



Draft Meeting Minutes

Upper Susitna Seniors Center, Thursday, Oct. 8th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

- I. Establish Quorum - Peter, Robert, Mark, Kimberly, Trevor, Bill, Gary and Wes
- II. Call meeting to order
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Minutes and Treasurer's report
 - a) Checking - \$61.60
 - b) Savings \$3797.96
- V. Approval of meeting minutes and agenda (Bill & Peter)
- VI. Persons to be Heard (5 minutes suggested)
 - a) Holly Sheldon-Lee - spoke on behalf of community group of 23 regarding infrastructure for growth of the Talkeetna area priorities
 - a. Feasibility study to see if bed tax and property taxes would be viable for a separate susitna borough. She has been in contact for State of Alaska Boundary Commission.
 1. Services provided:
 - a. Schools
 - b. EMS
 - c. Fire
 - d. Sewer, Water for Talkeetna
 - e. Roads
 - f. Refuse
 - g. Code enforcement
 - h. Animal Care
 2. Income
 - a. Refuse
 - b. Excise on tobacco
 - c. Excise on cars
 - d. TS &W
 - e. Bed Tax (\$872,424
 - f. Property Tax
 - g. Possible other taxes to be considered
 - i. user fee for tourist
 - ii. seasonal tourist tax
 - b. Sewer situation - brown and dark green algae four inches thick on bank in addition to "retched" smell, toxic looking growths on live salmon; and fresh solid waste washing into tributary. EPA has opened an investigation. FEMA contacted for emergency funds.
 - c. Find boundaries of local communities from Sunshine to Denali Borough
 - d. EMS Fire & Law Enforcement support
 - e. Revetment / dike



- b) Denise Chappell - RE: possible cemetery planning. Willow is two years into the process and willing to share their information. She is submitting formal letter to the council and proposal to proceed. Five (5) people are required to begin the project.
 - c) Candidates forum - Patty Coleman reported and read statements for Donna Dearman (alternate candidate) and Jessi Zimmerly (regular council candidate). Peter, Trevor, Robert, Bill and Wes gave short comments.
- VII. Correspondence**
- a. Received - None
 - b. Sent - None
- VIII. Committee and Governmental Reports**
- a. Road Service Areas (15 & 29) - Bill - near flood event; some of the FEMA projects have already been washed away (example: Ramono); seems to be a logjam between FEMA and Borough for Yoder.
 - b. Borough Assembly update - between assemblymen - no report
 - c. Bylaws Committee - no meeting
 - d. Grant Expenditure Committee - no meeting
 - e. Trails Committee - Trevor - has been challenging to find appropriate land for trails with the Borough; cannot use section lines nor proposed Borough roads.
 - f. Ways & Means Committee - no meeting
 - g. Election committee
- X. Old Business**
- a. IRS 501(c)(3) - no response
 - b. Revenue Sharing Grants - Robert will meet with Borough Thursday.
 - c. Sunshine Creek Improvements - Bill - met and walked the project.
- XI. New Business**
- a. Proposed cemetery project: Wes Hudson, Ramon Gutierrez, Trevor Walter and Denise Chappel have volunteered for the project committee (Kimberly / Peter)
 - b. Pedestrian Crossing - Robert is still working on this issue.
- XII. Board Member Announcements**
- a. Susitna Recreational Facility being explored via social media - Gary reported
 - b. Chamber of Commerce Dinner is at Sheep Creek Lodge, October 16th - Tickets still avail.
 - c. Senior Banquet - next Tuesday at 4 pm. Must reserve.
- XIII. Announcements -- Donations are welcome of up to \$50 per calendar year to help defray administrative costs of carrying out council business.**
- XIV. Adjournment**