

Hollis Community Council
Meeting minutes
April 21, 2015

Call to Order

Vice President Bill Sharpes called the regular meeting of the Hollis Community Council to order at 7:04 pm April 21, 2015.

Community Council Members Present

Bill Sharpes, Hank Rambosek, Matt Beer and Sandra Nessett

Absent; Budd Burnett, Ron Sharp and Keith Michaels.

Community Members Present

Bob Andrews, Donna Halvorsen, Bruce Dunbar, Gary Holt, Linda Holt, Brain Hallstrom, Debbie Beer, John Ryan and Kevin Zellhuber

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were read from the March 10, 2015 Community Council Meeting. Motion was made by Sandra Nessett to approve the minutes, seconded by Matt Beer. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

Budget Report

Donna gave the budget report and as of April 4th 2015 in the checking is \$72,866.73. Donna reminded the council that the quarterly audit needed to be scheduled. Donna asked who the third person was and Bill reported that Tommy Lynch was and is still interested in being on the audit committee. Matt stated that he would give Tommy a call as he had missed the last audit. Matt was to check with Tommy and then call to get the audit scheduled.

Fire Department Update

Bill thanked folks for the grocery receipts. AC has been issuing the check for the receipts for the fire department and has been having an issue placing them into the Hollis Community Council checking. Sandra would check to see what could be done to get the name on the checks switched from the Fire Department to the Hollis Community Council. Sandra made a motion to change the name from Fire Department to Hollis Community Council but it was not seconded. Hank suggested that we first find out if AC could switch the name since they may not be able donate to the Hollis Community Council but are able to donate to the Fire Department.

The new ambulance that was acquired is starting great with the installation of the new glow plugs. Bill reminded everyone to cycle the glow plug before starting. Kevin reported that the parts for the Mack fire truck hadn't arrived as of yet.

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Bill read a letter of appreciation/support from Hollis EMS to SEREMS for their support of the Southeast Region Council in Sitka.

Bill said that Budd wanted to thank Jamie for her quick response in EMS dispatching and to thank the EMS team, Bob, Margret, Keith and Bill, for their quick response in handling EMS emergencies. Budd also wanted to thank John Ryan for stepping up to help train the fire fighters.

Cemetery update

Bill read a letter from Budd regarding the cemetery. DNR authorized Hollis to start developing the cemetery property, and B3 has offered the use of their backhoe for 30 days at a cost of \$2000.00. Bruce met with B3 to secure the backhoe and as soon as it arrives, the work can begin. Funding would come from the cemetery development funds. Budd volunteered his time to be project manager and oversee the project. Bruce gave the council a proposal from B3 to do the work. The amount of the proposal is \$10,110.00. Question was asked as to what work was to be done under the proposal. Bruce stated that it would be to upgrade the road and clear an estimated one-half acre. Hank asked Bruce if this work would allow the site to be surveyed for burial plots. Bruce stated it would be only to do the general site work. A general conversation evolved concerning funds for the cemetery work. Donna stated that there was \$12,800.00 in the checking account allocated as cemetery development funds and that it wasn't a grant. Without Budd being present there were a lot of questions that couldn't be answered. There were questions concerning the survey, the road and 12 Mile Creek. Sandra made a motion to accept B3's proposal, and Hank added in the amount of \$10,110.00. John Ryan asked that the council wait for a couple of weeks and get other bids. Gary Holt made a comment that the council had agreed that they would get other bids to compare before awarding any bid and that B3's proposal didn't nail down exactly what was to be done. Matt talked about getting with Budd and defining the work then put it out to bid. Bill made a motion to lay Sandra's motion on the table, and Hank seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

Donations and Grocery Receipts

The quarterly AC grocery receipt donation for last quarter was \$98.

Old Business: Budget Discussions

Bill commented that the budget wasn't final and still open for discussion. Bob Andrews received an email from Reid concerning the possibility of a decline in revenue sharing and could even be discontinued. Bill stated that he, Budd and Bob sat down and came up with some of the budget dollar figures.

