

Hollis Community Council
Meeting minutes
May 12 2015

Call to Order

President Budd Burnett called the Hollis Community Council regular meeting to order @6:40 pm.

Community Council Members Present

Budd Burnett, Hank Rambosek, Bill Sharps and Matt Beer.

Absent

Sandra Nessett, Keith Michaels and Ron Sharp

Community Members Present

Donna Halvorsen, Debbie Beer, Bob Andrews, Ron Curtis, Sandy Curtis, Dordie Carter, Linda Holt, Gary Holt, Tracy Moore and William Tyrell.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for April 21 2015 were read and approved with one correction (Bill read a letter of appreciation/support from Hollis EMS to SEREMS for their support of the Southeast Region Council in Sitka). A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes by Bill Sharpes, seconded by Matt Beer. Vote was unanimous.

Budget Report

Donna stated that the council has \$72,506.92 in checking and that the council has been given the budget spread sheet.

Reports and Updates

Fire Department Update-

With the training that Bill received in Juneau, he received a twenty year EMS button—congratulations to Bill. The ambulance that had the glow plugs changed is running well and we are still waiting for parts for the Mack fire truck. Bill reported that after the August fund raiser is over, he would like to have a raffle for the air compressor and draw for it just before Christmas to help recover costs.

Cemetery Update-

The council walked around the property and selected the area to clear. This includes a half acre for burial plots, road access and parking area. Matt and Debbie flagged the half acre area including the setback from the Twelve Mile creek. Hank is working on getting the bids from three to four people. Hank was going to do a walk through with KTN Ready Mix and Richard Trojan in the next week along with getting the bids out.

Donations / Grocery Receipts-

This quarter we received \$86 dollars from AC, this is down from last quarter of \$98.

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Old Business

Budget Discussion-

Budd reported what was spent FY 2015, Fuel—\$7,041.71, Electricity—\$3,741.46, Insurance--\$5,894, EMS—\$946.32, Fire Department---\$8,948.25, Road Maintenance—\$6,352.52, General admin.--\$1,804.50, Donations--\$ 1,000.00 for a total of \$36,103.82 out of the budgeted amount \$38,277.00, a savings of \$2,173.18.

The amount to be budgeted for FY 2016, Fuel--\$8,000, Electricity--\$3,800, Insurance---\$5,000, Education--\$1,000, EMS--\$2,000, Fire--\$,2500, Road Maintenance---\$6,000, General Admin.---\$2,000, Grant Writing--\$500, Donation (library)--\$2,000, Harris River camp ground--\$1,000 this comes to a total of \$33,800.00 out of the 2016 Revenue Sharing total of \$36,377.00, with a saving of \$2,577.00.

Donna brought up the issue that with the revenue sharing decreasing each year that the council needs to be saving as much funds as possible to support the infrastructure that is in place. Budd asked what she would recommend to reduce, Donna replied that across the board in equal amounts. Hank stated the fuel, electricity and insurance are a given. The amount of those three item comes to \$16,800/yr.

Gary Holt asked the council what would be the amount of funds to be set aside for back up? What would be the time frame to have a reserve built up?

Hank stated that we should have at least 2 years of the basic cost, that equals about \$38,700 in round numbers, and that any carryover each year be placed in reserve.

Budd asked what we have in unencumbered funds, Donna replied that there was \$7,256.00. Donna carried out an estimated amount to be spent through the end of May based on the amount already spent, this would bring up an estimated amount of unencumbered funds to be between \$12 to 14K.

Bob Andrews asked about the funds that are being reported in the checking account, \$72,000.00 after all other funds that are already allotted? Bob thought that there should be more carry over then being reported.

Matt questioned being able to save \$32,000 in a three year time frame and that as the funds decrease, we decrease our spending accordingly. Matt suggested that we pass the budget and that any funds not spent, be put away.

Tracy Moore suggested that we look at the budget in two months or quarterly and readjust as necessary.

Ron Curtis made a comment about setting a goal that's not achievable.

Bill made the motion, "It is the goal of the Hollis Community Council to have a rainy day fund equivalent to two years operating budget." Matt seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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Bill made a motion to approve the 2016 Hollis Community Council budget for \$33,800. Hank seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Hollis Boat Dock-

Hank reported that Michael Lukshin had not got back to him and that he would keep trying to contact him.

New Business

VOCTEC Meeting-

Roger Cates had agreed to take a seat on the VOCTEC board.

POWCAC-

Bob Andrews has volunteered to be on the POWCAC committee for Budd. Budd told Bob to charge .55 cent per mile. Hank suggested that a mileage ledger be kept, Bob replied that he won't charge the council and that it will be his donation to the community.

HVFD Pressure Washer Sold-

Matt purchased the pressure washer from the fire department for \$350. Matt is going to leave it at the fire hall for their use.

Email List-

Linda wanted to make sure that the email list is kept for council business only and not be used for personal use. Hank made changes on how the email list goes out and that he would only use it for Council Business.

Email list is being updated and Hank thanked those folks for responding. The goal is to have an updated list and to ensure that those folks who wanted the notices/minutes from the council, would get them. Hank had talked with the library about sending out their notices using PDF files as some folks aren't able to open them in the present format.

Hollis Anchorage Road sign-

Linda Holt stated that the sign has gone missing and that she had talked with Tim Lacour and was told that the community puts the signs up. Tracy said to get ahold of the State of Alaska Construction Dept for the South Coast Region because it is the state's responsibility.

Library-

Dordie Carter gave a comprehensive budget presentation for the Hollis library.

Adjournment

Bill made a motion to adjourn, and Budd adjourned the meeting @ 9pm.

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Approved