

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2023

Peshastin Library

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

Council member absent, excused: Doug Clarke

Guests: Clare Morrison, librarian  
Mike Link, real estate developer, Bellevue

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

1). Mike Link requested time to give an update on the proposed Pine Ridge Development, stating "I am the voice for the project". He states there is a long list of conditions in the county approved application that need to be met before development commences.

Lauri states there is a huge amount of distrust of developers locally, based on recent development in other upper valley areas, and it would behoove the developers of this property to follow those conditions carefully, and communicate with the Peshastin community along the way. Steve asked Mike to send a PDF to the Council with the list of conditions. Patricia states it is disingenuous for developers Carnan Bergren and Mike Link to say they are part of the community since neither live here, and this makes it less likely that community members will trust other statements they may make.

Mike Link states that the first part of the development will be for 49 homes, and he does not think this will affect traffic through Peshastin. After 30 minutes, the chair suggested that Mike consider planning a separate meeting to invite the community to bring questions regarding the development; Mike requests that he have questions in advance so he can prepare. The Council is willing to help facilitate such a meeting, and the impetus needs to come from the developer. Mike left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2). Clare gave the library report, including the fact that during the refurbishment of the library it will be closed for 1-2 months. Patricia has spoken with Pastor John, who is willing to have the Council meet in church facilities during that time.

3). Santa Breakfast, December 9, 2023

Set up/decorations scheduled for Friday December 8 at 2 p.m.

Cheryl requests all council members plan to provide gingerbread houses. Each child attending will receive a free ticket for the raffle of houses.

Clare will provide a craft sponsored by the library.

Time of the breakfast is changed to 9 to 10:30 a.m. as in the past there has been very minimal attendance before 9 am. The Council will start food preparations at 8 a.m., and all are encouraged to stay afterward for cleanup.

Cheryl has contacted the HS choir; they will come to eat at 8:30, with singing to follow.

Steve will be Santa, for entrance approximately 9:40.

Lauri and Cheryl will obtain gifts, approximately 75 as in the past we have had many left over.

Tricia will provide oranges; Doug will be asked for juice.

Steve will update flyer, Clare offers to print them and Cheryl to post.

4). Steve Keene moved approval of the minutes of October 18, 2023 meeting; second by Cheryl Parsley; motion passed unanimously.

5). Treasurer's report: bank balance of \$645.72. Anticipated expenditures for Santa gifts, and a gratuity for the choir.

6). Peshastin Water District report:

Steve reports the PUD is planning to install new meters in March 2024; they have 6 months from the time of signed agreement September 26, 2023 to assume management of the water system.

A chlorine pump has failed and needs replacement, and a meter on well #3 needs replacement; funds are adequate for those repairs.

7). At the next meeting the Council will continue with the Bylaws update.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

There will be no meeting in December other than Santa breakfast; the next regular meeting will be January 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary