

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
WORKSHOP MEETING - JUNE 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by President Joe Williams Jr. at 6:00 pm per agenda.

PRAYER

The invocation was given by Councilmember Nora DeWitt.

ATTENDANCE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny, Treasurer Trudi Swink, Councilmember Nora DeWitt.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Councilmember Richard Shields Sr. and Crista Seludo.

OTHERS PRESENT: City of Saxman Mayor Frank Seludo; City Councilmembers Woodrow (Woodie) Watson and Richard (Rick) Makua; Saxman City Clerk/Notetaker Breanna Berg; and Newspaper Reporter Anna Laffrey.

COMMENTS

- The City expressed concern about the Tribe taking forever to get anything done and suggested the Tribe start with one project at a time and get it done and followed through with.
- Just to be clear the City could allow 25k of rock disposal but would have to charge if more is needed.
- The City mentioned the lot requested for the Woodmizer needs to go to the City Council for approval. Then needs to be cleared and cleaned up and electricity is also needed.
- The City reported funding for the Fire Station is waiting on notice from Murkowski's staff.
- The City advised they can put storage on the agenda for the City's Building Ordinance meeting.
- The City reported the waterfront development is on hold as they are trying to get the ferry system at the Seaport.
- City needs more employees other than Richard Shields and Rick Makua. But funding is needed.
- Community issues were discussed and why Saxman needs the Community Development Group (CDC). If we all get together and help the more power we will have to do things.
- Appreciation was expressed for fixing Killer Whale and Bear Clan Streets. It was felt that it would be nice to once again work together.
- Everyone was glad to meet and acknowledged more planning needs to be done. Felt we are all moving in the right direction and planning is needed on how to start.
- It was felt another strategic planning session needs to be done.
- The giving of the Schoolhouse building to the Tribe was discussed. It was noted there are a lot of repairs needed. The status of the current lease was discussed. Specific repairs were noted and

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they are repairs to the front stairs, water drainage needs to be diverted and the foundation is sinking.

- Appreciation was expressed to the Council of the City of Saxman for giving OVS a home.
- The ability of OVS to put money into repairs of the Schoolhouse was mentioned and the Tribe's willingness to do this once the building was turned over.
- OVS apologized for causing the City frustration and it was hoped the meeting tonight would help to clear the air and create a better working relationship.
- Advised the City Council that OVS intends to develop the property off Eagle Avenue and Totem Row.
- The intension to schedule a meeting on July 11th at 5:00 pm to address the Schoolhouse lease was scheduled.
- Discussed road repairs, road maintenance and that OVS has funding to assist with this.
- Appreciation was expressed to all who attended the meeting and it was agreed this was a good meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

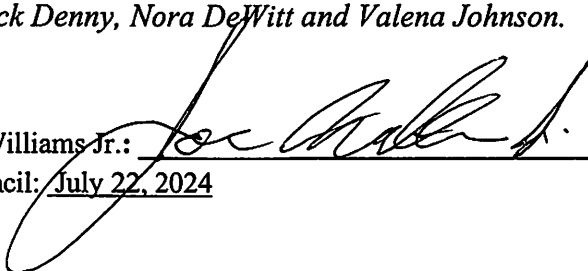
The workshop ended at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt:



Notes provided by: Chuck Denny, Nora DeWitt and Valena Johnson.

Signed by President Joe Williams Jr.:



Date of Approval by Council: July 22, 2024