

Meeting Minutes
Upper Susitna Seniors Center
September 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM

- I. Establish Quorum - Robert Coleman, Trevor Walter, Gary Peters, Peter Mathiesen, Mark Stahl, Kimberly Reid and alt. Bill Stearns
- II. Call meeting to order - 7:05 PM
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Minutes Approval for August meeting - spelling correction of Walter last name (Gary / Peter) – approved as amended
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Checking- \$6,462.88
 - B. Savings - \$244.89
- VI. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Add Denali Brewing Company and Valley Vision to correspondence; and council digital document storage to new business (Kimberly / Mark)
- VII. Persons to be heard (5 minutes each suggested)
 - A. Valley Vision - Tyson Johnson - general bonds are paid for by the property taxes over 10 years.- average homeowner would pay approximately \$46 per year. Valley Vision is recommending this bond project to be voted upon in October. The municipal pools are open to all Mat-Su Borough residents. Swim lessons and school sports would highly benefit from these upgrades and code corrections. The pools are 30 years old. The pools are located in the high schools of Palmer and Wasilla.
- VIII. Correspondence -
 - A. Request to be heard by Valley Vision
 - B. Denali Brewing
- IX. Committee and Governmental Reports
 - A. Road Service Areas (15 & 29) - no report
 - B. Borough Assembly Update - Randall Kowalke -
 1. Voter pamphlets should have been received today; ballots are printed.

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2. Two lawsuits against the borough for the marijuana ban; the borough attorney doesn't agree with it. Unlikely the courts will stop the process since ballots are already printed.
3. Port authority - \$125 million shortage - Alaska Municipal League held a reception at the port with a presentation. It was a way for Fairbanks to realize the importance of this project for ore shipping. This has a large economic impact for the entire state.

C. Bylaws Committee- none

D. Grant Expenditure Committee - Corrections made and process.

E. Trails Committee - no report

F. Ways & Means Committee - no meeting

G. Cemetery Committee - Wes not present

H. Election committee - Patti Coleman reported.

1. 3 openings for Regular board member seats and forms submitted: Mark, Kimberly, Donna Dearman, Brad Robeen
2. 2 Alternate seats - Kelly Thomas, Wes Hudson, Bill Stearns for a 1 year seat

X. Old Business

A. Insurance report by Kimberly - contacted several local non-profits

B. Revenue Sharing Grants – The Borough reported that SCC's biennial report was not filed with the State on time so SCC is in suspension, which delays the grant distribution. Robert reported, when the state gets the \$25 check, we will be back in compliance. There was also a question on the SCC CRSP Grants reporting where two reports first half reports were overdue and that the Borough had questions on the Gateway to the Arctic grant that needed to be answered; Robert sent the additional information. Gary said the non-compliance email from Barbara was disconcerting. Robert said the only issue is the \$25 check for the State. Gary would like a policy or procedure in place so the borough gets the reports they need and the State gets what they need when they need it so we stay in compliance and maintain credibility. Gary would like a list of what is due and when it's due, on a master list, so we as a board can share the responsibility. We want to make sure the non-profits who are depending upon these grant monies are not delayed. Randall stated an email to the borough clerk's office to Lonnie

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McKechnie would get the SCC meeting on the calendar, as the information they have is incorrect. Randall will check to see if there are other functions we need to be aware of other than minutes, reports and business licenses. Robert will contact Barbara to find out when to expect the grant money. The \$25 check is for the non-profit biennial report cost. \$100 for the state business license; it is good for two years. Peter clarified the awaiting grant money is for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Part of the money in SCC's checking is to pay for insurance, administrative costs and trail maintenance.

- C. Sunshine Creeks improvements - awaiting Hugh Lessing

XI. New Business

- A. Replacement Board Members - Addressed by Patti Coleman earlier
- B. MEA - Gary is awaiting right of way concerns to be addressed by MEA.
- C. MTA Tower - 3 towers proposed along the Parks Highway. Going before the Planning Commission Monday night. Lighting we have requested is being addressed. Construction is slated for this Fall; weather permitting. Towers are planned at Miles 41, 62 and 91. There is another tower at 1.3 on the Spur for MTA and Verizon users. ATT Mile 66 tower has been sold to American Tower, who turned off the tower lights. Gary has asked them to relight the tower. Pending.
- D. Denali Brewing Company has applied for a winery license. (Kimberly/Peter) Discussion - Gary hasn't researched the people or the business, so he doesn't know what our responsibility is as a council. Robert explained DBC will be utilizing the same facility and location to make wine in addition to their other brewing. They are currently limited to selling beer in cans, growlers, or three 12 oz beers are allowed to be served on-site per customer, but no food served and no entertainment allowed. Motion passed.
- E. Digital Documents Storage - Gary asked if Randall knew if there were any requirements - Lonnie McKechnie, Mat-Su Borough clerk, would know as the borough is also heading in the direction of digital storage. Once a year the council sends meeting minutes to the borough and they have been storing them as microfiche. Gary would like to know if a DropBox account would be sufficient. Phil Rhode in Willow has also been on the path to digitizing according to Randall.

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XII. Board Member Announcements

- A. 100th Celebration photograph for Talkeetna rescheduled for this coming Sunday

XIII. Announcements

- A. Gary said the borough is choosing to consolidate and improve response times, along with ISO compliance for public safety response. Three organizations have bid for the RFP. It is hoped it will improve response times for the Talkeetna, Sunshine, Trapper Creek and Willow areas.
- B. Mass Casualty Incidents - FEMA is working recently had a meeting with several of the North Western States including Alaska. Funding will come with these improvements as well.
- C. Herman - 1042 sf will be added for storage space on the Susitna Senior Center. \$205,000 is what the contractor will charge and is under budgeted amount.

XIV. Adjourned 8:00 PM