

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2024 AT 5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by President Joe Williams.

**PRAYER**

Invocation was made by Nora DeWitt, Vice President.

**ROLL CALL CALL/QUORUM**

**PRESENT:** President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Nora DeWitt, Treasurer Charles (Chuck) Denny, Secretary Caryl Williams, Council Members Trudi Swink, Carrie (Wallace) Denny and Mike DeWitt

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Administrator Charlie White and Administrative Assistant Layla Kelly.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion/Seconded by Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to approve agenda with revisions adding 7a. High School Graduates, and Executive Session to occur directly after Consideration Of the Agenda. All in favor motion carried.

**REVISIONS/ADD-ONS** Items included in the motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes presented for approval.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- 1 **Administrator Report:** Charlie White presented a written report. Discussion regarding KIC Broadband.
- 2 **Administrative Assistant Report:** Layla Kelly presented a written report.
- 3 **President Report:** President Joe Williams presented a written report.
- 4 **Healthcare Report:** Health Board Representative Nora DeWitt asked to defer as she previously gave the report at a previous meeting.
- 5 **Social Service Report:** Social Worker Jackie Johnson presented a written report.
- 6 **Maintenance Report:** There was a written report prepared by Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua but it was deferred to next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**7 CONSULTANT AGREEMENT**

Council requested the original signed agreement not the unsigned agreement in the packet. This was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **7a HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

A list of 3 graduates was brought forward naming Ariona Dowhitt, Daniel Watson-Milne and David Williams Jr. All of which reside in Saxman. Check and graduation card recommended by the Council. Staff was directed to find the old policy and application form used previously for this event. Staff reported they couldn't find these documents and they said they would develop an application form which would require a copy of the signed diploma and a W-9 tax form .

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **8. SCHOOL HOUSE RENTAL AGREEMENT Deferred**

##### **9. PROPOSAL-HIRE A CONTRACTOR TO HELP CATCH UP ON OLD MINUTES**

Motion/Seconded by Caryl Williams and Mike DeWitt to hire contractor to catch up on minutes for discussion purposes. The payment would come from LATCF per Tribal Administer Charlie White. It was brought up by Council that it would be very difficult for a new person to transcribe minutes when documents aren't complete.

Roll call vote taken as follows: Yes Vote: Chuck Denny; NO Vote: Nora DeWitt, Trudi Swink, Mike DeWitt, Caryl Williams; Abstaining Vote; none; Motion failed.

##### **10. PROPOSAL-QUOTE FOR CONCRETE PAD FOR WOOD MIZER**

There is a quote for \$117,000.00 for a concrete pad. Discussion regarding the need for at least two bids per policy. Other things needed is the architect design, restrooms and any unforeseen expenses. It was though ARPA funding could be used. Council deferred to Economic Development Committee.

##### **11. ALASKA NATIVE TANNERY TOURS/SEWING CENTER**

Council deferred to Economic Development Committee.

##### **12. RESOLUTION FOR SITKA TRIBE**

Letter received from Lisa Gassman of Sitka Tribe of Alaska seeking support in resolution form from Saxman IRA to pursue all self-governance over Sitka National Historical Parks draft recommended resolution from Sitka Tribe be presented for consideration.

Motion/Seconded by Nora DeWitt and Caryl Williams to fully support Sitka Tribe of Alaska by OVS Resolution #2024.05.66 stating OVS fully supports Sitka Tribe of Alaska's efforts to pursue all self-governance over Sitka National Historical Park, up to and including the United States government returning Sitka National Historical Park to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Joe Williams recessed meeting at 5:06 pm to allow for executive session. He called the meeting back to order at 5:55 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** none

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 15<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00 pm Special Meeting (Graduates and Tribal Foods) Executive Workshop. The next regular meeting will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**COUNCIL/PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

President Joe Williams: no notes provided

Vice President Nora DeWitt: None

Treasurer Chuck Denny: None

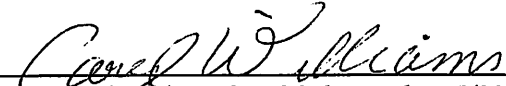
Secretary Caryl Williams: Enrollment committee needs to meet ASAP.

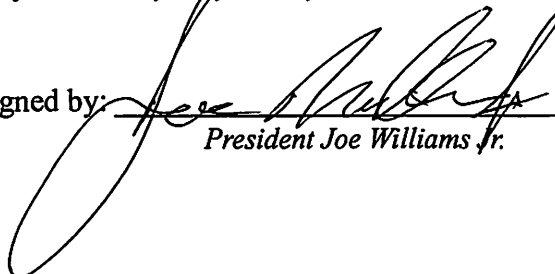
Councilor Trudi Swink: We need a special meeting to go over the grant after the graduation celebration.

Councilor Mike DeWitt: For future consideration he would like OVS to consider a Cultural Camp.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Seconded by Chuck Denny and Nora DeWitt to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:39 pm.

  
Corrected, Prepared and Submitted on 5/22/24 by: Caryl Williams  
Draft Minutes by: Layla Kelly, Tribal Administrative Assistant

Signed by:  Date of Meeting: July 22, 2024  
President Joe Williams Jr. Council Approved