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Pres. Budd Burnett called to order the regular meeting of the Hollis Community Council at 7:05 PM March 10, 2015.

Community Council present

Budd Burnett, Ron Sharp, Bill Sharpes, Hank Rambosek, Matt beer, Keith Michaels and Sandra Nessett

Community Members Present

Donna Halvorsen, Linda Holt, Roger Cates, John Ryan, Keith Zellhuber, Brian Hallstrom and Bob Andrews

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were read and approved from the meeting on February 10, 2015.

Motion was made to approve the minutes by Keith Michaels, seconded by Sandra Nessett and was voted on. Vote was unanimous.

Budget Report

Donna gave the budget report and as of February 18, 2015 the checking account had \$81,768.78; cemetery improvement funds totaled \$12,800, Budgeted funds totaled \$52,450.68 and unencumbered funds totaled \$15,518.10. Budd asked if we paid for the cemetery survey out of those funds and Donna replied yes.

Pres. Budd Burnett on behalf of the Council and the community thanked Keith, Hank, Stephen Castor, Gary Holt, Gary Adkison, Yogi Wall and Heidi Wegand for hauling 2500 yd.3 of gravel to all six subdivisions in Hollis. Budd also would like to thank Matt Anderson United States Forest Service for donating the gravel. He would like to recognize Bill Bailey for his donation of \$160 to help pay for fuel. Hank also would like to thank all the folks in the subdivisions for removing the rocks that ended up in the gravel off their subdivision roads.

Hank asked to be reimbursed \$2291.12 for the fuel that went on to his account. This fuel was used to haul the gravel for the subdivision roads. Matt made a motion to reimburse Hank \$2291.12, seconded by Ron Sharp. The motion was voted on and was carried with Hank abstaining from the vote.

Fire Department update

Bill reported that Bob and Bill were going to start working on the glow plugs on the new ambulance. Kevin stated that he would also be available to help out on changing the glow plugs. Keith reported that

he was having problems still finding an electrician to hook up the siren, and the fire hall is governed by an electrical code that we would have to meet concerning the electrical. The suggestion was made to place the siren on the gray building which is not to code. John got a hold of Keith concerning the repeater on Sunnahae Mountain. John was going to have a crew down here to do repairs on the repeater and was going to install Hollis repeater at the same

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time providing it doesn't snow. The only thing holding us up from having 911 dispatch out of Craig is having 24-hour radio coverage. John was looking for people to help string the cable from Sunnahae Mountain down to Craig for the repeater installation. Keith stated that if anyone wants a week or two's worth of work to contact him and he will pass their names over to John.

Budd asked Keith what kind help you would need to install the siren on the building. He stated they need help to build a stand to mount the siren and run the wire to the electrical panel. John Ryan asked if the siren was going to be activated by tone or manually. Keith stated we do not have the equipment to activate it by tone as the cost of that equipment would be between \$700 and \$800 at this time. The question was raised about the gray building and its longevity versus mounting the siren on the fire hall building. John Ryan stated that he would help get a hold of Sam and also help with mounting the siren. John asked Keith if he could get a hold of Knik Construction to see if we can use the manlift that they have to help with siren installation.

Bill Sharpes asked the community for a donation of \$500 to help pay for the EMT instructors training that he is going to Juneau to attend. The new system would allow trainees to be trained online. Sandra asked if we had Alaska Airline miles to help Bill with the flight, Bill replied that he was using his airline miles to get to Juneau. Bill stated that the class costs \$250, the room that he was in is being shared so it is about \$50 a night and \$30 for a dinner. Budd stated that there are funds in EMS budget that would help cover the cost.

Sandra Nessett made a motion to donate \$500 to Bill to help cover expenses for his training, Keith Michaels second the motion, motion was passed. Vote was unanimous.

Cemetery update

The DNR survey team is still reviewing the DOWL survey.

Donations and grocery receipts

This is a quarterly donation from the grocery receipts last quarter we received \$98.

