



Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Henry Sladek and Frank Martin and Shelly Farnham. Larry Johnson had an excused absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tony Grider led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of December 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded with additional changes, all in favor.

**Approval of January Claims:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:** There is tennis gear available at Town Hall for public use with the Schools permission to use the Tennis Court.  
Maloneys Store is open for Commercial Lease.  
Free Yoga classes available at Maloneys Store.  
Access Management and TIP drafts are ready.  
Council Member Shelly Farnham had questions of what time of day and which day of the week was surveyed and how often can the Access Management and TIP can be updated.  
Mayor Tony Grider advised once yearly for the TIP and will be in contact with the Transpo Group on time/day used and how often can the Access Management be updated.

**Pacific Office Automation Contract:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve the new 5-year lease for a new copier and copy fees, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Comments from the Community:** Anne Sekor spoke about the right of way and winter parking ordinances after having trouble seeing past a neighbor's home especially during plow season. Mayor Tony Grider advised the King County Sheriff said there as no violation after getting her complaint. Council members Henry Sladek and Frank Martin are interested in reviewing the code and meeting with the Sheriff about the violation.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Henry Sladek seconded, all in favor.**

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Alan Grider, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Henry Sladek and Frank Martin, Larry Johnson and Shelly Farnham.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tony Grider led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of January 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

Council Member Larry Johnson spoke about DSL and would like to apply for a grant to improve speed. Costs are uncertain. Staffing will do some inquiring into the as-builts and existing lives. Follow up at the 2/11 meeting.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Henry Sladek seconded, all in favor.**

**Excusive Session:** Estimated time 1 hour. Mayor Tony Grider opened the executive session at 5:31pm and closed at 6:17pm

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.**

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Alan Grider, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Henry Sladek and, Larry Johnson and Shelly Farnham by phone. Frank Martin had an excused absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tony Grider led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of January 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of February Claims:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

The Mayor is resigning as soon as a replacement is voted in by the Council or 12/31/19 whichever comes first. Letters of intent are requested.

Maloney's RFP has received 2 proposals and the Council is reviewing them. Move decision to March meeting.

Maintenance is plowing around the clock, days and nights to keep up with the snowfall.

**RBI Grant – Larry Johnson:** Gary West has requested requirements from the state and Larry Johnson has set up a meeting with Tim Reddick and Frontier about the fiber optic or copper lines. There has been a verbal agreement by Tim to move forward with what the Town/Council decides. The Grant due date is 3/18/19 and staff help is requested.

**Comments from the Community:** Parks Board update by Steve Koch:

The Ballpark needs to be surveyed so we can start landscaping the outer areas. We need to know where our land is compared to neighbors on the north end.

The Ballpark needs a camp host for this upcoming season.

Karen Molesky announced there will be a presentation regarding her RFP for Giddy Arts on 2/23/19 at 11:30am at the Maloney's Store. Karen Molesky and Shelly Farnham will be in attendance.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Henry Sladek seconded, all in favor.**

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Alan Grider, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Henry Sladek, Todd Brunner, Shelly Farnham, and Frank Martin. Council Member Larry Johnson attended by phone.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of February 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Change “DSL Grant” to “RBI Grant” and, under comments from the community, change Shelly Farnham to Karen Molesky. Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval February Claims:** Question arose concerning the Carsen Group charge for Aydelotte litigation and whether this should be covered by RMSA claim. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve, Council Member Frank Martin seconded. All in favor with the exception of Council Member Larry Johnson who abstained due to lack of copy for review.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Tony Grider’s resignation is effective March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The town is currently seeking an interim Mayor until one may be elected in November, 2019.

**Ordinance 446 Language Addition:** Steve Larner has resigned from the Utility Superintendent position, leaving the town in noncompliance for water and sewer services. The expectation is to rehire Steve Larner part-time, salary, no benefits, with the caveat that his job duties include transferring knowledge and helping to train the next person.

