



Draft Meeting Minutes
Upper Susitna Seniors Center, Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

- I. Establish Quorum** - Kimberly, Trevor, Mark, Bill, Robert
- II. Call meeting to order** 7:04 pm by Trevor
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Minutes** -
 - a) **February minutes edits discussed and motioned to accept with changes. (Trevor / Mark) Passed**
 - b) **March minutes - (Trevor / Mark) Passed**
- V. Treasurer's report**
 - a) Checking \$6,861.45
 - b) Savings \$244.82
- V. Approval of meeting agenda** (Kimberly / Peter)
- VI. Persons to be Heard (5 minutes suggested)**
 - a) **Donna & Larry Dearman - Meals on Wheels** - serving injured, folks recouping from surgery, as well as seniors in the Talkeetna and Sunshine areas. No federal funding because they would require a staff nutritionist. Now five years old, they will be filing for their fourth grant from the SCC.
 - b) **CERT of Willow - Brenda McCain - CERT - Community Emergency Response Team** - willowcert.wordpress.com for more information. Brenda is an advocate of training for emergency preparedness and response.
 - i. Currently 33 Willow residents are trained and equipped. 24 are active. Thankfully, they were ready to volunteer for the Sockeye Fire. There is a FEMA training they have completed, in addition to other trainings.
 - ii. She would like us to reach out to our community to find out who is CERT trained in our area.
 - iii. There are several agencies who support an Emergency Preparedness Expo in the valley, so she and her team wanted to bring a similar expo to the Upper Susitna. May 14th from 11-3 will be the next Su Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair 2016 with 20 agencies already committed to the event and more in the works! This is an interactive and FREE event, which will be held at the Willow Community Center. Lots of door prizes and lots of safety related information for the variety of activities we have in this area including, aviation, boating, snow machining, etc..
 - iv. Additionally, there are residents of Caswell who would be willing to support both the Willow and Talkeetna CERT teams if needed since they are in between.



- c) **Joe McAmoney - Introduction - Future proprietor of the High Mountain shop, formerly the Chocolate Shoppe in Talkeetna.** May 3rd will be the next borough meeting and plans on voting on a moratorium on Marijuana licensing, except for Houston who has preemptive. Looking at running his shop discreetly and from a medicinal promotion - holistic health store. The product will be secure when being transported through the areas. It will be done professionally and seriously. Joe says it is not looking good for them as the borough seems to be leaning to banning. If that happens, it will be a minimum of two years before it can be readdressed.
- d) **Bill Stearns - Privatized DMV offices -** The Trapper Creek contract went up for bid and Bill's company won the bid to negotiate. The contract begins on July 1st. He is advocating to move the location from Trapper Creek to the Sunshine location. Looking for support from the board in the form of a letter to the DMV.

VII. Correspondence

- a) Received - Lisa Murkowski feels we are being shanghaied and will do what she can regarding the overpass maintenance.
- b) Sent - None

VIII. Committee and Governmental Reports

- a. Road Service Areas (15 & 29) - Doing some spot grating, but not able to yet perform regular Spring grating. Sweeping and brushing will occur this year (it happens every other year). FEMA money for Yoder is only slated for planning, but no repair funded yet.
- b. Borough Assembly update - Randall sent a message to Trevor. Dunlevey is being reengaged in the undercrossing. Lisa Murkowski is also looking into this. Bond issue will very likely include the Upper Valley amendments; it will be difficult for those to be stripped out.
- c. Bylaws Committee – no meeting
- d. Grant Expenditure Committee - Last budget proposal from State, larger communities are being stripped out, but smaller communities will likely continue to receive support. Work meeting scheduled for April 25th, 7 pm.
- e. Trails Committee - no update
- f. Ways & Means Committee - no meeting
- g. Cemetery Committee - no update

X. Old Business

- b. IRS 501(c)(3) - Gary is working on reapplying
- c. Revenue Sharing Grants - covered
- d. Sunshine Creek Improvements - Bill will contact the borough
- e. Parks Highway Undercrossing - contacting legislatures.

XI. New Business - Bill Stearns requesting letter of approval to move DMV to the Sunshine area. (Trevor / Mark) Passed.

XII. Board Member Announcements - None



XIII. Announcements -- Donations are welcome of up to \$50 per calendar year to help defray administrative costs of carrying out council business.

XIV. Adjournment 8:02 pm