

## HOLLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Inc. MEETING

### Minutes

Proper notice of the meeting date/time was given per the Hollis Community Council, Inc. By-laws

**TUESDAY, Aug 13, 2019**

**7-9PM**

**FIRE HALL, HOLLIS, ALASKA**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Gass, Tom Harden, John Ryan, Sandra Nessett, Dan Sharp, Roger Cates, Ron Curtis

**Absent Board Members:** None

**Council Members/visitors Present:** John Sund, Ron Sharp, Tricia Sharp, Dinah Rieves, Debbie Beer, Cynthia Nardini, Sandy Curtis, Jeffery Scot Martin, Jacob, Erkkila, Evonne Sharpes, Bill Sharpes, Lisa Cates, Shannon Erkkila

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Sandra @ 7:04

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for July 9, 2019** meeting presented for approval.

Motion to approve: Steve Gas - Second: Tom Harden

Discussion: None

Vote: 13 - Yes 0 - No 4 - Abstained

#### **B. Reading of Correspondence-** None

#### **C. Community Announcements-**

- a. Lisa reported that school starts on 8-26 with enrollment on 8-24. There will be a bus stop building event in September.

#### **D. Committees/Department Reports:** (Please have reports either typed or hand written and presented to the secretary after the report is given so they may be included in the record). Per the implementation of the new By-Laws, reports will be given by the Standing Committees in addition to the following:

**Committees: If an individual is interested in serving on a standing committee, please submit your name to any board member or the committee chair.**

#### **1) Finance Committee:** John Ryan, chair.

- a) Checking account Balance: 128,939.77
- b) Audit with the Bylaw committee. No Report

#### **2) Annual Fire Department Fundraiser:**

Chair- Tanya Clark, Committee Members- **Membership is open to any interested individual on the Council**

#### **3) Hollis Library**

Chair - Sandy Curtis

- a) Sandy reported that the summer reading program is done and that they had a party at its conclusion.

b) There will be a ladies tea party on 8-24 from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

**4) Hollis School**

Chair – Lisa Cates

a) Lisa reported that they are getting their orchard put in thanks to a generous donation by Monty Evans. There will be a bench in honor of Monte.

**5) Fourth of July Celebration:**

Chair - Ron Curtis, Committee Members – Steve Gass, Ezra Clark, Colleen Watson

a) Ron reported 69 people attended.

b) Ron reported that the food and supplies for the event were donated by a community member. Thus there was no expense to the community.

c) No other report.

**6) Thanksgiving Celebration:**

Chair – Sandy Curtis, Committee Members – **Currently Seeking**

a) Sandy made a request of the council for “not to Exceed \$300” for food for the event.

b) Tom made a motion to appropriate \$300 for the Thanksgiving event, Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vote: 17-Yes 0-No 2-Abstained

**7) Cemetery Committee:**

Chair- Sandra Nessett, Committee Members-, Brian Hallstrom, Steve Gass, Tom Harden, Roger Cates

No Report

**Appointed Committee(s):**

**8) By-law/Articles of Incorporation Committee:**

Chair- John Ryan, Committee Members- Tom Harden, Ron Curtis, Dan Sharp

No Report

**9) Strategic Planning Committee:**

Chair- Ron Curtis, Committee Members- Roger Cates, Lisa Cates

No Report

**Work Groups:**

**Department Reports:**

**1) FIRE/EMS: Bill Sharpes**

a) Vehicles:

b) Emergency Calls since last meeting. 1-EMS, 0-Fire

c) Fire Training (First Tuesday, Monthly): Fire training was conducted to determine how long the engine could supply water to a single hose- 11 Minutes, and Howw long it takes to fill from the Hydrant – 8 Minutes.

d) EMS Training (Third Tuesday, Monthly): Anyone is welcome. EMT class coming in the fall, mostly online. Last month’s training included building out EMS bags with fresh supplies.

**POW Group Membership Reports**

1) POWCAC – Sandra Attended for Ron.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1) CAPSIS – Ron

- a) No new news.
- 2) East POW Advisory Board – John
  - a) No new news.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Darren Lamp, Gas Station Proposal
  - a) See the proposal attached.
  - b) Community questions and comment were as follows, Each community member is identified with a distinct identifier.

CC1- Darin says a Gas station is coming, we would want that

CC2- Are we going to allow this?

CC3- Would DEC approve the site?

CC4- I would like to see a gas station. There is nothing that should not be able to be overcome as far as DEC. The plan needs work. We need to look into if the community can enter into a private entity as a 501c4.

CC5- The Enrights are going to do the development. They know the ins and outs.

CC6- Not in favor of us financing this.

CC7- I don't know enough to comment.

CC2- It will be his business, who will be doing and checking the books? We need to be careful.

CC8- What is the Landing? I am not in favor of financing this as a community. There is no guarantee.

CC9- In order to raise funds for the community I like the idea of putting the station on community owned property. There needs to be more due diligence.

CC10- Darin has lots of ideas, if he wins we all win. If it fails, the way I read this only the community loses, not him.

CC11- Don't think we should get involved in lending money. I am worried about what adjacent property owners would think about having this next door.

CC4- We have no building codes, they do not have a say.

CC11- Can this be done in a reasonable way? I am concerned should it fail.

CC12- Like the idea of a fuel station nearby. We need to explore the legalities. This could be a good business.

CC13- We have the money and are receiving no interest.

CC14- I like the idea of community involvement in this venture. I have no doubt with Darin putting this together it will be successful. Yet, asking for 80% of our rainy day fund, in an environment of potential loss of State funding is not acceptable. I am not willing to vote in favor of using this much community funds. I would give my own money toward this project, just not this level of the communities savings, unsecured.

CC15- This would leave us too short on Rainy day funds. We would need to consult an attorney so the expense is even higher. I don't want to be in the banking business. What about tax implications? As we are tax exempt.

CC16- Darin is very successful. Just look what he did with Hollis Adventure Rentals. If we contribute at the level Darin wants we need to have a secured asset. I think Hollis should buy the fuel tank and Darin lease it from us. That way if it goes Belly Up, our investment is secured by an asset. We lease to him on Private property.

CC1- Not in favor of 100K. Like the idea but don't want to give the money to a private entity. I like CC16's Idea.

CC17- Why didn't the community do this on their own?

CC2- CC16 has good ideas. Although we need a CPA and a Lawyer and they are not cheap. Darin is looking out for himself in this agreement, just because he wants it. We don't need this.

CC12- I have questions as to if this is legal. What are the risks versus the Benefits. I wish Darin was here to explain.

CC16- I wish Darin was here too.

Steve made a motion: Do not lend Darin 100K. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion: Cynthia said she liked the idea of buying the pump. John suggested that we continue negotiations with Darrin. Tom said we should draft an official response.

Steve rescinded his motion.

John made a motion: Hollis to continue negotiations with Darin Lamp and check legality. Explore with Darin what kind of agreement could be hashed out with Hollis CC having tangible assets.

Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>

Vote: 16-Yes, 0-No, 2- Abstained

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2) Rent of Building.

a) A motion was made by John that we offer up the Red Building for lease. Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion: Needs to be by Bid process. 1 year term. 2 week notice period before anyone is awarded a lease. We need to talk to Davis Berry about insurance.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain.

3) Disposition of Suburban

a) John made a motion to dispose of the Suburban by giving it away. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion: None

Vote: 15 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain

Motion to adjourn: Roger

Meeting adjourned: 8:47

**The next council meeting will be on Sept 10, 2019, Community Room, Fire Hall, 7-9PM.**