

Meeting Draft Minutes

Upper Susitna Seniors Center, Thursday, July 21st, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

- I. Establish Quorum - Robert, Wes, Trevor, Kimberly, Gary, Peter, Bill
- II. Call meeting to order - 7:00 PM
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Minutes approval - Gary / Peter - approved
- V. Treasurer's report
 - a) Checking - \$6,682.31
 - b) Savings - \$244.89
- V. Approval of meeting agenda - Gary / Peter
- VI. Persons to be Heard (5 minutes suggested)
 - a) David Straub - Alaska Precision -Applied with the state for limited cultivation facility, RJ Subdivision, Birch Circle, Mile 91, 6 acres at the end of the cul-de-sac; Cultivating marijuana for 500 sf under the new regulations of the state. He plans to sell to other cultivators, production facilities and to retail facilities, but won't retail himself. If the MatSu Borough doesn't pass; he plans to move to Tok or other more understanding community. Trying to take out of the black market and into a safer, trackable system. He has a business and operation plan which was submitted at the first of March. Security, surveillance and waste systems are planned. DEC and state fire marshall checks must be passed before opening. He plans an organic growing operation. He is looking for an understanding from this board prior to the borough's next vote in October.
 - b) Shelis Jergensen - Not present
 - c) Sandra Elherich-Mathesen, present on behalf of the Friends of the Talkeetna Library. Community use of the library is up since the new facility was built. Their upgrade of the grounds also included collaboration with YCC.
- I. Correspondence
 - a)
- I. Committee and Governmental Reports

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- a. Road Service Areas (15 & 29) - Yoder bridge upgrade is finished. Nothing else in the works yet on Sunshine Creek.
 - b. Borough Assembly update - Randall Kowalke, Borough Assembly Rep. Governor's veto and budget shortfalls. He will not support property tax increases. 7/10ths of a mil is what it would take and 3/10's would max the tax cap. Some consideration of gravel export tax. Wage and hiring freezes are also being considered. Capital projects are also under consideration and will be discussed August 2nd. Sales tax of 5% proposal will be amended to allow the cities to have their portion capped at 3%. He wants 5.7 million shortfall to be handled within the borough. Governor was an equal opportunity slasher with his veto power. Tune into August 2nd as the budget shorts will continue to be a hot topic. The funds for the ferry and port repair, must go to repay loans.
 - c. Bylaws Committee - No meeting
 - d. Grant Expenditure Committee -
 - a. Meals on Wheels - \$6500
 - b. Upper Susitna Food Pantry-\$3300
 - c. Upper Susitna Seniors-\$5000
 - d. Gateway to the Arctic-5400
 - e. Trails Committee - updated
 - f. Ways & Means Committee - No Meeting
 - g. Cemetery Committee - Denise Chappel passed away. Kimberly has Denise's paperwork.
- X. Old Business
- b. Insurance - nothing new
 - c. Revenue Sharing Grants - covered under Grant Expenditure
 - d. Sunshine Creek Improvements - nothing new
 - e. Replacement Board Member - need one more member
- XI. New Business –
- a. MEA right of way encroachments - Gary checking on this. We have 2 major encroachment areas. Not only unsightly and but with all the debris there, it is impassable.
 - b. Old State campsites - Borough considered opening old campsites on Deska and others throughout the borough. May sell these to accrue taxes and be maintained better since there is no operating budget.
- XII.** Board Member Announcements - There is a tower being built at the old Kashwitna road - Gary will check on lighting.

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- XIII.** Announcements -- Donations are welcome of up to \$50 per calendar year to help defray administrative costs of carrying out council business.
- a) Kimberly introduced newest member of Sunshine community, Norman Fuqua.

XIV. Adjournment 7:43 pm

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