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## let's talk issues

## issues Town Council should have on their agenda

- Town citizens must be able to speak their minds as the founding fathers intended.
- 2. Get a handle on the Town's true financial picture and put together a plan to restore financial soundness as quickly as practicable.
- Review proposed sewer and water treatment plans to ensure final costs do not exceed Sky property owners' ability to pay.
- Supply emergency power generation to town water pumps, ensuring a stable supply for the town and fire fighting efforts.
- Provide adequate training for Town crew to promote safety, efficiency and the proper care of equipment.
- 6. Clean and repair ditches and culverts as needed to mitigate flooding.
- 7. Provide adequate, cost-effective snow removal.
- Establish a snow emergency plan for parking and assist of the elderly and infirm during storms or extended power outages.
- 9. Repair/replace leaking water mains.
- Provide a mechanism for citizens to dispose of yard waste without having to dump it on public lands.
- Provide recycling along with the trash collection service to reduce waste and duplication of efforts.

- 12. Eliminate unnecessary Ordinances and simplify the remainder so citizens can understand them. Recent Council efforts to produce as many as possible and make them as complicated and confusing as Seattle's must be undone. This is a mess.
- 13. Retain environmental counsel to assist review of recent actions regarding BNSF environmental cleanup. Confirm decisions were legal and proper and that Council members, who should have recused themselves, did in fact do so.
- 14. Assemble a real Economic Development Plan that acknowledges and addresses root causes of our economic malaise and takes advantage of the many assets Sky already possess.
- 15. Build a real 'Vision for Skykomish' prepared by adults with skin in the game, not school children, retirees and hungry city slickers.
- Encourage the formation of a genuine Chamber of Commerce for members of the business community.
- Review BNSF remediation plans to ensure they address Town needs and do not cause uncompensated losses to the Town, its citizens or businesses.
- 18. Establish rules for over night camping and parking to eliminate the threat of becoming a free place to party, take a dump and leave your trash.

- 19. Finish and maintain our Town website to serve citizen needs and promote our future. Council members should have contact info instead of trying to hide from constituents and a 24/7 emergency phone number should be prominently displayed to report infrastructure failures during off hours, weekends and holidays.
- 20. Work with KC Sheriff to improve enforcement efforts.
- 21. Review Planning Commission and Design Review Board record to determine whether our town possesses sufficient depth of human resources necessary to successfully perform these important functions or should they be returned to Council?

## other issues?

Do you have additional issues, concerns or gripes that you would like to see placed before Town Council?

Let us know and we'll add them to the list before presenting it for action.



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See You Later Alligator