With that, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Sladek proposed that a line be added to Ordinance 446 stating "**Any full or part-time salaried position...\$1000 to \$2500 per month.**" This would allow the town to proceed with the rehire of Steve Lerner immediately. Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve the new language, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Mayor Report Continued:** Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Sladek addressed the public regarding the RFP for the Maloney Store. Both submitted proposals failed to meet the criteria of the Council and were rejected. Discussion is ongoing as to how to proceed following this initial RFP. The next meeting, March 25<sup>th</sup>, will examine 2018 financials to close out the year. Kathy Lambert will be holding a town hall meeting March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm at the Maloney Store. This will be posted.

**Comments from the Community:** Joanie Keaunui mentioned her excitement for Giddy Arts and interest in being involved in all matters regarding it's finding retail space in town. She thinks local interest is substantial in the project and that locals should take precedence over outside interests and be given a shot to occupy the Maloney Store.

Council Member Henry Sladek expressed interest in seeing both proposed businesses in town and clarified that the town leases Maloney's, not owns. Council Member Frank Martin suggested a public forum be held to discuss community vision for Maloney Store and Council Member Todd Brunner asked for legal clarification on the RFP process for this type of property.

Ted Cleveland expressed general concerns surrounding Council conduct and the planned executive session. He was informed all decisions are made in public and no decisions are approved in closed session. Council Members Shelly Farnham and Frank Martin expressed interest in setting up a meeting to address growing concern about short-term rentals in town and give that issue more traction.

**TranspoGroup On-Call Services Agreement:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve TranspoGroup continuing with grant application, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Improvements:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve the solicitation and receipt of bids for improvements, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**FEMA Grant – Stormwater Phase I:** Phase I is a feasibility study for improving drainage along Old Cascade Highway East. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for Phase I, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**CERB Grant – Larry Johnson and Shelly Farnham:** This grant would fund significant improvement of broadband capability/infrastructure within the town of Skykomish. A public workshop will be held Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at Town Hall.

Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve pursuing this grant, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn the meeting open an Executive Session at 5:45pm, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

**Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:37pm, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

**Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to open the Council Meeting at 6:37pm, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Pro-Tem Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sage Bryden, Deputy Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Henry Sladek, Larry Johnson and Shelly Farnham. Council Member Frank Martin attended by phone. Council Member Todd Brunner had an excused absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Tony Grider led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve after removing the Mayors Report, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of March 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Adoption:** Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve the update to the CAO as recommended by the Planning Commission, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Mayor Swearing In:** Council Member Shelly Farnham motioned to approve Mayor Pro-tem Henry Sladek to Mayor until the Special Election in November 2019, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12pm. Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Larry Johnson, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin and Todd Brunner.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of March 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Mayor Henry Sladek had changes to the CAO and Mayor Swearing in sections, Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of March Claims:** Council Member Todd Brunner had changes to the AWC Insurance claim, Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:** Council position #5 is still open with a 2019 term. Applications are due 5/10 and the Council will vote the position in on 5/13.

Steven Lerner is training Marla Nixon to take over as the Utility Superintendent.

PSRC Grant Application has gone in for a roundabout on Highway 2 and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Improvement Grant received 3 bids.

Official Town events will be chosen at a later date which so far include: Tunnel Days (new), Old Timers, Fourth of July and Music in the Park.

The Great Northern Crit Bike Race is being proposed for 7/6/19 around the Town. It will require permitting due to the limited access to 5<sup>th</sup> Street during the race. BNSF has already been contacted to make sure the East entrance to Town is open.

Maloneys Store Use has no movement, but a meeting has been scheduled for 5/28

meeting.

The Planning Commission are still working on the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP). Kathy Lambert was here for a Town Hall meeting at Maloneys on 3/30. She announced a new department for East King County permitting questions.

**Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Grant Application – Transpogroup:** The Transpogroup was hired to plan/design the roundabout on Highway 2 and apply for the grant that is co-sponsored by WSDOT for \$310,000. The Town match for the Summer of 2020 is \$41,000. Ecology has been asked if we can use NRD funds for the match. A construction grant will be needed in 2022. Council Member Todd Brunner and former Council Member Gene Egan are assisting. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to commit \$41,000 through resolution, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**3rd Street Drainage Improvements – Bidding Award:** The King County Flood Control Grant is for \$69,000 but the lowest bid was for \$76,000. Adam with Gray & Osborne suggested that we go with the lowest bidder. There is \$5,000 in unexpected site conditions included in the bid so if that is not used we would have to pay the excess of \$2,000 + potential overages. The Council has decided to address a few more questions with Adam before accepting the lowest bidder. The item will be moved the next meeting on 4/22 or 5/13.

**Elect Mayor Pro-Tempore:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to elect Council Member Frank Martin, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Council Position #5 Vacancy:** Addressed in the Mayor Report.

**Air B&B Update – Frank Martin:** Council Member Frank Martin identified all the short-term rental properties listed on Airbnb.com only. We need to research other cities codes; however, code enforcement is an issue. Suggested continued community input via email to Council. The Planning Commission needs to start to process as they handle all land use and zoning modifications. The Council would like to see an ordinance by the end of Summer 2019.

**Fourth of July Event:** Addressed in the Mayor Report.

**Non- Agenda Items/Public Comment:** Bob Boggs went to a meeting with Debbie Copple and had a flyer for residents to received free smoke alarms. Staff will copy and distribute this flyer.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.**

Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Larry Johnson, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin and Todd Brunner.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of April 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Mayor Henry Sladek had changes to the Mayors Report section, Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Grant Application – Transpogroup presentation was on 4/19. We are now waiting to hear back results.

**3rd Street Drainage Improvements – Bidding Award:** The King County Flood Control Grant is for \$69,000 but the lowest bid was for \$76,000. Council has decided to move forward with the lowest bidder and put excess funds aside through the General Fund and/or Restricted NRD Ecology funds. Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve the lowest bidder, B&B Utilities and Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update – Frank Martin:** Council Member Frank Martin searched for local and national town/city codes, applications and fee structures. Highlighted policies are Leavenworth, who does not allow STR in residential zones. Chelan, who require annual application, permit, fees, homeowner available within 40-mile radius of home, available 24/7 to renters and a sign outside the home. Nashville

created a separate zone for STRs, annual application, permit and fees. The Council would like to see an ordinance by the end of Summer 2019. A workshop has been scheduled for 6/10.

**Non- Agenda Items/Public Comment:** The community members that were present wanted it known they do not want the Town overran by STRs.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Larry Johnson, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin and Todd Brunner.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to add executive session, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> Minutes:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Grant Application: Four agencies applied and only three could move forward. The Town of Skykomish has been chosen to move forward to the Regional Review. Still trying to get permission from Ecology for NRD funds for this project.  
Attended the Parks Board and Planning Commission meetings.

**Coastal Community Bank Signer Modification:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve removing Alan Grider, add Henry Sladek and confirm Desirae Bearden as a bank signer(s) Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Ballpark Fridge Donation:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve the donation for the Ballpark, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Gateway Properties – Todd Brunner / Discussion Only:** Regarding the Highway 2 Gateway Properties: Sky Gas, Sky Deli & Pizza, Dicks Towing and Big Bear. Council Member Todd Brunner suggested the Planning Commission should add building and

design standards, perhaps create a “Gateway District”. Design Review Board is designated for the Historical District only.

**Non- Agenda Items/Public Comment:** Anne Sekor brought up the parking on right of way issue from Decembers meeting. Mayor Henry Sladek will now involve the Sheriff to resolve.

