



**City of Saxman  
Totem and Tourism Committee  
Meeting  
April 11, 2023  
4:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Committee Member Denny Blair  
Committee Member Gabriella Blair

Also Present:

City Clerk: Brianna Berg

**Public Comment**

Ryan Naylor attended for Public Comment to present a power point to the Council in regards of research he has conducted in regards of Community Development. Mayor Seludo allowed him 15 minutes.

**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 Makua, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson

**Old Business**

1. Oyster Pole Art Creation Agreement

**Background:** Discussion and Review of the Art Creation Agreement.

Mayor Seludo verbally reported the status of this agenda item to the Council. He mentioned that he is waiting to hear back from the assort yard in regards of getting the pole over to Jon Rowan to carve. One will be going to Jon Rowan and one will be coming to Saxman for Nathan Jackson.

The cost of shipping the logs will be \$1,800 to the designated locations. This will come out of the grant funds from the Borough and Mayor Seludo will check with the carvers to make sure the agreed upon prices are the same therefore leaving the City with money to pay for the shipping out of that fund.

Mayor Seludo will report to the Borough in regards of the current status.

*There was a recommendation made to continue as we are with the Totem Poles and Carvers for the Oyster Pole and the Chief Ebbits Pole.*

Motion made by Committee Member Watson, Seconded by Committee Member Makua.

Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Makua, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson

*Motion Passes.*

## **New Business**

Moved to Public Comment.

### 2. Presentation from Ryan Naylor

Background: Ryan Naylor, a Ph.D. student from Pennsylvania State University, has been conducting research in Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan from May 2022 to January 2023. Mr. Naylor lived in Ketchikan Gateway Borough from October 4th to December 20th exploring how residents in the borough, the city, and Saxman, perceive the impacts of tourism. More specifically, Mr. Naylor is exploring 1) how tourism impacts the local culture of the community, 2) how tourism integrates into existing livelihoods, and 3) how the community can manipulate tourism to ensure appropriate forms of community development. He is repeating this process in Petersburg and Wrangell to understand how differences in cruise tourism volume influence each community and identify community- and region-specific patterns. Mr. Naylor is trying to ensure his research can inform local decision-making. He set up advisory boards composed of local residents and has now returned for a community engagement trip to ensure accuracy and explores ways to give back to the community.

Moved to public comment.

## **Council Comments**

*Councilor Watson:* I am glad to see this happening and to see this getting worked on.

*Vice Mayor Thomas:* I would like to thank you all for the hard work. We are getting a lot done.

*Councilor Natkong:* I would like to thank you the staff for this good meeting. I am glad to see we are coming along with the totem poles.

*Councilor Makua:* I would like to thank you all for the good work and thank the staff that you have left. I appreciate the work.

*Mayor Seludo:* I would like to thank you all for showing up as we are working through the bugs. We will get through this and thank you all for showing up.

## **Adjournment**

*There was a motion to adjourn at 5:24 PM.*

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

*Motion Passed.*

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

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Brianna Berg, Deputy Clerk