

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting

September 13, 2018

Council members present: Steve Keene, chair ; Leticia Vizcaino, Lacey Price, Patricia Ortiz, Cheryl Parsley, Doug Clarke

Council member absent, excused: Stan Winters

Community members present: Jill Clevenger, Peshastin; Michelle Mueller, Leavenworth ; Reava Davis, Issaquah; Kristen Taylor, Peshastin; Dixie Barker, Peshastin; Melissa Reuter, Peshastin; Paul Saline, Seattle and Peshastin ; Craig Davis, Issaquah

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of meeting July 12, 2018 were read and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's report: Bank balance of \$639.32, with no outstanding bills.

Peshastin Water District report per Steve Keene:

The problems with water meters was not as bad as initially reported, and the defective meters have now been replaced. They were not reading 40% under usage as previously reported. A new dedicated water supply line has been placed to Blue Bird.

The Cascade School district has moved lead and arsenic contaminated dirt in the process of preparation for remodeling of P-D school. In addition a dry well which was within 100 feet of the Peshastin well #1(?) has been removed. The Peshastin Water District remains in communication with the school district during the construction project. The Water District does not currently have any easement on the school district property; discussions are ongoing regarding the school district granting easement to the water district.

There has been ongoing discussion of the PUD assuming management of the Peshastin water system. Contrary to rumors that this is an accomplished fact (Doug has received a phone call to this effect), no decision has been made to date. Steve reports that public meetings are part of the process before any decision will be made. Peshastin water district rates are currently higher than PUD rates, so if merger occurred it is very unlikely there would be any rate increases for Peshastin residents in the near future.

There has been discussion of site placement for a new well for the water district; no decision has been made to date.

Discussion with audience participation of the valuation of water rights, particularly those owned by Peshastin Water District.

Several community members in attendance expressed interest in attending Water District meetings, which are open to the public; however these are held during working hours such that many people are unable to attend. It was suggested the water board have at least some meetings scheduled after 5 pm to allow for attendance; Steve will give this suggestion to the water board at their next meeting.

Steve reported that the PUD plans to close their office in Leavenworth; the Peshastin Water District recently moved their office to that building. The water district will continue renting that space for now, but long term location is uncertain.

Parking in downtown Peshastin

Discussion was held regarding lack of parking in downtown Peshastin, including around the Memorial Hall during events. Suggestion was made that NO PARKING signs could be placed along the Burlington Northern side of Main Street, with event organizers requesting permission for parking there during events. This led to discussion of the general problem of speeding through town. Patrols and speed monitoring are out of the hands of the council; however we will continue to communicate with the County and Sheriff's department regarding this problem, which is ultimately one of safety.

2018 Elections:

Stan Winters and Lacey Price are serving terms from January 2017 through December 2022. Cheryl Parsley, Leticia Vizcaino and Steve Keene are serving terms from January 2015 through December 2020. Doug Clarke and Patricia Ortiz are serving terms from January 2013 through December 2018. The latter two positions will be open for election at the November 2018 meeting. Petitions for elections are due no later than the meeting scheduled for October 11, 2018.

Dixie and Melissa reported their concerns about people living in RVs along Main St., mainly with sanitation and garbage. Anyone sharing these concerns is encouraged to contact the Chelan County enforcement officer, Angel Hallman, at angel.hallman@co.chelan.wa.us

Jill reported a fire hydrant at the end of School St. which is buried in tall weeds; Steve reports that maintenance of fire hydrants and access is the responsibility of the water manager. Steve will contact the manager to clear this hazard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary