



**City of Saxman
Building and Ordinance Committee
Meeting Joint Mtg
April 06, 2023
2:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Committee Member Woody Watson
Committee Member Rick Makua
Committee Member Denny Blair - Telephonically
Committee Member Norman Natkong Sr.
Committee Member Gabriella Blair

City Clerk: Brianna Berg

ALSO present:

Organized Village of Saxman

President Joe Williams

Trudi Swink

Charles Denny

Richard Shields SR

Crista Thomas

Valena Johnson - Administrative Assistant

Charlie White - Tribal Administrator

Cape Fox

Clifford Blair

Tim Lewis

Public

Sylvia Banie

Public Comment

Sylvia Banie spoke for Public Comment and mentioned that she feels our Schoolhouse is history and does not believe it should be sold of history. She feels that the Schoolhouse should go back to the Tribe. Ms. Banie also requested that the City of Saxman put out meeting notices in more public spots and give more time for notice.

Tim Lewis spoke for Public Comment to inform Ms. Banie that Cape Fox does not plan on getting rid of the Schoolhouse if they were to purchase it. They would turn it into a museum with contract activities including a tour depot to continue funding the upkeep of the building. The plan and intentions would be to utilize the Schoolhouse in showcase for what it is.

President Joe Williams with the Organized Village of Saxman mentioned that he feels like this meeting is not set up for a joint meeting as he felt more part of the audience. He also would like more time and discussion on this matter. He feels that the City of Saxman should keep the Schoolhouse because they are government and Cape Fox is a business. President Williams also mentioned that the Schoolhouse land was originally intended for the Tribe and due to start up issues back when the City of Saxman was in full operation at the time and obtained the land. He feels like if the Schoolhouse property goes to anyone it should be the Tribe.

Trudi Swink (OVS Member) spoke for Public Comment and mentioned that this meeting did not specify who the joint meeting is for and which committee is having a joint meeting. She mentioned that it is hard to get the three entities together in one meeting so at this point we should just hear each other out and have the meeting. As a Tribal Citizen she mentioned that she is all for helping the City of Saxman as it in return helps out the tribal citizens and brings in more revenue to the City of Saxman which helps us as a Tribal Citizen. We need to stick to dates and move forward and have this discussion.

Mayor Seludo decided that we continue the meeting and hear each other out. This will help start the process of deciding on these agenda items.

Consideration of the Agenda

Motion made to approve the consideration of the agenda. Motion declared passed.

Motion made by Committee Member Makua, Seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Watson, Committee Member Makua, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Blair

Old Business

1. School House Property

Background: Cape Fox will make an offer on the school house and property to the Council.

President Williams with the Organized Village of Saxman mentioned that he feels that the Schoolhouse property should be conveyed to the Tribe. This can make a tribal headquarters which comes in federal money meaning building upgrades and property upgrades can be in process. Repairs are needed for the Schoolhouse - the maintenance has not been kept up with due to funding issues. This could solve that

concern. The foundation and roof are the main concerns at the moment for the Schoolhouse.

He also mentioned that at this time there is no rental agreement between OVS and the City of Saxman whereas they wanted to do upgrades/repairs but did not due to this issue.

Tim Lewis mentioned that if they were to purchase the Schoolhouse they would not tear the building down and that they are aware of the repairs needed. If this were to follow through this would give a grant opportunity for grant funding and tour company profits which in the long run benefit all three entities. There is no estimated time for the repairs for the Schoolhouse but he mentioned he could look further into this and report back.

Charlie White (OVS Administrator) mentioned that if they had the Schoolhouse conveyed to them they could expand programs that deal with expanding/planning such as roads. He also mentioned that OVS is in the process of becoming their own tribe separating from T&H. This meaning they would become their own federally recognized tribe allowing new doors to open and opportunities. They estimate this to take place by June. This also means that they can make spending decisions without authorization from another entity. This also brings more access to federal funding directly to OVS.

The land selling policy does need to be further reviewed by the City of Saxman Council and the terms that go along with it.

2. Moving City of Saxman Office to CFC Building

Background: Cape Fox representative will further discuss the proposal of moving the City of Saxman offices over to the CFC Building. Resuming discussion from the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023.

Tim Lewis and Clifford Blair with Cape Fox verbally presented the offer of moving the City of Saxman Office to the CFC Building for the Councils & Other Entity Members present to be briefed on.

Further discussion was held between the Council Members during this joint meeting.

Clifford Blair formally requested that the City of Saxman put Moving City of Saxman Offices to CFC Building & the CDC Cash Call on their agenda for their next Regular Council Meeting on April 19, 2023. He also requested that the Organized Village of Saxman do the same.

Clifford Blair requesting that the City of Saxman and Organized Village of Saxman provide funding to the CDC for start-up funds in the amount of \$40,000 for two years. This will help get the CDC up and running. Mayor Seludo mentioned that a cash call would have to be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting on April 19, 2023, as long as he can get in contact with the designated person in charge of that.

New Business

3. Wood-Mizer

Background: Mayor Seludo will present the topic of the "Wood-Mizer" to the Council.

President Williams with the Organized Village of Saxman is requesting an area of property from the City of Saxman to keep this Wood-Mizer. This Wood-Mizer is beneficial in regards of Totem Poles. You can use this to cut all excess wood from poles. The area of land would need to be suitable for loud noises for continued periods

of time. He mentioned that the Wood-Mizer has been ordered and has an estimated arrival time for mid December. He is requested that this area of property be setup with a pad in place for storing this Wood-Mizer; a wood covering would be built that would be weatherproof.

Drawings will be presented for the pad.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that this be discussed further at the next Regular Council Meeting on April 19, 2023, or will keep in the committee level for further discussion.

Council Comments

No Council Comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM by Mayor Seludo.

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

Brianna Berg, Deputy Clerk