Steve Koch advised that Don Wheatley and Dave Childs donated the numbered signs that were installed at the Ballpark Campground. Thank you to them.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:47pm. Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

**Excusive Session:** Estimated time 10 minutes. Mayor Henry Sladek opened the executive session at 5:48pm and closed at 5:56pm.

**Council Position #5 Vacancy:** A 3-1 cote appointing Gene Egan over Karen Molesky and Lena Jay. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve the appointment, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Larry Johnson, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin and Todd Brunner.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to add the first reading of the SMP Ordinance #467, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of May 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Approval June Claims:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Council Position #5 Swearing In:** Clerk Desirae Bearden officially swore in Gene Egan.

**Mayors Report:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Grant Application: Three agencies moved forward. The Town of Skykomish has been chosen for another presentation on 6/19. Ecology has given permission for us to use NRD funds for the Town match.

King County Flood District Grant for 3<sup>rd</sup> St N will begin this month.

FEMA kick-off meeting for Old Cascade Hwy E Grant went well.

Larry Johnson Short Plat will be on the 6/17 Planning Commission Agenda.

The Maloney Store Workshop on 5/28 went well and had 80 respondents to the survey.

The Ballpark Fourth of July Event will officially be hosted by the Town of Skykomish moving forward.

**FEMA Grant – Old Cascade Hwy E Stormwater Project:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to authorize Gray & Osborne to begin engineering work, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Ordinance #467 – First Reading:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve the first reading, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment:**

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Larry Johnson, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin, Gene Egan and Todd Brunner.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve the Agenda as written, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval/Amend of June 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve the Minutes as written, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Approval June Claims:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve all claims except WSDOT for \$6,622.43 for clarification, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:** PSRC Grant was scored and the Town scored in the top 3 for the design and engineering of a Highway 2 roundabout for \$250,000.

SMP Update: Spoke with Talia at BHC and we're ready to move forward with approval from the Council.

King County Sheriff Clint Herman was promoted so we've had interim Sheriffs patrolling. They are looking for a full-time replacement.

Attended the Parks Board meeting, have received Councils thoughts on STRs and was notified that B&B Utilities and Excavating finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Improvement work.

Events since last meeting were Tunnel Days 6/15, Fourth of July 7/4 and the Great Northern Criterium Bike Race 7/6. There was a small amount of complaints regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. More signage and flyers will be used next year.

The Maloney's Use surveys are complete and being reviewed.

**Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve Ordinance #467, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Ecology - Natural Resource Damage (NRD) Funds Update:** Brad Petrovich from Ecology spoke. The Memorandum of Understanding expired in 2013 so we need to create a new agreement specifying a Scope of Work for the remaining funds use. The Scope of Work is planned to be completed by September.

**Short Term Rentals (STR) Update:** Council Member Frank Martin spoke. There has been policy research, zoning designations research and public comment. The Council is working on a decision for a Moratorium or other such action for the next meeting on 8/12.

**Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment:**

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31pm. Council Member Frank Martin motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin, Gene Egan, and Larry Johnson.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** A letter to the Council was submitted by a citizen. Mayor Henry Sladek advised it to be reviewed post-meeting and discussion of the letter be added to next month's agenda. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to approve, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of July 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

- Regarding PSRC Grant: the town is in a notice/comment period, after that we should expect to receive the grant.
- King County Sheriff have a replacement for our jurisdiction, that individual will start in September. In the meantime, Henry has been in contact with the Sheriff's office regarding the issue of the parked car in right-of-way and an illegally occupied trailer behind 129 W. Old Cascade Hwy.
- Conversation continues regarding the use of NRD funds.
- The neglect at Sawyers Corner was brought to the Mayor's attention and that, plus other park maintenance needs, will be addressed.
- There are a number of leaks in the water main East of the RR crossing on E. Old Cascade Hwy. The locations of these leaks are still being determined. Thank you to Todd Brunner for donating his time. Should the leaks be under Hwy 2 or BNSF

right-of-way, the town may be looking at costly repairs, and will likely engage the town engineers, Gray & Osborne, to proceed with repair.