Old business

Budget Discussions

Budd reported that we have until June to complete our budget. Due to the budget being fiscal year from July to June, we won't know how much we have spent on the budget. Budd stated that we could forecast the remaining months. We have other bills coming in such as Petro for fuel. Budd asked Hank if the two green barrels in the gray shed were empty. Hank replied that they are full. Budd stated that we

could not finalize a budget until we got more information. Within the budget Budd asked to have a separate category for the Harris River Campground. Bill also asked to have \$1000 in the budget for training as Bill plans to have classes next year. As far as grant writing the Council allocated \$2082 and we only spent \$375 this year. Budd did not anticipate any grants being written next year due to the state's tight budget. Bill got the insurance amounts for next year. For road maintenance the community spent \$3186 so far. We had \$8000 allocated for road maintenance. Hank gave Budd the fuel receipts for the dump trucks for the gravel projects. The

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amount of the fuel receipts was \$2291.12, Hank asked to be reimbursed that amount. Bill reported that we still don't know the insurance cost for the trucks for that project yet. Keith stated that Greg looked at what it would cost for a year policy and then broke it down by days which came out to approximately \$35 per day per truck. Greg could not give an exact figure until it had been added to the policy. Ron thought the figure was pretty high considering his logging truck was \$40 per week. Budd stated that we had a lot of budget work and that we would have three months to nail this down and that we would discuss it at each meeting. The public hearing will be in June's regular meeting. Donna asked that the cemetery improvements also be a line item on Community Revenue Sharing budget as it would bring it more in line with the HCC budget. Gary Holt asked for the rough draft of the budget so that the community members can give input on the budget. Budd asked Hank if we could email it out from the list that I have which includes approximately 105 emails. Budd asked if the list included people outside of the Hollis area which Hank believes does. Hank will bring that list to the next meeting and asked for help to clean the list up.

Hollis Boat Dock Discussion

Hank reported that the email went out to have a workshop and only a five people replied. There are a lot of community members out there that use the dock that have not responded. Hank will get back to Michael Lukshin on any new regulations that come out after the meeting with Sen. Stedman. Bob Andrews stated that he would like to have a representative from the state to answer questions from community members. It may be possible to set up a video conference through the library to meet with Michael for that purpose. Gary Holt brought up the fact that the dock since interception, the uses have changed. And that those different user groups should be represented in the meeting. Hank recapped some of the issues from the last meeting concerning the dock. Gary stated that the liability to the community is a large one and asked can it afford the liability. Budd asked the question about the longevity of the dock and Hank stated that the dock was built in 1963. Hank had asked Michael about maintenance on the dock and did not get a reply about what had been done if anything to the dock.

Hank will set up a time for the workshop once we get the new regulations from the state.

New Business

Island newspaper

Ketchikan daily news will be publishing a paper every two weeks called the Island Post. The publication will be printed in Ketchikan and distributed free to island residents through the USPO to begin with. You can contact Lew Williams, the Ketchikan daily news, 907 – 617 – 4158 for information on advertising costs and article submissions.

Coffman Cove's MV Rainforest Islander

M/V Rainforest Islander will make transportation available to make communities and special features of our island more accessible including ferry, plane and road transportation.

Jean Soderberg, Coffman Cove City Clerk, reported that the Northend Ferry Authority's M/V Rainforest Islander was being refitted for the projected start up on June 1. It is a 65 foot vessel

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with the capacity of 6 to 7 vehicles and 28 passengers. It will begin with four round trips per week from Coffman Cove, Wrangell and South Mikof. The ferry will overnight at Coffman Cove seven days a week. The Rainforest Island ferry plans to provide mini coach service connecting with ferry terminals and departures on both Prince of Wales Island and Mitkof Island in the future. For more information you can visit their website.

Voc Tech Center

The voc tech center doors are open for classes and training. They are already holding some EMS related certification programs. There is a Board of Directors with representatives from the communities on the island set up to help guide the center in choosing classes and certification programs. Currently the center plans to provide training in welding and carpentry, the two fields looking for trained workers in our state. There is an opportunity for a Construction Academy to offer certification to adults 18 years and up in June. The course would help certify candidates for positions and give them a basic tool chest as part of the course. Contact the center through the director Karen Cleary; kcleary@kcleary.com for more information.

Thank you

Hank thanked people for their contributions towards the gravel projects and Tracy Moore for contacting the State DOT and the United States Forest Service. Hank also thanked Budd Burnett for writing the letters to the state and the United States Forest Service, Keith Michaels for arranging the insurance and equipment from Knik Construction, the state commissioner and the Forest Service for donating the gravel, a big thanks to Knik Construction for the use of the loader and dump trucks, Yogi Wall- loader operator, truck drivers- Keith Michaels, Ron Sharp and Gary Adkison, a fuel truck driver- Gary Holt and the folks that helped out in the pit- Gary Holt and Heidi Wegand. I would also like to thank community members for getting out and leveling the road and removing the rocks. Without every one of these folks helping, not all of the roads would have been completed. Thank you once again.

Adjournment

Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Pres. Budd Burnett adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.