

Hollis Community Council
February 11, 2014

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by president Budd Burnett.

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

Community Members Present - Art Cook, Keith Michaels

Reading of Minutes - Minutes of January 21 were approved as read **M/S Colleen/Bill** - unanimous.

Financial Report - Bill reported \$14,825.33 in checking and \$90,406.37 in savings for a total of \$105,231.70.

Harris River Trail Report - Budd said the Forest Service planned to remove their bridge between June 15 and July 15. Part of their plan was to also remove the bridge abutments. Since we were planning to put in our own bridge it made no sense to remove them, but there were several government agencies involved and it became a struggle to get the abutments left in place. Budd met with USFS, ADFG, and Alaska State Forestry trying to resolve this issue. Matt Anderson said he would leave them in place if at least one agency would give the OK. Mark Minnillo and Clarence Clark agreed to that and the abutments will remain. Matt Anderson also said if the Forest Service Engineering Department supervisor were given the specs for the new bridge, he would see to it that the existing abutments were modified to our purpose.

Fire Department Update - Kevin finished repairs on the Ford pumping system and it is back in service. Bill purchased a new battery powered drill for the shop. Keith reported no success in contacting Craig Dispatch on our new radios.

Cemetery Update - Budd reported that the creek running through the cemetery area had run over its banks in the last big storm, and is now using the road bed. He is talking with ADFG and the USFS attempting to arrange some help restabilizing the road.

Donations - AC has changed its policy on accepting receipts for fund raising. All receipts are good only for the quarter in which they are issued. No new organizations are being accepted. Organizations are limited to \$250/ quarter in refunds. Receipts for gas or liquor are no longer accepted.

POW Emergency Communication Update - Colleen gave an update on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planing Committee) communication committee. Several different avenues are being explored at present. Brian Templin has suggested enabling a quick economical solution while working toward a more expensive long term one.

Rep. Peggy Wilson is encouraging POWCAC and the LEPC to pursue funding for a long term solution this year as there appears to be funding available at present. This will be pursued by the LEPC committee.

At the same time, several satellite phones working on the Globalstar system are being tested. Debbie Beer and Colleen Watson have tested them in Hollis with good results so far. The phones will be shared with other communities and testing will be ongoing over the next six months.

Fire Department Siren - The council discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a used fire house siren from the Gates Oregon Fire Department. They are selling their old one as they have an all new fire hall w/ new siren. Motion was made to offer them \$500 for their siren. **M/S Budd/Colleen.**

Heliport Grant - Budd submitted a CAPSIS grant for \$375,000 to fund a new heliport. Bert Stedman and Peggy Wilson felt it might be hard to get that much funding this year and suggested spreading it over three years. Budd re-wrote the grant to show \$80,000 this year for site prep, \$200,000 next year for pad construction, and \$95,000 the following year for electrical wiring and a first aid station.

Budd submitted a bill for 14 hours of grant writing. Motion was made to pay Budd \$25/ hour for the 14 hours, for a total of \$350. **M/S Bob/Matt**

Budd is researching other FEMA funds that might be applicable to our situation.

Landslide and Road Damage - The damage from the last storm made it very apparent there was no meaningful state aid available. We will be inviting bids from several construction companies to make some permanent repairs on the damaged roads.

Harris River Road and Harris River West - Discussion centered on the pros and cons of taking out the barrier that separates these roads. DNR said it was one road that should be connected. Colleen presented a list of pros and cons and they were discussed. The problem was not resolved. Discussion is ongoing.

Revenue sharing - A surplus in the state revenue sharing fund at the end of the fiscal year left an additional \$82,000 for statewide distribution. Budd read a letter from the state and presented the council with a check for \$8 the state decided was our share. Great joy ensued!

Budget - Budd presented the revenue sharing amount for the coming fiscal year. We will put together a budget at the March meeting and hold a public hearing at the April meeting.

Insurance - Budd read a letter from our insurer explaining that our insurance rates would likely go up at least 10% next year. Budd and Bill will meet with the insurance agent to discuss possibilities.

Second Class City - Bob reported that he had submitted our petition to the Local Boundary Commission for review. We hope to hear something by next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn - Bob made motion to adjourn at 9:25 - unanimous.