Fuel \$8000, Electric \$3800, Insurance \$5000, education \$1000, EMS supplies \$2000, Fire \$2500, road maintenance \$6000, grant writing \$500, donations (library) \$500/\$2000, general administration \$3000, Total of the budget is approximately \$29,900. The amount of revenue sharing this year is \$36,377.

Matt asked that the library donations be increased from \$500 to \$2000. Bill talked about the library and asked for a report as to where the money is spent. Dordie Carter gave the council a report for the year and talked on that report. Donna was concerned that the amount for donations might have to be

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increased because last year there was a donation for rock to be delivered to the school. Dordie explained the close interaction between the school and the library and that the gravel was actually a donation to the school.

Hank asked the fire department for a budget to try to get a handle on where the money may be spent instead of allocating an amount to be spent on anything. Gary commented on the fixed cost associated with EMS and the fire department for the budget. Bill stated that the fire department could work up a budget to present to the council.

Donna stated that she would like more funds be put aside for later to be able to fund the basics like power, heating and insurance.

Gary Holt had a concern that the amounts for the budget wasn't done at the council meeting but was at a meeting between Budd, Bill and Bob. Bob stated that he was only a bystander during the discussion and that he would like to see more of the funds set aside for later use.

The council was asked to take a closer look at the existing budget as to the carryover from this year.

Hank commented on the cemetery as to funding; on the books as of now, we have spent \$35,000 and can expect to spend more. We have \$12,800 left to spend and the rest will end up coming out of the unencumbered funds.

Dordie asked that because the cemetery was in the development process, why does it have to continue and could it be delayed due to the final issue? Bill stated that we have \$50 to \$60K in it already and that we have to continue instead of walking away.

Donna commented that we have a tentative five year plan to complete the work and that it could be rearranged at any point.

Budd had already rearranged the five year plan this year when the survey was sent to the DNR.

The council deadline for submitting the revenue sharing budget to the state is June 1st 2015; this leaves one more regular meeting to finalize the budget.

Donna asked to have the cemetery and Chilkat property added to the budget due to these items will now be on-going expenses.

Old Business: Hollis Boat Dock Discussion

Hank has been in contact with Micheal Lukshin with the state to get a meeting setup for next meeting but hasn't got a reply back as of yet.

New Business: Hollis Website Discussion

Bob reported that the Hollis website is being hosted by a company that requires the website to be built and then placed on their site. The problem Bob has is his new apple computer doesn't recognize the old computer that he used to build the site. Bob found a website that will build Hollis a new web page for about \$120/year, he asked for council approval to proceed. The new company would allow for either an

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apple or windows base system to make changes to the page. The question was asked which company he found and Bob replied WIX. Matt made a motion to have Bob make a new website, Sandra seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

New Business: POWCAC

Bob Andrews volunteered to represent Hollis at their meeting as Budd is reducing the number of meetings he will be going to.

New Business: Email List

The council talked about bringing the email list up-to-date, and it was decided to send out a notice to all on the list and give everyone two weeks to reply. If people haven't responded within two weeks, their email address will be removed from the list. This is to insure that all email recipient's that want Hollis council information would receive it. Gary Holt was concerned that the email list given to the council be or has been used for personal use. Hank assured the members that as long as he was secretary that it would only be used for council mailings. He also will change the way emails are sent out so that everyone's email addresses are not visible.

New Business: Thorne Bay Café

Bill read a letter that the Thorne Bay Café reopened February 24th under the Southeast Island School and Susan Powell. The café employs high school kids and at present there are three on call and 6 working after school gets out.

New Business: Coffman Cove's MV Rainforest Islander

Service is now scheduled to start June 14th from Coffman Cove to Wrangell and South Mitkof.

New Business: Hollis Library

Dordie Carter and Linda Holt gave a thank you letter and card to the council thanking them for continuing support.

Adjournment

Sandra made a motion to adjourn, Bill adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.