

Hollis Community Council Meeting
March 11, 2014

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by president Budd Burnett

Council Members Present - Budd Burnett, Bill Sharpes, Bob Andrews, Matt Beer, Sandra Nessett, Ton Lynch. Colleen Watson - excused.

Community Members Present = Arthur Cook, Buck Martin, Lisa Cates, Roger Cates, Roy Wegand, Donna Halvorsen, Hank Rambosek, Keith Michaels, Brian Hallstrom.

Reading of Minutes - Minutes of 2/11/14 were approved as read. M/S Matt/ Sandra - unanimous.

Financial Report - Bill reported \$17,361.96 in checking and \$90,421.73 in savings for a total of \$107,783.69

Harris River Trail Report - Budd reported that the new bridge to be installed replacing the washed out culvert will not be heavy duty enough to hold the truck removing the existing Harris River Bridge. A temporary bridge over the culvert will need to be installed first by the USFS so the Harris River Bridge can be removed in July. Budd has requested the new bridge replacing the culvert be installed as soon as possible after that. There will, however be some time with no bridge in place over the Harris River. Budd is coordinating with ADFG, USFS, State of Alaska, and TNC.

The Forest Service will replace two culverts on the far side of the bridge with log stringer bridges to maintain access from the Hollis Harris River Trail to the new Forest Service trail.

Fire Department Update - Colleen organized a nice tribute reception last Saturday for the new EMTs. Hollis now has 5 EMTs. New EMTs are Debbie Beer, Bob and Margaret Andrews and Carrie Zellhuber.

Cemetery Update - Budd has previously explained that the road to the cemetery was taken over by the creek in the last storm. Jerry Baker has agreed to work on the road using the community backhoe in return for salvaging timbers from the old barge down there.

Fire Department Siren - The Gates Fire Department has accepted our offer of \$500 for their old siren. Keith reported that the additional equipment to make it work would be an additional \$650. He is checking on the shipping cost for the siren.

Grants - Budd reported that smoke/CO alarms he wrote a grant for were being shipped. Chuck Lundin will deliver them to us to save on shipping cost. Budd completed a USFS grant for hoses and nozzles. He submitted a bill for 15 hours at \$25/hour - for a total of \$375. Motion was made to pay Budd for this grant M/S Matt/ Bob - unanimous

Budget - Our revenue sharing for FY 2015 is projected to be \$38,082. Most budget items will remain unchanged. Insurance will likely be raised to \$10,000 and will be an all inclusive policy. Our insurance representative will be invited to the next meeting to explain the new coverage. EMS will be increased to \$2000, Fire Department lowered to \$5000 and road maintenance raised to \$4000. At the next meeting we will finalize budget and a budget hearing will be held at the May meeting.

Shake-UP Alaska Program - Lisa Cates made a presentation on the Earthquake readiness program, explained the school's involvement and invited the council/Fire Department to join in. Representatives of HVFD will likely help out.

Hollis Election District - There was a brief discussion of the Hollis Election District. Question was asked if we could hold voting here in Hollis again as in the past. Bob will contact the Division of Elections to find out what would be involved.

Road Repair - Hank Rambosek reported that Tracy Moore was currently in Juneau checking on the availability of culverts and rock to repair Aurora Drive and Harris River Road West. He said he was trying to negotiate a better price on rock. He explained the intricacies of working with DOT, AIC, and DNR. He also explained that until some major work was done on Harris West, it would continue to wash out and seriously recommended that the connection be opened between Harris River Road and Harris West as a safety issue.

Second Class City - Bob answered questions on our Second Class City petition. Currently our petition is at the Local Boundary Commission waiting for a pre-technical review. We hope to have it back within the next month.

EMT Class - Bill submitted a request for \$1000 for teaching the past EMT class. Motion was made to pay Bill for his instruction time. M/S/ Bob/Matt - unanimous.

Motion to adjourn - Bob made motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. - unanimous