

Port of Dewatto
Correction to the February 15, 2017 Minutes

I am disappointed that you Commissioners approve minutes with inaccuracies. It is very important for a public agency to be accurate in their official minutes. I am only going to address the last paragraph of the February 15, 2017 minutes where I spoke. First of all I did not once say the name Ed Soden and it was recorded five times in the approved minutes. I would like to read into the record a more accurate version of that paragraph and will provide it to the Executive Director.

Kris Tompkins retired Treasurer of the City of Port Orchard spoke. She wanted to express her concern because of an incident when she was walking around the Lake and was at the end of the driveway with the Commissioner who resigned. A truck pulled up and a man asked the Commissioner why he was acting this way to his daughter, (the Executive Director), because she was home crying. The man went on to say, they may need to get a restraining order against the Commissioner. Mrs. Tompkins stated that it is a Class B Felony to intimidate an elected official and she recognizes it goes both ways. The man stated several times that there needs to be a process. So there will be a process and that is the State Auditors will be coming soon to conduct an audit. The Port has not been audited for several years and there should have been an audit when the last employee passed away. Director Krotzer asked if the man, her father, pulled into the driveway. Mrs. Tompkins said no, he was on the street. Director Krotzer asked if there was anyone else in the truck, Mrs. Tompkins said no. Director Krotzer said then, I was not in the truck. Mrs. Tompkins said no, you were home crying.

Vs. the Approved Version

KRIS TOMPKINS SPOKE. SHE SAID SHE WAS WALKING AROUND THE LAKE AND WAS WITH ED SODEN WHEN A TRUCK PULLED UP AND A MAN ASKED ED SODEN WHY HE WAS ACTING THIS WAY TO HIS DAUGHTER AND CALLING HER AND MAKING HER CRY. THEN HE STATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER COULD GO AND GET AN ANTI-HARRASSMENT ORDER. MRS. TOMPKINS SAID SHE WANTED US AWARE THAT IT IS A CLASS B FELONY TO INTIMIDATE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND THEY SHE RECOGNIZES IT GOES BOTH WAYS AND ED SODEN SHOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATING DIRECTOR KROTZER EITHER. DIRECTOR KROTZER SAID SHE KNOWS THE LAW SINCE SHE TOO IS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL ON THE NORTH MASON SCHOOL BOARD, AND SHE HAS BEEN INTIMIDATED AND HARRASSED BY ED SODEN. DIRECTOR KROTZER ASKED IF THE MAN, HER FATHER, PULLED INTO ED SODEN'S DRIVEWAY. MRS. TOMPKINS SAID NO HE WAS ON THE STREET. MRS. TOMPKINS STATED THAT AN AUDIT WOULD BE COMING SOON TO THE PORT AND THAT SHE WORKS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORCHARD AND KNOWS HOW THINGS ARE DONE IN A GOVERNMENT BUSINESS OFFICE. DIRECTOR KROTZER THANKED HER FOR HER STATEMENT.



Port Of Allyn

April 11, 2017

Ms. Leanna Krotzer, Executive Director
Port of Dewatto
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Dear Leanna,

I just finished watching the video of your recent community forum, and would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight on misconceptions held by some residents of your Port District. Therefore, I'm asking you to verbally read this letter into the official record of your next Port Commission meeting.

Misconception #1 – That the Port of Allyn is “lurking,” out here - as someone at your forum stated - just waiting for an opportunity to pounce on the Port of Dewatto and “annex” it into our District. Nothing could be further from reality. If you look back at the minutes of our Commission meetings over the past several years, you will not find one single mention of such an intention. For our Port to move forward with such an action – if it was our intention – would require a significant amount of public process, as well as an affirmative vote of the majority of residents of *your* District - as well as those of ours. Frankly, I don't see that happening in *either* case.

Misconception #2 – The Port of Allyn is a predator that can't wait to take over your District and rain wholesale economic development down upon Dewatto in the form of campgrounds, storage units, and more. Again, this is simply not within the realm of reality, and *I will state unequivocally for the record that we have neither the desire – nor the intention - to do so.*

Misconception #3 – While Washington Ports are primarily charged with bringing economic development and jobs to their Districts, *that isn't their only purpose.* In many small communities like Dewatto, the Port is the “glue” that binds the community together to achieve its goals. In the case of Dewatto, it was obvious from the forum that one of those goals should be to help protect the quality of life the residents originally moved there for. On the other hand, the Port's ability to secure grants and low-interest loans could be instrumental in achieving beneficial community outcomes - like construction of the helipad so many residents spoke of at the forum.

The bottom line is there is absolutely no benefit to Port of Dewatto residents to agree to be annexed into the Port of Allyn, nor any benefit to the Port of Allyn to initiate such a move. I'd welcome the opportunity to attend one of your Commission meetings and answer any and all questions your community may have so we can put this misconception to rest once and for all.

Sincerely,

Lary Coppola, Executive Director
Port of Allyn

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