

Chickaloon Community Council
P.O. Box 1145, Chickaloon, Alaska 99674

Council Meeting

Date: June 10, 2020

Attendees:

Officers:

Chair Jim Ramsey, Present Vice-Chair Jeff Myers, Present
Treasurer Janie Vessey, Present Secretary Kristine Kennedy, Present
Member at Large John Vessey Jr., Present

General Members Present: 14 (count), sign in sheet: 18 (includes officers)
Quorum Established (minimum 3 officers and 6 general members): Yes

Time Called to Order: 19:02

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Frankie Barker

Introductions: _____

Guests: Jennifer with MatValley Electric Association (MEA)

Topic: Attends community meetings once a year. MEA will be doing right of way (ROW) power line clearance in our area soon. You can have a danger trees (considered a threat to the power lines) removed on your property for no charge (fill out form for danger tree removal, they'll send an employee out to take a look and then schedule if it needs to be removed. MEA employees clear the private property trees, contractors clear the ROW). Starting this coming Tuesday will be clearing about 95 miles of right of way in the Chickaloon area. Last time they were out was 2016 (usually do every 5 years but growing season has been longer lately). Clearing ongoing for about 5 weeks. Mark problem trees, pink for boundary, blue don't cut, red take down, debatable another ribbon color. They will do door tags in the area. They'll woodchip what they clear that is smaller than 6", those logs that are bigger will be stacked and left for community use. Make sure your contact info is up to date w/ them so you do receive notices. 3rd overall rate decrease in last year happened in most recent quarter. MEA charges lowest energy rate of railbelt providers. Board election - Incumbents kept their seats, at large seat vacant, currently accepting applications, board seat is held until April 2023, application due end of June. Financial relief due to Covid is available until crisis is declared over. Encourages consumers to go paperless. Capital credit notifications - let you know how much equity you've earned in the last year. If the Co-op has enough solvency the Board can elect to retire capital credits, which usually is decided in the fall. Net metering available with solar - application available.

Eugene Carl Haberman - follows the public process, emphasizes it is important to have transparency, and citizens need to use their opportunity to have fair representation before votes and decisions are made. Encourages public to attend Mat-Su Assembly meetings to make sure they are informed and are a part of the process.

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Approval of Agenda: Moved to approve – Marcia Stock, Sr. Seconded – John Vessey, Sr.
Approved as presented without objection __X__

Approval of Minutes: 05/13/20

Revisions - None

Moved to approve – Frankie Barker Seconded: Kalee Bowen

Approved as presented without objection __X__

Announcements:

Announced by:

- Announcement: None

Reports & Correspondence

Treasurer's Report for May 2020

- Read by Jane Vessey, Treasurer
 - Query: None

Officer Contacts / Reports:

- Road Service Area (RSA) Alpine Area 31 Road Update –
 - Jim Ramsey talked to Jay Levan - there have been no meetings due to Covid so no updates

Correspondence:

Email update from Tim Hale who is on the Slope - provided his contact info. Read by Chair Ramsey. See email on file.

Old Business

- Fire Services (Chickaloon Community Volunteer Fire Department, CCVFD)
 - Skip Stock reports they have filed the corporation documents so are a corporation. They had their first meeting, Kalee Bowen will be Sec/Tres, Skip is President, John Vessey Sr. is VP, Wesley Daniels & Jim Ramsey are Directors at Large. Will work with Eric Feige for property transfer. Will get phones set up. Letter to community members will be sent soon. Want to get as many community members as possible to attend an initial training. Wesley will tackle equipment maintenance. Skip and Kalee contacted fire insurance company. Revised budget - think \$10k per year would be viable.
 - Get ahold of Kalee Bowen if you are interested and able to volunteer.
 - Jim Ramsey appeals to community that donations would not need to be much for the first few years to carry the CCVFD down the road given Eric's work and resources being passed along. Community fundraisers should also be rolled out once Covid is workable. Hope to get something together in the next week for a 'folding party'.
 - MEA Charitable fund grant is possible funding option - can be used for projects, not ongoing operating costs. Have to be 501c3 (could apply through Council and funds passed to CCVFD). Apply for grant by June 26, 2020. Grant funds up to \$10k

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- Janey Vessey pledges \$200 for the first donation. Chair Ramsey pledges to match. Frankie Barker pledges \$100
- Phone cell relay system: MEA rep suggests [Nixle Everbridge](#) - APD uses, Emergency Notification System (ENS) provider - free version for public safety communications for phone system

New Business

- None

Other

- Community Assistance Program (CAP) (formerly Community Revenue Sharing)
Suggestions: Solar a possibility for community center? Not much solar potential given King Mtn. is in the way

Agenda items for next meeting: 07/08/20

CAP - solar potential? CCVFD phone system?


Non Agenda Item:

- Secretary Kennedy - Thanks for cleanup efforts everyone. Chair Ramsey mentions perhaps fall cleanup effort
- Community Cleanup Signs - Kalee will collect votes and the signs will be presented at next meeting for approval and printing.
- Public Comments added as new regular agenda item - requested by Secretary Kennedy, brief discussion, Chair Ramsey will add to agenda, does not want to put a time limit on it.

Meeting Adjourn: Move: Charlie DeFrest, Second: Lil DeFrest Adjourned at: 20:20

CERTIFYING SIGNATURES:

James Ramsey, Chair



Kristine Kennedy, Secretary

Date

07/08/2020

Date