

Peshastin Community Council Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018 | 7:00PM
Peshastin Memorial Hall

ATTENDANCE

Council members present: Steve Keene (Chair), Cheryl Parsley, Patricia Ortiz, Doug Clarke, Lacey Price, Stan Winters. *Absent-Excused*: Leticia Vizcaino

Community members present: John Lafer, Peshastin; Dixie Barker, Peshastin; Christi Ruff, Peshastin; Rachel Roff, Peshastin; Ken Hemberry, Peshastin; Reava Davis, Issaquah

MINUTES

Minutes from the May 10 meeting were read. Lacey Price made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Tricia Ortiz. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheryl Parsley noted that the Kids & Pets Parade flyers expense exceeded expectations, and suggested next year the Council pay for ink to print the flyers at Randy's office.

The current Council account balance is \$660.53 with no outstanding Accounts Payable or Receivable.

PET PARADE

Stan Winters reported that the Kids & Pets Parade was well-attended; however, few if any Latino families participated. Though the flyers and posters were printed in both English and Spanish, alternative methods for reaching our community's Latino population should be explored.

MILL SITE UPDATE

Lacey Price reported that Charity Davidson (SCJ Alliance) and Bill Goebel (owner of the upland Mill Site property) are working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Complete the Loop Coalition to explore relocating the Mill Site parking lot to just west of the current gate.

WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Steve Keene reported that the Peshastin Water District is beginning talks with the PUD regarding what, if anything, the PUD could take over from the District.

Steve also reported that several of the District's meters may have been misreading usage by as much as 50% due to an error in the manufacturing. The District is working with the manufacturer to confirm and correct the errors.

MOTORHOME NEAR LIBRARY

Community members Dixie Barker, Christi Ruff, and Rachel Ruff expressed concern about the motorhome parked on the street near the library for two years. Their concerns were (1) the motorhome is not a positive reflection of our community, (2) it is dangerously close to the street, and (3) it appears to be occupied as a dwelling without safe water or sanitation functionality. They inquired about community or county regulations against such activity. The Council directed them to the Peshastin UGA

map on Peshastin.org, and to Mitch Reister at the Chelan County Planning Code Enforcement department.

HI-UP/WATER DISTRICT DISPUTE

Ken Hemberry submitted a letter on behalf of Hi-Up to the Community Council on May 17 expressing frustration with their recent interactions with the Peshastin Water District. (The original letter may be found attached to the official minutes of this meeting.) Ken felt his grievances were ignored by the Water District, so he brought them to the Community Council because he believed the community should know about how Hi-Up was being treated despite their reputation as a positive community contributor. Salient points of the discussion include:

1. Ken noted perceived inaccuracies in the District's calculation and promotion of new water rates (e.g., average 48% increase, rates being lower than PUD, projections for revenue from Hi-Up)
2. Ken expressed frustration that the District would not consider what he believed to be fair adjustments to Hi-Up's extreme (126%) rate increase, i.e., charged at a 6" meter rate despite their 8" meter because they have two other users on their line – Head Start and the Wastewater Treatment Facility – which means they are not able to use 100% of their 8" capacity.
3. Ken expressed frustration in the attitude of the District, specifically Carnan Bergren.

The Council asked Ken what he would like to see happen. Ken said he believed Carnan's service on the Water District Board should be questioned given he no longer resides in the community. Community members Dixie Barker, Christi Ruff, and Rachel Ruff expressed agreement. Steve Keene reported that Carnan's term is up in the next year, and he does not expect he will run again.

Ken Hemberry, Dixie Barker, Christi Ruff, and Rachel Ruff left the meeting.

TRUCK NOISE ON BLEWITT PASS

John Lafer expressed frustration regarding the noise of semi-trucks on Blewitt Pass near The Rock restaurant. The Council directed him to the County since this area is outside the Community Council's jurisdiction.

BNSF UNDERPASS RETAINING WALL

Patricia Ortiz reported she spoke to Dan Mayfield at Chelan County on May 23 regarding the failing retaining wall near the BNSF railroad underpass. Dan said he would look into it. Patricia will follow-up.

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY COMMENTS RE: PLANNED MINI STORAGE CONSTRUCTION

Chelan County Planning Department requested public comments regarding the planned construction of a mini self-storage facility near Saunders Rd and Hwy 2. Patricia agreed to provide comments suggesting careful attention to lighting of the facility, since there are residential homes nearby.

LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO JACK JOHNSON

Patricia Ortiz moved to send a letter of gratitude to Jack Johnson for his years of service caring for the Peshastin Cemetery, with a second by Stan Winters. Unanimous. Patricia will write and send the letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted by Lacey Price