- Maintenance worker, Marla Nixon is leaving the position. The town does not currently have an understudy for the Utility Superintendent. Mayor Sladek has replacement options in mind and will take action to hire when necessary.

### **Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update:**

Council Member Larry Johnson shared information from MSRC regarding council member recusals. He was advised that the short-term rental issue affects the community as a whole and therefore, it is not required for council members to recuse themselves based on personal interests. Rather, recusals are appropriate when considering an individual contract that would directly benefit a council member. MSRC did recommend that council members state for the record any interests they might have in the issue for transparency. Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he owns a property used for short-term rental in the residential zone. Council Member Shelley Farnham stated that she owns a property used for short-term rental in the residential zone. Council Member Henry Sladek stated that he owns a hotel in the commercial district. Council Member Frank Martin stated that he owns a property used for short-term rental in the commercial district.

Council Member Frank Martin briefly reviewed the draft ordinance he put together with input from Council Member Gene Egan. Highlights include:

- The property owner is the licensee. They must apply for a license; \$150 application fee.
- A short-term moratorium of 13 units in town
- Added noise and occupancy control
- Short-term lodging tax of 3% gross bookings owed to the town
- A business license form and rental inspection form
- Marketing requirements generated by the town

Council Member Todd Brunner was concerned that allowing short-term rentals in residential zones will require changes to town zoning laws concurrently. This question will be posed to our legal resources before putting any more work into the draft STR Ordinance. Council Member Todd Brunner was also very concerned that allowing short-term rentals, or any commercial business in the residential zone, compromises the safety of its residents and breaks the covenant the town has with its residents to protect them from transients and unknown elements in their neighborhoods. Debate and public comment ensued. Mayor Henry Sladek summed up the public comment well by identifying that some residents want short-term rentals with regulation, others do not want them present in residential zones at all.

Council Member Frank Martin summarized the steps moving forward: 1) answer question of zoning changes, 2) modify ordinance. Council Member Gene Egan mentioned that other ordinances regarding noise and parking will likely have to be revisited as well to ensure consistency and current relevance. Council Member Gene

Egan stressed the timing of passing ordinances with regards to being ready for the winter season.

Public comment included Rick Goranson summarizing his intent in writing the Council and Jennifer Dante asking for more information regarding an accompanying letter regarding zoning issues and the results of the Maloney Store Workshop.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sage Bryden, Deputy Clerk

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Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin, Gene Egan, and Larry Johnson.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Claims:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

- The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) has been approved by Ecology. There are some minor changes being made by BHC.
- Mayor Henry Sladek and Council Member Todd Brunner spoke with Reed Shockey and Rick Goranson and all have agreed to pull the height variance request.
- Regarding PSRC Grant: the town is in a notice/comment period, after that we should expect to receive the grant. Still finalizing.
- King County Sheriff's replacement, Woody Heath, has met with Henry and has officially started in Town.
- There are several leaks in the water main East of the RR crossing on E. Old Cascade Hwy. The locations of these leaks have been located on the Southside and Northside. The Southside has been fixed and the Northside is being worked on. We're currently waiting on parts to be delivered that were backordered.

- A new Part-time maintenance worker has been hired and is now focusing on the foliage at the drain field.
- We are in the process of finalizing a Water System Manager agreement with Gray & Osborne.

**Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update:**

We were unable to get legal interpretations from our attorney or an STR expert attorney in time for this meeting. We need to interpret our code whether STRs are allowed in residential zones. Our code conflicts itself and the Council would like that determined before making any further STR decisions.

