

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 19, 2023

Peshastin Library

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

Community member: Clare Morrison, Peshastin Library

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

Clare gave the library report: Next Tuesday will be a movie; August 2 at 4:30 is a scheduled family dance party. August 5 and 19 at 10 am will be Zumba classes, and a clowning workshop will be held August 10, with pre-registration required.

The minutes of meeting May 17, 2023 were read and approved by unanimous vote after motion by Steve and second by Cheryl.

Mark reports that the MEND gleanings van is distributing free produce at the school every Monday and Wednesday from 11 am to 12 pm, through August 2.
Community Action food bank comes to the library on some Mondays.
The Cascade Medical Center van is at the library every other Thursday, and CVCH mobile medical clinic also comes on occasion. That schedule is not currently available.

Treasurer's report: \$645.72 in bank account; no outstanding bills.

PWD report: Steve Keene has retired as of June and continues as a consultant. Ted Alway is assuming the general manager role until the time of merger with the Chelan County PUD. That date has once again been delayed, likely now to be January or February of 2024. Currently the date of merger is on or around January 2024. New water meters are expected to be installed around November, and new electric meters within about a month.
County funds are being used to replace a missing or damaged manhole cover at Hi-up.

Construction was completed on drainage repairs at Orchard and Main St. Details are unclear; Lauri will request a detailed report from Eric Pearson, public works.

UGA Update:

Doug, Tricia and Steve met at the library on June 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to initiate review of the Peshastin UGA document, part 1. A number of the items in Chapter 1, Introduction are now outdated. Many of these can be updated in spring 2024 with the County is doing a scheduled review of Growth Management Act. Tricia raised the concern that some of the fundamental assumptions on which the first document was based may well have changed and should be revisited, such as Peshastin being a rural, agricultural based community. This will require significant input from area residents.
The next UGA review meeting will take place on Thursday August 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., to discuss Chapter 2, Land Use. This chapter is complex enough it likely will take more than one meeting to complete.

The Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Friends of the Peshastin Library, will take place on Saturday July 29 at the library, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Council members are encouraged to assist as able.

New Business

1) Peshastin Bridge

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- 3) Melissa and Steve met with Representatives Steele and Goehner to discuss the many needed upgrades to the Peshastin Bridge. Their advice was that Peshastin should partner with other organizations such as fruit co-ops, emergency and fire services, transportation and the school district to present a plan to the county. Their opinion was that any request is more likely to succeed if it comes from such a coalition. It was noted that with increasing development this side of Leavenworth, there will be more and more traffic on the North Road, which will have continued deleterious effects on the bridge.

2) Communication with the County

Lauri noted that in discussion with a member of the Manson Community Council, it was found that the councils have been removed from the County notification list to receive communications of interest to and/or affecting these communities. The Manson Community Council contacted Deanna Walters about this and received no response; Lauri will contact Shon Smith to ask to have this reinstated.

3) RC3 report

Lauri reports that several board members feel the organization is too geared toward Leavenworth. The group is hoping to recruit new members.

4) Bylaws

Council members have not had the opportunity to make specific recommendations for changes to the bylaws having to do with length of council positions. One suggestion is to add two 2 year positions to the current seven 6 year positions. Previously mentioned has been changing positions to 4 or 2 years. Further action will be tabled until the August meeting, but prior to that time all are encouraged to send ideas to the group for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday August 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Peshastin Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary