

HOLLIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Inc. MEETING

Minutes

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

TUESDAY, June 11, 2024

7-9PM

Board Members Present: Ezra, Tommy, Tom, Ron, Dominic

Absent Board Members: Sandra, Jay

Council Members/visitors Present: Lisa C., Gary H., Linda H., Tia N., Scot M., Paul C., Marty S., Dan S., John R., John S., Annette S., Dinah R., April H.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Ezra 7:03

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for May 14, 2024 meeting presented for approval.

Motion to approve: John S - Second: Tia N

Discussion: John Sund asked for a correction to the minutes. It has

Vote: 9 - Yes 0 - No 4 - Abstained

B. Reading of Correspondence- Ron explained that any email correspondence is now being forwarded to the council. Only mail not forwarded was for the Insurance Policy renewal. Everything has been submitted.

C. Community Announcements- Independence Day Celebration.

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: Domanic Hoy, chair. Committee Members: Ron Curtis, Dan Sharp

a) Checking account Balance: Cemetery Account = 3078.17, HCC Account balance, 199026,24. Fire/EMS Account Balance. 14615.28

b) Other Finance Business. CAP has been submitted.

2) Annual Fire Department Fundraiser: (Ron Reporting for Sandy)

Chair- Sandy Curtis, Committee Members- Membership is open to any interested individual on the Council She got the date submitted to Wendy at the chamber and will be working on raffle tickets. Hoping Tom will sell Tickets. The event will be on September the 7th.

3) Hollis Library

Chair - Sandy Curtis
No Report

4) Hollis School

Chair – Lisa Cates

Lisa thanked everyone that attended the graduation. Looking for help organizing Tool bags and a plant Mom. Lots of opportunities to volunteer. First day of school is 8-26. There will be an open house with the superintendent on 8-17.

5) Fourth of July Celebration:

Chair - Ron Curtis

Hollis Celebration will be on Saturday 7-6, 12:00 to 4:00.

6) Thanksgiving Celebration:

Chair – Sandy Curtis

No Report Due

7) Cemetery Committee:

Chair- Sandra Nessett, Committee Members-, Brian Hallstrom, Tom Harden, Gary Holt

Carl Schwegel passed away and has been placed in the cemetery. Tom mowed. Dan commented that we need to come up with something for family plots. Tom said yes, Bud Burnett originally wanted the first 4 plots but no money was every exchanged. Ron explained that the paperwork dictates what plots are available and they chose from those plots. Tom mentioned that Danny has mentioned in the past that we need lanes for access to plots. Pauly asked for the plots and how much. The price is \$300. Tom explained that the number was set as the same price veterans pay for internment.

8) Communications Committee (Ron Reporting for Jessica)

Chair- Jessica , Committee Members-, Ron Curtis (Current Secretary), Lorissa Balcom

She has been updating the agendas at the overlook. Also Lorissa Balcom has volunteered to help. Asking for ideas to improve the look at the Kiosk. Please email any suggestions to the Hollis community email. A comment was made that the best use of the outlook ever was the lighted Christmas tree 4 years ago.

9) Bylaws Committee

Chair – Tom Harden, Committee Members-, Ron Curtis, Gary Holt

No Report

Gary, commented that there should be a discussion on what the community expects. Gary commented that there are members of the CC that are not full time in Hollis. How do people qualify for a zoom meeting. Lot of people from out of state. Now we have people that live out of state that are members of the cc via a voter registration card. Ron explained how Hollis defines a CC member with eligibility to vote. Annually the Sec. reviews the State voter log for Hollis. If someone is on the list they are eligible. We do not challenge that, it is up to the State. Gary asked if that would hold true with a zoom meeting, Ron said it Should, Tom said we would need to define in the bylaw committee. Tom explained that not too long after he came here The BOD voted at the school. In the meeting voter registration was use incorrectly. So we adopted the States election laws. Way back in 2007. Ron read the current Bylaw for voting. John R explained there is current legislation to tie resident hunting a fishing to PFD, while it passed the Senate, it has not passed the house. Tom stated if that legislation passed we could adopt it as our guideline. John asked if Ron had a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, he did. Gary asked if they were on the Website, Ron stated they used to be but wasn't sure if they were still on there, thou they should be. Ron explained that the bylaws were changed 8 years ago to make everyone in the community a voting member instead of just the board. Tom explained that the Board does have so duties in voting exclusively. John asked about the 145 person count based on voter registration, Dom said that number is what they claim. Tom said he believes the population number is based on the census and not voter registration. Tia asked why some residents couldn't vote in the election even though they had their voter registration cards. Tom explained they are in the wrong voting district. Ron explained if your voter registration does not have your street name and lot number and Hollis as the city, you will not be on the voters list.

Appointed Committee(s):

1. Harbor Committee:

Chair – Ron Curtis, Committee Members; Louis Hiatt, Oliver Lewis, John Ryan, Robert Fithian

No Report

Question was asked who cleared out all the vehicles at the harbor in in the turn-outs. Ron explained the State DOT tagged them and if no action was taken they were removed.

Work Groups: None at this time

Department Reports:

EMS: Sandy Curtis (Ron Reporting for Sandy)

- a) Vehicles:
- b) Emergency Calls since last meeting. 2
- c) EMS Training (Third Tuesday, Monthly): We did have airway training and skill sign offs for Paul and Dom.
- d) Sandy and Paul are in Juneau. Sandy teaching classes and Paul taking classes for his EMT rating..

Fire Department: Paul Randall (Ron Reporting for Paul)

- a) Vehicles: Kudos to Brian Owen for patching the radiator on the Fire truck but he recommends a new Radiator. Ron got information on who to contact for the radiator from Bob Byers and forwarded to Paul. Brian volunteered to install the new radiator once we procure it.
- b) Emergency Calls since last meeting.
- c) EMS Training (First Tuesday, Monthly): We had training with some of the new volunteers. We worked on running pumps and portable water supplies.

POW Group Membership Reports

- 1) POWCAC – No report, meeting did not have a quorum.
- 2) East POW Advisory Board – John/Lewis
John R reported that changes for the hunting and fishing passed the senate, but not the house. NOAA 90 day filing over the Alaska King Salmon being listed on the endangered species list. So basically what happened with Wolves is going to happen with King Salmon. Needs to be a study. Wolf meeting on Friday.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1) SAMS/DUNS – Sandy is still working on it.
- 2) POW Community Wide Strategic Planning Meeting – Tom said they had a meeting when he was gone but he hasn't got anything from them so not sure what was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Voluntary Funds solicitation. John S started out by discussing the Budget the discrepancy against CAP funds and what could potentially be done about it. He recalled in the past that a letter went out soliciting donations. John S made a Motion to send out a letter to the CC members of Hollis to ask for a voluntary donation of \$100. State says Hollis has 145 residents so CAP is giving us \$172 per member. The State pays 2/3rds of the budget, we pay 1/3rd. John R. 2nd. Call for discussion. Tom said he recalled that the letter we sent out was for the FD. We need to make it clear what the money is for. Ron explained that even though we have separate bank accounts for cemetery, EMS and CC for CAP purposes we must provide a budget for all fund. So if we consider the firehall charity event into our income we do not have a deficit. Ron explained that he did not like to count on 14K plus in proceeds from a charity event when developing a budget. Dom said he is not opposed to paying \$100 to balance the budget, it is good business and it is good to do for the community. Ron asked what if we wait until after the firehall event and based on receipts determine if we still have a deficit. The event is the 7th we would have a good idea on receipts before the Sept. Meeting. We could address it then. Divide up the deficit and send letters out then. John S said he likes the fact we are self-sufficient. Tom asked what was the budget last year. Spent 29916.32 all departments. Budget last year budget 34,400. Gary says that we are not the only community facing small dollars from the state. So we need to go back to the state with a body count. Everyone is in the same Insurance issue. Ron and Tom added that the insurance only went up for homeowners associations, not for 2nd class cities. Dom Added that we do not generate any income so we are just a slow leak in the boat. Eventually we are going to be out of money. John stated that when he was on the council members made sure they spent everything the state provided. Over the years we cut and that is why we have a bank balance. Mike Reives came in and said what are you going to do when the money runs out. We need to do something different. Tia asked, don't we want our community to save money? I'd give money to help out. John stated that in the past donations were wasted. John asked to have the motion tabled. Gary said what is the money going to. Ron reread the budget on where the

money is going. Tom said its going to Insurance. Danny said the key word is Voluntary donation. In the past, past members had made snide comments that if you didn't donate they would not respond to your residence. Ron said only one person should know who donates. Danny said if we send out a letter it should say come to a council meeting if you want to know how we are spending it. John said we should go after the deficit after the Firehall event. Tom also stated he thinks we should challenge the state on their population estimate.

Scott martin asked about a scrap barge, John said there was a quick scrap barge for the mine last year.

John S. said he was tabling the donation until after the firehall event.

Motion to adjourn: Tom
Meeting adjourned: 8:04

The next council meeting will be on July 9, 2024, Community Room, Fire Hall, 7-9PM.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85444695416?pwd=gAr8aWhvdSe5Grie3eZ2iJxmOpQXzu.1>