

## Dissolution of the Hollis Community Corporation

For sake of clarity and time, the Hollis Community Corporation will be referred to as the Corporation and the people of the community of Hollis referred to as the Community.

This action is brought about after numerous inquiries by members of the Community questioning Corporation abuses of the Community trust.

Due to the actions of the Corporation it is time to consider a Resolution of Dissolution of the Corporation as a way for the Community to move forward. The Corporations actions to date have greatly divided and harmed the Community and it's ability to function.

This is a partial list of Corporate actions that have brought the community to consider Dissolution

- 1 Irresponsible Asset and Financial Management by the Corporation
- 2 Abuse of the Proxy System to control the Corporation
- 3 Attacks on community members by the Corporation

Information on each of these topics at this time will be limited to a partial list of Abuses. Each item should be discussed by the community to investigate the misconduct of the Corporation and not limited to just the topics listed.

### Asset Management

The community's resources are made up of the people that live here, property and finances.

The most valuable resource in a community are the people. The actions of the Corporation have greatly divided the community affecting the ability of the community to work together on common goals.

The Hollis VFD and EMS are a needed resource but are ineffective due to Corporation management resulting in a lack of community members willing to participate. The few people that have made a continued effort despite the current condition should be thanked. Responsible management of finances by the Corporation has been non existent, and have ignored even the Corporations own rules regarding spending. The Corporation to date has failed to hold anyone accountable. Past and present council members have deliberately withheld financial documents to conceal violations of Corporation financial rules. The past financial misconduct by the Corporation is relevant today because community members have been and are being harmed by these actions today.

### Abuse of the Proxy System to control the Corporation

Robert Andrews and Budd Burnett used the proxy system to selectively gather proxies to control the election. All 25 proxies they submitted were in support of the same candidates in order to

control the election. While Corporation rules allow this behavior it violates the communities expectation of a fair election. This was evident from the tally of the proxies cast as all proxies submitted by Robert Andrews and Budd Burnett were marked for the same candidates on the tally board. The election was decided by these proxies before the rest of the communities proxies were counted. The proxies from the proxy boxes were divided between all candidates as in a normal election. Behavior to disrupt the election and verbal assaults on election officials was encouraged by the Corporation in its refusal to maintain order. A written notice to contest the proxy vote was submitted to the Corporation prior to the ratifying of results. The Corporation did not respond to or answer any of the allegations. The Corporation and Bob Andrews verbally assaulted members of the community at which time members of the community left the meeting. Deena Taylor made a motion to certify the proxies regardless of inappropriate behavior and any written objections submitted by the community.

The State of Alaska has published guide lines for small communities to help them establish a democratic election process. A copy of these guide lines was submitted to the corporation in hopes of establishing a fair and orderly election in the future. The Corporation instead chooses to keep the process of gathering proxies in place to insure the outcome of future elections.

In the last 2 years the Corporation and Bob Andrews have initiated 2 discussions on the Second Class City. After hearing the information from Bob Andrews the community was overwhelming against moving forward and the proposal was withdrawn by Bob Andrews as being unable to pass a vote. A second attempt by Bob Andrews and Colleen Watson was made and reexplained through a "survey" they made that was mailed out. This "impartial" survey and the results were unable to gain the support necessary for a Second Class City. Now a third attempt is being made by having Bob Andrews information re branded and reexplained. Then using a system of proxy gathering will attempt to pass the initiative.

These actions have served to further the division in the community.

#### Attacks on community members by the Corporation

The Corporation has led campaigns of misinformation and verbal attacks against numerous members of the Community. Members of the community have been attacked because they have asked questions concerning misappropriation of community funds, actions not in compliance with Alaska's Statutes, project management and costs. These are all questions that the Directors should have asked. These are the community members that have contributed their time, money and resources to helping neighbors and the community. The members branded as "trouble makers" and "negative people" contributed to road maintenance, snow removal, use of there own equipment, research, repair of equipment, respond to emergencies and volunteer time to the community.

The Corporation has led and continues lead a campaign against Mike Rieves. Each member of our community have different skills to utilize, Mike Rieves excels as a researcher. His discovery of Budd Burnett transferring community funds to his personal account and actions not in compliance with Alaska State Statutes has led to vicious attacks against him. A petition against Mike Rieves was circulated by the Corporation and Hollis VFD ostracizing him from the community. Unfortunately I (Gary Holt) signed the petition based on misinformation distributed

by Bob Andrews and Budd Burnett without looking into the facts for myself. I (Gary Holt) offer a private as well as public apology for signing the document. Budd Burnett and Robert Andrews have made public statements that the Corporation seek restitution from Mike Rieves to pay for the survey due to his lawful “due process” delaying the purchase. These individuals have stated in Corporation Meetings his actions in delaying the sales process was responsible for the survey requirement and cost. The Corporation knowingly tried to shift responsibility to Mike Rieves to hide there own mistakes and lack of knowledge.

The Cemetery property the Corporation purchased from MHT had a Protracted Survey. In order for a sale to be completed it needed to have an actual survey done to insure that the property being purchased is actually what is described in the Protracted Survey. These regulations have been in place since 1996 long before the Corporation started the purchase of the Cemetery Property.

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The Corporation at the very least should give a written and public apology to Mike Rieves, and thank him for asking the questions that the Directors should have asked.

It is time for the community to find a way to move forward. Exploring the dissolution process is a means of doing this.

I request that this information be posted on the community web site so that it can reviewed by the Community.

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