



**SHELTER BAY COMMUNITY  
TOWN MEETING  
November 10, 2010**

A Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. Guests from the Swinomish Tribal Police Department were invited to provide a presentation of their services and to answer member questions.

Welcome and Presentation: President Larry Kibbee welcomed the approximately 80 members of the Community present at the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Board Treasurer and Ad Hoc Safety and Finance Committee Acting Chair Hermann Wolz; Board Members Dottie Monroe, Mike Morrell and Britt Wisniewski; Lot Committee Chair Cheryl Westlake; Greenbelt Committee Chair Jack Withrow; Building Committee Chair Tom Rosadiuk; Social and Recreation Committee Chair Claudia Young; Ad Hoc Communications Committee Chair Don Monroe; Manager Judy Grosvenor and Executive Secretary Debbie Byrd

President Larry Kibbee welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Swinomish Tribal Police Chief Tom Schlicker and Assistant Chief Glenn Hutchins.

Assistant Police Chief Glenn Hutchins provided an overview of the resources their Department has in order to provide police services to the 14.4 square miles of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Reservation. The Department has 15 full-time officers and 6 reserves which are able to provide 2 patrol officers on duty 24/7/365. The Department has also recently acquired K-9 Officer Chaz who is an experienced narcotics canine working with the department to reduce illegal drug use. In addition to their patrol vehicles, the Department utilizes a motorcycle, rescue boat, jet boat, and portable incident command trailer to carry out their duties.

The department emphasizes traffic enforcement on the reservation and works to create partnerships with the surrounding law enforcement agencies and building relationships within the community. Future plans include a satellite precinct at the north end of the reservation in order to place more emphasis on the area surrounding the casino and market/gas station.

The Department recently received the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation. Chief Hutchins stated they are the first tribal law enforcement agency to receive accreditation in the State of Washington and only the second in the nation.

President Kibbee asked members present if they had any questions for Chief Schlicker or Assistant Chief Hutchins

Lot 336, Terrence McDonald – Asked what the most common crimes in the area are. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins responded domestic violence incidents generate the most calls, followed by disorderly conduct and car prowls.

Lot 153, Brian Boyd – Asked who we should call to report criminal activity. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins responded that all calls to the Police Department should be placed through the 911 system where trained dispatchers can then route the call. The Tribal Police are the first responders to all criminal activity within Shelter Bay. They have an agreement with the Skagit Sheriff's Office which has first jurisdiction in felony cases, unless they involve a Tribal Member.

Lot 345, Maureen Pilon – Asked if the Department was noticing any trends in criminal activity. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated criminal activity in this area is less than that experienced in the Anacortes and Mt. Vernon/Burlington areas where there is a resurgence of gang related activity. Shelter Bay will most likely continue to see incidents of domestic violence along with some burglaries and car prowls. They relayed that the Community should continue to promote members taking proactive steps to reduce their exposure to crime. Lock home and car doors, remove valuable items from your car, and keep an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Lot 783, Don Monroe – Asked about the aggressive dogs which had killed some small animals. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated that the owner of one of the dogs had been identified and contacted and that the situation has been rectified.

Lot 619, Robert Sterling – Stated he found half of a raccoon on Martha's Beach that morning. He asked how the video surveillance cameras at the Front Gate are working for the Community. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins reported the department has accessed the information twice since the system was installed. Board Member and Safety Chair Hermann Wolz reported the system now has three cameras including the license plate identification camera. The system is working well, taking photos of those entering and exiting the Community as well as an excellent shot of license plates, both day and night. The tapes are kept for 30 days and if a crime is reported, they can be pulled up and provided to the Tribal Police for investigation.

Lot 343, Callie Bolstad – Stated it was her dog that had been killed by the aggressive dogs. She asked if there is a leash law on the reservation. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins reported there is a leash law for the Village and Pull and Be Damned areas. Shelter Bay has their own rules regulating loose dogs. The Department does not enforce Shelter Bay's Covenants or Rules and Regulations.

Lot 271, Pete Caple – Stated that at one time his neighbor had 13 dogs. He also stated that he has seen a yellow dog chasing a deer and squirrels. He reported another neighbor lets their dog loose. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins asked Mr. Caple to call 911 if he sees aggressive behavior and report any nuisance behavior to the Shelter Bay Office.

Lot 650, Nancy Wright – Stated she lives near the ingress/egress off of Muckleshoot and that people park their cars there and block the area. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins and Manager Grosvenor asked her to call 911 for cars parked outside of Shelter Bay and to call the Office if they are parked inside the gate.

Lot 175, Don Chandler – Asked how frequently the Department patrols Shelter Bay and whether they believe Shelter Bay would be better served with a 24/7 gate guard. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated the Department's goal is to have a patrol of the entire reservation at least once every shift. They stated that those who are intent on getting into the Community will find their way in, a 24/7 gate guard would be an inconvenience.

Lot 268, Cheryl Westlake – Stated that those members concerned with loose or barking dogs should fill out a Complaint Form at the Office. The Lot Committee is taking a very pro-active stance in these situations and will respond to the complaint. She asked if the Tribal Police were able to ticket for speeding within Shelter Bay. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated 'yes' they do enforce the traffic laws on Shelter Bay roadways and have also set-up the speed monitor within the gate.

Lot 673, Barrie Arnett – Thanked the Chiefs for coming and talking to the Community and doing a great job. He said he has great respect for those in the area of police work.

A member asked what happens if you call 911 from your cell phone. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated the call goes to the Washington State Patrol for dispatching. Hermann Wolz reminded members that if they utilize the internet for their phone connection, through the cable company or their internet provider, they need to make sure the provider has their address information or else it will not come up for the 911 dispatch system.

Lot 745, Mike Morrell – Stated the Department’s statistics do not come up on the State’s Website. Why does the Department not report its crime statistics?  
Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins reported the Department does report its crimes through the Washington Association of Police Chiefs; however their report may be included with the County’s.

Lot 155, Sharon Exley – Thanked the Chiefs for coming and stated that she now has a better understanding of their scope of services. She asked if there was anything the Community could be doing to make their job easier.  
Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated by educating members to be pro-active in protecting their property by locking doors and through neighborhood watch programs. They relayed that if a neighborhood wanted to start a Neighborhood Watch, they would be happy to send a representative of their Department to help get them started.

Lot 745, Mike Morrell – Asked if the Tribal Police enforce the “No Wake” law on the Channel. Chiefs Schlicker and Hutchins stated it is very hard to enforce a “No Wake” zone.

President Larry Kibbee thanked Chief Schlicker and Assistant Chief Hutchins for their time and participation in the Town Meeting. He reminded members who are interested in helping with the Tribe’s Canoe Journey event to contact Board Member Dottie Monroe.

Town Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Debbie Byrd  
Executive Secretary