

Susitna Community Council Meeting Minutes January 6th, 2011

- I. A **quorum was established** with Scott Holcomb, Robert Coleman, Phenie Miller, Bronn Salmon, Justin Koles in attendance, Blaine Humphries & Terrence Shanigan arrived later.
- II. The **meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M...**
- III. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- IV. **Scott motion/Phenie Second. Minutes of the December meeting approved as written.** Passed. The **Treasurer's report** indicated no statements rec., no change as no funds spent or rec.
- V. **Bronn motion/Phenie Second. Meeting Agenda approved** with the addition of the persons to be heard (below). Passed.
- VI. **Persons to be Heard (5 minutes suggested).**
 - 1) Jim Amundsen-AK DOT spoke at length regarding Parks Hwy. MP83-90 and 90-99 projects scheduled to start this summer and continue over the next two. As currently designed these two phases would involve resurfacing only and restructuring as required to remove trucking weight restrictions requested by their lobby. They do not have funding for bike paths this request is being scored by STIP board. Also doe not include funding for Turn Lanes, widening or passing lane. After much discussion by the council, MSB Assy.-Vern Halter and statements from the floor by Dave Johnson-Talkeetna RSA, Bill Stearns-D & S, and Jerry Raychel, Jim stated that he would review the clear cutting which had been included in the previous phase to "establish ownership and improve visibility". He will work with engineer to possibly leave a 15-20 foot tree buffer around existing structures and stands of trees such as was done in the Willow area below MP 73. He said any changes in scope of work on road itself would have to come from legislature as the clear cut was the only thing he could control. A possible contact is the head of planning, Allen Kemplin.He will be back to the next meeting with an update.
 - 2) Steve Harrison spoke requesting support for the Moose Club Revenue Grant Request.
- VII. **Correspondence**
See Correspondence Sheet.
- VIII, **Committee and Governmental Reports**
 - a. **Road Service Areas (15 & 29)**-none.
 - b. **Borough Assembly Update**- Vern Halter said they are still looking for a Borough Manager. Regarding the USJSHS boiler project grant request from AEA, it had been denied but would be submitted this month for reconsideration..
 - c. **Bylaws Committee**-none.
 - d. **Grant Expenditure Committee**-none.
- IX **Old Business**
 - a. **IRS 501c3**-awaiting funding.
 - b. **SCC Website**-no report.

- c. **DOT Highway projects**-Terrence moved that council draft a letter to legislature and governor to request additional funding on an emergency basis for MP 83-90 project for required safety improvements to include turn lanes at Hidden Hills and passing lanes. According to DOT it could be 50% less to do now. Phenie second, pass unanimous. Bill Stearns suggested from the floor to start a petition. Robert asked individuals to contact the Legislature.
- d. **Revenue Sharing Grants-**
 - 1) **Moose Club**-Phenie motion Scott second to allocate \$5500.00 passed unanimous.
 - 2) **Cemetery**-Scott motion Terrence second to table until alternate funding sources reviewed passed unanimous.
 - 3) **SCC Administration**-Scott motion Justin second to allocate \$4500 passed unanimous.
 - 4) **Bike Path**-Scott motion Terrence second to Table pending further study passed unanimous.
 - 5) **Troopers on Trail**-Scott motion Blaine second to allocate \$1450 passed unanimous.
 - 6) **Sunshine Creek Improvements**- Scott motion Terrence second to Table as alternate funding may be available passed unanimous.
 - 7) **Project Earth**-Terrence motion to allocate \$1000, Marie Richter project sponsor said there may be alternate funding may be avail. Via Princess Cruises donation and Fed. Order of AK. State Troopers available, she would look into it and come back with info.. Council requested that students involved state their case for the next round at February meeting if still required giving them involvement in process. Terrence retracted motion. Tabled until next meeting. Due to major testing on the day following meeting would be sched. First.
 - 8) **Northern Susitna Institute**-Scott motion Justin second to allocate \$1200. Objections to proposal as submitted by Terrence and Phenie, failed. Scott motion Terrence second to table and suggest they review and resubmit, passed unanimous.
 - 9) **Trail Grooming Equipment**-Phenie motion Justin second to allocate \$8750 add requirement to have full coverage insurance and dedicated storage passed unanimous.
Robert will draft letters after MSB approval.

e. **CU Signature Card**-Tabled until next meeting

X **New Business**

a. **Foraker Group Training**-Tabled until next meeting.

XI. **Board Member Announcements**-None.

XII. **Announcements**-Donations are welcome of up to \$50.00 per calendar year to help defray administrative costs of carrying out council business.

XIII. **Adjournment**-At 8:47 P.M...

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