

HOLLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Inc. MEETING

Minutes

Proper notice of the meeting date/time was given per the Hollis Community Council, Inc. By-laws

TUESDAY, July 11th 2023

7-9PM

Firehall HOLLIS, ALASKA

Board Members Present: Sandra Nessette, Tom Harden, Ron Curtis, Arthur Martin, Dan Sharp, Tommy Lynch, Dominic Hoy

Absent Board Members:

Council Members/visitors Present: Travis Hughes, Jessica Hughes, Sandy Curtis, April Hoy, Paul Gerald, Dinah Rieves, Marty Sharp, Tia Crayne, Steven McCurdy, Gary Holt, Linda Holt, Katie Martin (via zoom) Keith Michaels (via zoom) Jay Balcom, Paul Randall, Annette Sharpe

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: 7:05pm

A. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for June 13th, 2023

Motion to approve: Ron Curtis

- Second: Tom Harden

Discussion: Wasn't able to get the minutes earlier, encourage people to run for council if they want minutes earlier.

Vote: 13 - Yes 0 - No 6 - Abstained

B. Reading of Correspondence-

1. \$12,000 quote for insurance for one year. It's the only insurance company that a Hollis as a non-profit can buy from. Last year we paid \$4,000. This quote is 3 times what we used to pay.

C. Community Announcements-

Letter from the state regarding increase in power cost equalization calculation to .193 cents

Letter from VOCTEC encouraging fundraising for paving their parking lot

D. Committees/Department Reports: (Please have reports either typed or hand written and presented to the secretary after the report is given so they may be included in the record). Per the implementation of the new By-Laws, reports will be given by the Standing Committees in addition to the following:

Committees: If an individual is interested in serving on a standing committee, please submit your name to any board member or the committee chair.

1) Finance Committee:

- a) Checking account balance: Ending balance \$192,389.99. AP&T bill of \$105.54, \$110.90 no Petro marine bill last bill was from June 14th of \$457.37
- b) Other Finance Business.

2) Annual Fire Department Fundraiser:

Chair- Tanya Clark, Committee Members- **Membership is open to any interested individual on the Council**

Talked last month about having the event of September 9th which is a Saturday. Will have a raffle sale. Will set up a text for yard sale donations.

3) Hollis Library

Chair - Sandy Curtis

Looking for volunteers, currently down one day

4) Hollis School

Chair – Lisa Cates.

5) Fourth of July Celebration:

Chair - Ron Curtis, Committee Members – Steve Gass, Ezra Clark, Colleen Watson,

Celebration went great! About 50 people. Went through lots of meat and lots of amazing food that people brought in.. \$418 roughly was spent. Lots of hamburger buns left over. It was spotless the next day thank you for the community for cleaning up afterwards.

6) Thanksgiving Celebration:

Chair – Sandy Curtis

No Report

7) Cemetery Committee:

Chair- Sandra Nessett, Committee Members-, Brian Hallstrom, Jim Wills, Tom Harden,

- a) In need of a new member please contact Tom or Sandra if you are interested. Had a meeting Linda Holt is helping as well as Gary Holt. It was suggested to make a quickbooks for the cemetery.

Appointed Committee(s):

Work Groups: None at this time

Department Reports:

EMS: Sandy Curtis

- a) Vehicles:
- b) Emergency Calls since last meeting: Two calls same day.
- c) EMS Training (Third Tuesday, Monthly):

Fire Department: Paul Randall

- a) Vehicles:
- b) Emergency Calls since last meeting. No fire, other than a pile of pallets burned for training. Would like to look into getting an account with Petro to fuel at the Viking pumps.
- c) Fire Training (Third Tuesday, Monthly):

POW Group Membership Reports

- 1) POWCAC – Ron. No meeting
- 2) East POW Advisory Board – John No report

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Harris River bridge.
2. SAMS/DUNS.
3. Insurance. previously discussed
4. POW Community Wide Strategic Planning Meeting. No meeting
5. Better Communications. Jessica is looking to get started on the website
6. Second Class City discussion

Tom talked to Jed Smith that distributed the materials on the second class city. The main purpose of the second class city is to provide services:

1. Provide Fire and EMS
2. Maintain a cemetery
3. Put in a harbor
4. Road repairs
5. Include the library with the community
6. With the insurance costs continuing the way they are they can charge us whatever they want. By changing our status to a second class city we can reduce our bills to what we previously had and by combining the library with the community it was save money.

Gary: all these things other than the Harbor Tom mentioned are already being handled by the HCC. We don't need to be part of a city to handle these things

Dinah: all of our insurance is going up due to inflation.

Paul: we are paying an enormous amount in taxes and there are funds available but we can't tap into this. I would like my money to come back to the community. I would like this discussion to move forward.

Annette: What does becoming a second class city involve? (There are documents that have been emailed regarding the boundary commission that is also available in the library.)

Dan Sharp: Read the information, this is a long term process

Ron: in the past we were a group of individuals who grouped together for cheaper insurance and now we can't do that because only one insurance company can cover HCC this is the reason our insurance jumped

Question: are we in dire straights? Not right now however, its our responsibility to look to the future because funds are becoming difficult.

Dominic if you go with the current insurance rate in 16 years we will be out of money and that's just for the insurance cost not including utilities or anything else.

Arthur: Just doing the math \$132,000 divided by 15 years our savings was only \$12,000 year over year. Which sounds like a lot but with insurance the way it is those savings are going to go away. The state is not matching our costs. We are currently breaking even and only saved a couple hundred dollars the last two years.

Ron Curtis: our community assistance from the state is going to be much smaller than our costs this year
Keith: Hollis currently has no way to generate money other than property tax or a bed tax.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

Motion to adjourn: Arthur
Meeting adjourned: 8:05

The next council meeting will be on August 8th, 2023, FIRE HALL 7-9PM. (Location may be subject to change)

Current board members: Ron Curtis, Tom Harden, Arthur Martin, Sandra Nesselte, Dan Sharp, Dominic Hoy, Tommy Lynch

Correspondence