Public comment included community members wanting a packet of letters and other items that have been compiled regarding STRs made public. Town Hall will post the packet on the main page of our website.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07pm. Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_



A GREAT NORTHERN TOWN

Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon September 26th 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Shelly Farnham, Frank Martin, Gene Egan, and Larry Johnson had an excused absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

**King County Property Taxes Levy – Ordinance 468:**

Council Member Gene Egan motioned to approve ordinance 468 as written, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update:**

Mayor Sladek with Council Member Frank Martin and Council Member Todd Brunner had a conference call with an STR attorney. They were told that it would cost us \$5,000 for him to interpret the two conflicting codes and write up his interpretation in a memo. Mayor Sladek also produced an official memo from our planners at BHC regarding their interpretation of our code.

Council Member Frank Martin would like to accept BHCs interpretation. Council Member Todd Brunner would still prefer the attorney's interpretation before moving forward. Council Member Todd Brunner also brought up that we will need an STR attorney to review the draft ordinance so we will have legal fees regardless. Council Member Gene Egan suggested altering the code to fit our needs, Council Member Shelly Farnham agreed but no decision was made.

Council Member Frank Martin suggested adding an STR Moratorium to the October agenda. The other council members agreed.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33pm. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_



A GREAT NORTHERN TOWN

Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon October 14<sup>th</sup> 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were Todd Brunner, Shelly Farnham, Larry Johnson, Gene Egan, and Frank Martin had an excused absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Claims:** Council Member Gene Egan motioned to approve all claims, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

- Aydelotte Case is still active. We are responding to Interrogatories. The case is still being defended by AWC (our insurance).
- The Accountability Audit is complete, and the State Auditors Office is finalizing the final report.
- 2020 Budget Season is beginning. A Schedule for workshops/meetings will be posted in November.
- Contract with Gray & Osborne for a Water/Waste Water Superintendent is complete. Her name is Susan Welland and she is training David Childs to take over Steven Lerner's position.
- Attended the 10/7 Parks Board meeting.
- Weekly meetings with the Maintenance Crew regarding the Hwy 2 Water Main leak.

- Using Part Time labor for cleanup at the Drain Field and Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Highway 2 Roundabout Design Grant has been approved for the Town of Skykomish for \$259,500. Mayor Henry Sladek will be meeting with a WSDOT representative this week about next steps for planning and design. Ecology funding will be finalized soon. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) required for contracting a consultant.
- Town events planning started for 2020 Tunnel Days and 2020 Great Northern Bike Criterium. First meeting is Tuesday, 10/15 at Town Hall.

**Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update:**

The Mayor received legal advice from two attorneys who have advised upon their review that STRs are legal within our code.

This process to create an ordinance and permitting process will take 4-6 months.

Public Workshops will be offered, and dates are to be determined.

A moratorium is possible.

Town will actively follow-up with existing STRs to ensure a business license has been obtained with the State of Washington as well as the Town of Skykomish. And also that updated contact information is available.

We will continue to accept and letters from the public.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57pm. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to adjourn, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

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A GREAT NORTHERN TOWN

Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were, Frank Martin, Shelly Farnham, Larry Johnson, Gene Egan, and Todd Brunner was absent.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Larry Johnson motioned to approve with an additional agenda item, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Claims:** Council Member Gene Egan motioned to approve all claims, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

- Budget Season has begun and will continue the next 2 weeks. We will be reviewing current year's results and adopting a budget for next year. We'll also be reviewing the results of our State Accountability Audit.
- Currently, the SD9 diesel engine will not be scrapped by BNSF because we have more time to accept the donation. Estimates are being requested to move the engine from its current location on BNSF property. Fundraising has begun by GNCR to support the move.
- Property owner has cut some trees without a permit, but a work has stopped since they were notified. We are working with BHC to identify which violations exist and potential remedies.
- Short Term Rental Update was passed along to the Planning Commission for land use deliberations and drafting a model ordinance.

- Aydelotte case is still active. Staff and former Mayor Tony Grider have responded to interrogatories. Attended a mediation meeting with no resolution resulting. The case is being defended by AWC/RMSA but still may take time from both Mayor and staff.
- Continuing work with Contract Sewer/Water system operator from Gray & Osborne staff. Maintenance Superintendent, David Childs is training to take over. Steve Larners last day was 11/15.
- Attended Parks and Planning Commission meetings. Part time labor to clean Drain Field and Treatment Plant is finished. No plans to hire a third full time Maintenance worker. Looking to find possible solutions for potential peak snow removal demand should that occur.
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Highway 2 grant and FEMA East Old Cascade Highway grant: Request for Proposal required for PSRC grant but no more movement until the new year. Will be finalizing FEMA grant in the new year as well. Gray & Osborne staff have started some initial surveying and analysis. Separately, continuing to try to get King County approval to do some limited Maloney Creek Sediment trap removal.
- Social media policy/comment. Want to reiterate my approach to social media comments & discussion. We will generally not reply or engage in those discussions. I am happy to meet with them to constructively discuss their concerns, comments and/or suggestions. I will respond in a limited manner, in cases of “emergency” or high importance.

**SD9 Engine Donation Update:**

BNSF offered Engine to Town and Council decided not to park within 100 feet of Depot. We now have time to accept the donation, but we must decide location with three options and cost. GNCR has opened a 40k fundraiser. We will contract to move when that time comes.

**Short-Term Rentals (STR) Update:**

Short Term Rental Update was passed along to the Planning Commission for land use deliberations and drafting a model ordinance. Moratorium is an option to give the Planning Commission time to decide. Draft Ordinance expected within 3-5 months.

**2020 Budget – 1st reading:**

Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Water System Plan Update:**

Introduced for Adoption. Put together by Gray & Osborne through grant funding.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:54pm. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to adjourn, Council Member Larry Johnson seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

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A GREAT NORTHERN TOWN

Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were, Frank Martin, Shelly Farnham, Todd Brunner, Gene Egan, and Larry Johnson was on speaker phone due to an injury absence.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Council Member Frank Martin motioned to approve, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** Mayor Henry Sladek requested to move to 12/9 meeting.

**Mayors Report:**

- Official swearing in of Mayor and Council Members #1, 3 & 5 will be on 12/9 Agenda.

**2020 Property Tax Levy:** Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to accept \$56,669, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**2020 Budget – 2nd reading:**

Council Member Gene Egan motioned to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16pm. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

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A GREAT NORTHERN TOWN

Town of Skykomish  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Mon December 9th, 2019  
5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Members Present were, Shelly Farnham, Todd Brunner and Gene Egan. Larry Johnson was on speaker phone due to an injury absence. Frank Martin was also on speaker phone.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Henry Sladek led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:** Mayor Henry Sladek removed the 2019 Budget Amendment item. Council Member Todd motioned to approve with changes, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of 11/25 & 12/2 Council Meeting Minutes:** Council Member Todd motioned to approve, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Approval of Claims:** Council Member Todd Burnner motioned to approve all claims, Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

**Mayors Report:**

- Property owner who had cut some trees without a permit. BHC helped procure a letter notifying the owner of the violations.
- State Auditor Exit Conference was 12/9 at 3pm. Adding to 1/13 Agenda for discussion.
- The vehicle that was causing concern parked in the right of way has been moved.

**Swearing in new Mayor, Council Members #1 & 5:** Mayor Henry Sladek, Council Member Todd Brunner and Council Member Gene Egan were all sworn in. Council Member Larry Johnson will be sworn in at the 1/13 meeting due to his physical absence.

**2020 Budget – 3rd and final reading:**

Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading/adoption of the 2020 Budget, Council Member Gene Egan seconded, all in favor.

**Items for next meeting/future agenda or follow up:**

- Water System Plan Adoption
- Swearing in of Council position #3
- State Auditors Exit Conference Review
- Water Rate Discussion
- 2019 Budget Amendment

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:22pm. Council Member Gene Egan motioned to adjourn, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.**

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Henry Sladek, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Desirae Bearden, Clerk/Treasurer

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