

**Hollis Community Council Regular Meeting
June 10, 2014**

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by president Budd Burnett

Appointment of New Member - Budd said there were three people who had submitted their names to fill Tom Lynch's seat on the council - Keith Michaels, Joe Krane and Arthur Martin. Bob made a motion to appoint Keith Michaels as Keith has been working closely with the council on emergency communications and serving as a liaison between the council and the fire dept. M/S Bob/Bill - unanimous

Council Members Present - Budd Burnett, Bill Sharpes, Bob Andrews, Colleen Watson, Matt Beer, Keith Michaels. Sandra Nessett - absent

Community Members Present - Debbie Beer, Margaret Andrews, Dinah Reives, Jackie Ciccolo, Art Cook, Gary Holt, Linda Holt, Bruce Dunbar, Joe Krane, Paul Randall, John Ryan, Donna Halvorsen, Ron Sharp.

Minutes - Minutes of May 13 were approved as read. M/S Colleen/ Bill

Financial Report - Bill reported \$4936.35 in checking and \$90,417.55 in savings for a total of \$95,417.55.

Bill also reported additions to savings from

2008 - \$9654

2009 - \$5283

2010 - \$5501

2011 - \$10,216

2012 - \$7110

2013 - \$2643 - for a total of \$40,427 in unencumbered funds

Also in savings was \$13,237 remaining on a radio and communications grant

\$15,000 on chilkat property

\$ \$21,800 in cemetery fund - for a total of \$50,037

Bill also informed the council that after the July audit he would be stepping down as bookkeeper. Donna Halvorsen will take over the bookkeeping duties. Bill will serve as Vice President. Thank you Bill for many years of service and thank you, Donna for stepping up.

Last month Bill also reported a series of new charges being levied by 1st Bank.

Bob spoke with Mary Issacs at the Tongass Credit Union and she said accounts would incur no charges as long as there was \$1000 in the account. Motion was made to change our checking and savings account to Tongass Federal Credit Union. M/S Colleen/Bob

The Hollis Budget will be available on the web site.

Harris River Trail - Budd reported the USFS had not yet let a contract for removal of the Harris River Bridge, but they expected to do so soon, as bridge had to be out by July 15th.

Once the Harris River Bridge is out, Hollis, ADFG, and the Nature Conservancy will be installing a 40' bridge in the spot where the culvert is washed out.

The USFS is currently taking the lead seeking funding from the Alaska Federal Lands Access Program for a replacement of the Harris River Bridge.

If they are unsuccessful, they hope to meet the need with RAC funds.

The USFS will have a crew working to extend the trail between Hollis and the Hydaburg Trail between June 16 and June 25. They will be camping out at the picnic area.

Fire Department Update - Budd reported the fire department received an \$8000 grant for nozzles and hose. This will help to lower Hollis's ISO rating from 10 to 9, causing a reduction in fire insurance rates.

Smoke/CO alarms - are still available from the fire department. Contact any council member to request yours. They will be installed for you free of charge.

Cemetery Update - Mark Minnilo from ADFG has walked the cemetery road and admitted it needed serious help. He is expediting the permitting process so we can begin putting the road back into shape. Bruce Dunbar has agreed to operate a backhoe if the council rents it. That will save the community substantially.

Culverts - DOT removed some new culverts and installed larger ones. They donated the new/used ones to Hollis.

Richard Trojan has 2- 24" x 30' and 3 - 18" x 30' and 1- 60" x 25' he will sell us for \$2000 delivered to Hollis. We will need to pick up the 5' culvert in Craig.

Bob made a motion to purchase these culverts with unencumbered funds M/S Bob/ Colleen - unanimous

Gravel available - Ketchikan Redimix is offering 10 yd truckloads of D-1 gravel for \$250/load - delivered. The council will be purchasing 10 loads for use in our subdivisions. Any individual wishing to order gravel at that price please notify any council member so we can let KRM know.

Emergency Communication Update - Keith reported that the state has begun work installing a tower at the junction of the Hydaburg Road and the Hollis Highway. The state is contacting the FAA for permission to install our repeater at the same time. That would relieve us of needing a third party to make the install.

Colleen reported the satellite phones that were tested were being given to the communities who requested. There is no charge for the phones and the state is paying the monthly charges. Motion was made to accept a free satellite phone from the state. M/S Colleen/Bob - unanimous

Hollis Heliport - The heliport gate is no longer locked.

Community - Colleen spoke about the importance of “Community”. It was an excellent reminder to everyone that we are all in this together.

Colleen also suggested that each month we have a report from the school, the library and the IFA to help bind us all together.

Recorder - Bob Requested that the council purchase a new state of the art digital recorder for recording meetings. The recorder and external mike will cost just over \$100. M/S Bill/Colleen- unanimous

Survey - Colleen explained that the council will be conducting a survey of all Hollis residents regarding what you would like to see in your community. Everyone 18 and over will receive a survey. Please fill it out to make your wishes known.

Second Class City - Bob explained that the council could not discuss second class city status without having the necessary facts. Bob volunteered to gather those facts, which he did. At this point the council is holding up to examine the results of the upcoming survey. If you wish to have a say in your community, now is your chance. Once the survey is ready, it will be sent to all.

Bob also restated that changing to second class city status is a long process. He pointed to an excellent article in the Capital City Weekly explaining the long and arduous process that Edna Bay is currently going through to achieve this status. If you have not seen the latest Capital City Weekly, it is the one with the LeConte Glacier on the cover.

Roads - Jackie Ciccolo requested that the council give some thought to the completion of Island View Road. The council has a limited amount of unencumbered funding and will be considering project proposals.

Needing experience to make road decisions, the council appointed a road committee. Committee members are Bruce Dunbar, Jackie Ciccolo and Ron Sharp. They will make recommendations to the council.

Email list - Most information is available to the community in these meeting minutes. However at times, we need to make announcements or offer opportunities . If you are not receiving Hollis emails, you are probably not on the email list. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Bob at andrews@aptalaska.net with your email address.

Fourth of July - Colleen is helping to organize a Fourth of July celebration. She asked the council commit \$100 to this fund. M/S Bob/Keith - unanimous

Adjournment - Bob made motion to adjourn at 9:03 - unanimous