

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry, Sr.
Russell Harper
Will Penn
Pete Kruger
Charlene Krise

Chairman
Vice Chairman (*absent 10:23- 12:35*)
Secretary (*arrived at 10:00 am*)
Treasurer
1st Council Member
2nd Council Member
3rd Council Member

Executive Director
Deputy Director
Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Ray Peters
Whitney Jones
Kevin Lyon (*arrived at 10:05 am*)
Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the November 9 Council Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Russell Harper added a concern in regards to the siding project. Charlene added a request in regards to the Makah whalers. Ray would like to provide a report on the Shaker Church. Russell Harper moved to approve the agenda with additions. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPOVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the October 25, 2007 Council minutes. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

November 11: Port Gamble S’Klallam Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony. Kingston, WA. Council would like to see pictures of the Port Gamble Memorial. Ray briefly reported on the flag raising ceremony that was held last Wednesday, for the Squaxin Veterans Memorial.

November 11-16: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Denver, CO. Vince Henry, Pete Kruger, Ray Peters, and tribal member Jolene Grover will attend. Glen Parker and Arnold Cooper can not attend. Will Penn also decided to attend.

November 13-15: G2E Global Gaming Expo, Las Vegas, NV. Jim Peters and Russell Harper will attend.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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November 17: Potlatch Fund Annual Gala, Grand Hyatt Seattle. Charlene Krise and Will Penn plan on attending.

January 12, 2008: Winter General Body Meeting, 9:00 a.m. in the Squaxin Gym.

Ray Peters, Jim Peters and Kevin Lyon attended an IRS Consultation yesterday in regards to tribal tax law. Ray stated that it went well. Council wages were discussed and eligibility for social security and Medicare. Council would like to further discuss this at the next Council meeting.

Council salary: Ray handed out different examples of a potential salary for Council. Past Councils decided that only the Chairman would receive a salary. Discussion items included the concern of enough work to justify a fully salaried council and what programs would this money take from. Arnold Cooper moved to maintain status quo in regards to council pay, until the tribe has grown to a point where a fully paid council is necessary. Pete Kruger seconded the motion.

Vince Henry arrived at 10am. Kevin Lyon arrived at 10:05 am.

After extensive discussion, the motion carried five (5) in favor and one (1) against.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Jim reported a tribal member spoke with him regarding a paternity issue. Ray will look in to this situation and speak with Tammy Ford, Enrollment Officer to be sure of the consistency in the enrollment process.

Arnold Cooper left at 10:23 am.

Council stated they would like to have the new Enrollment Committee on the next agenda.

Russell Harper shared that he has been approached by tribal members with concerns of the siding project. He wanted to be sure that there is a provision in the contract that the work will be inspected and approved prior to final payment.

Ray stated that Dan Neelands is the lead contracting manager of the project and is responsible to make sure the contractor does what is outlined in the contract. Dan Neelands was present to answer. He stated that there is currently a list being created of items to be completed by the contractor. He assured that the siding project is not complete, and there is a crew coming back to fix the houses with siding problems. He explained that all houses undergo three inspections; the first upon removal of old siding, after that was a second pre-siding inspection which inspects and fixes any damage resulting from the faulty siding. Then a final third inspection will be done upon completion. Dan stated that if any tribal member has water leaking on a newly sided house needs to contact him or Penni Giles immediately and it will be taken care of. Dan will be sure to communicate to the community that the project is not yet complete. For future projects, DCD will look in to a hotline that is available for the community to call for questions and concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ray presented **Resolution #07-85** which amends the current 401(k) plan, effective January 1, 2008. The plan is amended to address the final regulations under Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution #07-85. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council Training: Kevin will provide Council Training on December 12, after meeting with Island Enterprises.

Per capita checks will be distributed December 4, in the Administration Building.

Arcadia update: Ray provided a letter from a concerned homeowner near Arcadia Point. The concern was of the parking and the dumpsters at the boat launch. Ray looked in to the parking issue and Maintenance set up barriers to prevent boaters from parking on the grass, creating mud. Ray will contact Taylor Shellfish to see if their employees can carpool, to lessen the parking problem. Natural Resources will also speak with Taylor Shellfish in regards to the dumpsters that were dropped there; NR will be sure that they get dumped regularly in order to ease the smell. Ray and NR would like to invite the community to a town meeting to discuss the potential developments and concerns regarding Arcadia Point.

Housing status report: Ray provided a housing report regarding the process of filling houses, pending houses and rehabilitation of houses. Two houses are being cleaned, two more are being tested, and one conveyed house is being rented out.

Donation requests: Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 to the Alan Parker Fund.

Council agreed to purchase four wreaths from a tribal member, totaling \$79.

Pete Kruger moved to donate \$250 to a community member for personal assistance. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council agreed to purchase two cedar baskets from Debbi Obi, one for \$50 and the other for \$150.

Council will also purchase a sweet grass coil basket from Connie Napoleon for \$200.

Charlene Krise reported that she was approached by an individual regarding the Makah whalers. She asked Council if a workshop could be held at the Squaxin Museum to provide an opportunity for a speaker to discuss why the whalers went out on an illegal hunt. The Makah tribal government will need to be present. The museum will only provide a forum to discuss this issue. Admission will be charged and a silent auction will be held.

Shaker Church update: Ray reported he reached out to the property owner in regards to the property for sale to the Shaker Church.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Bryan Johnson provided a briefing from Dave Smith, owner of Petrosol. The recent explosion at the Tacoma Foundry was due to a failure in the hose and hose fittings used to transfer the propane. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has specific requirements on the types of hoses that are used. In this situation, the explosion was a result of old fittings that was provided by the Foundry. All new

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propane facilities use fittings that are regulated by DOT. In Dave's briefing, he reassured of the safety involved with propane offloading stations.

Dan Neelands and Mike Poier assured that all code requirements will be followed and they have been working with the fire marshal. The tanks will belong to Petrosol and Petrosol will be responsible for the security of the site.

Council went in to executive session to discuss a hunting issue.

Pete Kruger would like to invite Green Diamond to the next Council Meeting.

LEGAL

Kevin handed out the Animal Control Ordinance for review and consideration at the next meeting.

Kevin briefed on the motor vehicle fuel excise tax for review. The document is agreed upon between negotiators. Kevin will send it to the State, and then return back to Council for approval at the next meeting.

Kevin handed out amendments to the Shellfish Implementation Plan. Council would like to make sure this goes through the Shellfish Committee. Russell Harper moved to approve the plan, pending the approval of the Shellfish Committee. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Arnold returned at 12:35 p.m.

Ray reported the construction of the Veterans Memorial will be delayed until spring.

Vince reported he visited the cemetery and invited Council to visit and show their support.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.