 15, 2023, and will be accepted any time prior to that date.
- E). The special election will be posted on the Peshastin web site, and Peshastin Facebook site no later than March 1, 2023

Lauri moved to accept this proposal; Melissa seconded motion, which passed unanimously.

5). Devera introduced a concern about the poor condition of the Peshastin Cemetery, which recently has not been received proper care. Doug is no longer on cemetery board, but states there has been significant difficulty finding workers to perform regular maintenance. Devera states Jack Johnson is willing to train new workers, as he has a wealth of experience in cemetery care. Current cemetery board members are Cyndi Garza, Shane (?) and potentially Mark Smith will be joining. Lauri raised the possibility of asking for volunteer assistance as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be Friday December 2, 2022 at 12 noon at the Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary