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**General Membership Meeting Minutes 7/8/14**

**7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

President Bill Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. A quorum was established with the following Board Members present: Bill Kramer, Jim Hutton, Jim Faiks, Margaret Billinger, Carol Kane, Dan Mayfield. Ina Mueller absent.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approved Agenda**

A motion by Dan Mayfield and seconded by Jim Hutton passed by unanimous consent to accept the agenda as printed.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

Following corrections to the 6/10/14 printed minutes as noted by Jim Faiks, Item 14 should read \$300 contributed for the event, Jim Hutton noted comments by Floyd Shilanski should read South Big Lake Road, and the 2nd paragraph - correction spelling Kane, a motion by Margaret Billinger and seconded by Jim Faiks passed by unanimous consent to approve the minutes as corrected.

**5. Program: No Program Scheduled**

**6. Persons to be heard: 3 min max.**

**a. Recycling project - Jo Walsh**

Jo Walsh provided the Recycling Project status noting the current progress:

- the new trailer has the capacity to carry more items to be recycled,
- the Borough has a “zero” waste policy as developed in 2002 for outreach and waste management to promote recycling keeping the landfill operation longer
- Big Lake recycling has increased significantly in size and there is a need to now ask the borough to take over the Recycling Project
- a request of the BLCC for a resolution to provide a permanent site and ability to haul recycled items to the recycling center.
- Meadow Lakes will be asking tomorrow for a similar resolution to put pressure on the borough to proceed with this need.

President Kramer stated he had sent a letter to Borough Manager John Moosey to increase the recycling area by eight feet. At this time, he has received minimal response to that request.

He continued his comments then read the resolution to increase the recycling area by eight feet.

A motion by Dan Mayfield and seconded by Carol G Kane passed by unanimous consent to approve the resolution as written. President Kramer stated he would sign the approved resolution, which would be attested by the secretary.

Charlene Hutton commended the numerous individuals for the wonderful work that has been done to date.

**b. Big Lake Lions Rec Center Grand Opening - Bill Haller**

There will be a Grand Opening event to be held on August 9, 2014 with a New Orleans swing band, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres.

Bill Haller stated the much-needed sound baffles are scheduled to arrive, then to be hung from the ceiling. Bill H said because there is a need for a better sound system and currently the Big Lake Lions Club does not have the necessary funding to purchase a sound system costing an estimated \$1500, he was suggesting Big Lake Community Council consider an in-kind donation for the sound system or perhaps being loaned to the Big Lake Lions. A sound system would need to be installed to include remote microphones and speakers mounted in the ceiling.

After general discussion, it was decided for the request to be submitted through the grant cycle process. At this time, no formal motion would be considered and the process for a grant application would be followed.

Bill Kramer re-affirmed the Big Lake Community Council sound system would be on loan until such time the grant process is completed. Dan Mayfield indicated the Community Council sound system has the capability for 10 wireless microphones to accommodate and be installed for the scheduled assembly meeting.

**7. Reports: 3 minutes max. None**

**8. Borough Assembly Report None**

**9. Road Service Area Report Leo von Scheben by Bill Kramer**

**a. Bill Kramer reported the following:**

- Leo von Scheben, RSA #21 Primary Supervisor is requesting BLCC support a resolution with regards to identifying existing right of way issues for the 103 miles of road within RSA #21.

- Jill Parsons noted RSA #21 Board Members are Chris Watson, Leo von Scheben, and Jill Parsons. The next meeting will be August 21, 2014 with scheduled agenda items to include capital improvements. Jill stated there is a need to urge the Borough to approve the Big Lake area capital improvements project as requested.
- The RFP needs to be prepared showing what current road conflicts exist, select a consultant to prepare the RFP scope of work to include RSA #21,103 miles defining existing needs. The final product will include an electronic map identifying both areas of road where either right way conflicts do or do not exist. The RFP proposal will be brought back to the Big Lake Community Council. Bill Kramer will include this request on the August 12, 2014, Big Lake Community Council meeting agenda for public comment followed by an action item to be voted upon for consideration.

10. Fire Service Area Report Bill Gamble

Cathy Kramer reported work is currently underway to update area ISO rating.

11. Treasurer's Report, Chairperson, Ina Mueller

- President Kramer stated there would be a financial statement to include account summaries to include balances/expenditures handed out at the next meeting.
- Bill Haller recommended in the future to also have a semi-annual/annual report. Also recommended this should be done prior to the next election. President Kramer made assurances that would happen.

12. Membership Report, Chairperson, Margaret Billinger None

13. Chamber of Commerce Report Nanci Linley

- At this time there are few signed up participants or volunteers for the Triathlon scheduled to be held on 7/27/14, therefore the triathlon was cancelled.
- The the Jay Nolfe Dedication is scheduled for July 19, 2014 from 1 – 3 P.M.

14. Parks and Trails, Chairperson, Jim Faiks

- Jim Faiks said the Borough has done a great job on marking the trails.
- At this time there is no new signage on W. Lakes Blvd.
- The Borough will be paving the end of W. Lakes Blvd. and the first  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the new Horseshoe Lake Road
- New trail maps will be distributed, which is very needed with high reliability.
- Cathi Kramer extended thanks to the participation of Floyd Shilanski, Jim Hutton, and Bill Kramer for continued help with Jordan Lake Park. Additionally, the Borough Assembly approved \$37,500 for use in Jordan Lake Park. The current plan is to pave the parking lot.
- Jim Faiks stated on August 16, 2014 the Colony LDS Church would be coming to assist with the Jordon Lake Park projects.
- Jo Cassidy, the Big Lake Librarian has said the money for paving is already in a designated account to fund the paving.

15. School Report, Chairperson, Jim Hutton No Report

16. Transportation Report - report by Jim Hutton and Dan Mayfield Co-Chairs

- As noted on the Agenda - Item 21 the Big Lake Community Council passed and sent a resolution in support of Route 3A and S.T.I.P funding. This was very timely because there will be the second of three meetings for Mat Su Borough Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) meeting to be held on July 17, 2017 at the Faith Bible Fellowship Church from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

- The audience was encouraged to attend this meeting because it can make a significant difference.

- Emerson Kruger, MSB representative will be in charge of the meeting. Additionally noted a copy of the resolution has been sent as well.

- A note of commendation was expressed for the efforts by many to bring this resolution forward.

17. Incorporation, Chairperson, Carol G Kane

- The Big Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Class City Petition has been submitted to the Local Boundaries with edits as requested.

- Anticipated is the LBC acceptance by July 24, 2014

- Floyd Shilanski and Carol Kane attended the APOC training in Anchorage

- Petitioner Jim Faiks extended appreciation and noted all the work done to finalize the Big Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Class City Petition prior to being submitted to the LBC.

- Introduced was Mary Lynn Macsalka – Attorney who also attended the APOC training and agreed to assist the Incorporation Committee. Mary Lynn gave a brief overview of her background. She shared she is available to provide additional support for the on-going process for the work to be done by the Big Lake 2nd Class City Committee. She has had the opportunity to drive around the inner core of the Big Lake area to become better acquainted with the community and is looking forward to following the process to completion.

- Closing remarks noted was being aware of the importance Alaska Open Meeting Laws and notification requirements prior to a meeting being held.

18. Community Grants, Chairperson, Ina Mueller No Report

19. Correspondence

Presented as received:

State Transportation and Improvement Process Letter

Invitation to participate in a workshop 7/23/14 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Fire Station 61

What is or is not working with Mat – Su Transportation

Email Kristi.Hickel@hdrinc.com

21. Land Use/Platting

Presented as received

21. Unfinished Business/Action Items

- Resolution has been sent in support of Route 3A and S.T.I.P funding.

**22. Announcements**

- Next months agenda item will include a resolution of support for Smoke Free Alaska presented by Terry Snyder
- Charlene Hutton announced there will be a Saturday Market on 7/22/14 to include crafts, vegetables, etc
- A meeting with approximately 50 participants was held by Meadow Lakes residence regarding a permit being considered for a gravel permit in the Meadow Lakes area. The Meadow Lakes Community Council has asked the permit to be rescinded. Concern expressed regarded Borough Administrative rules being followed.
- Jim Faiks announced 40 teen-agers from the Life Christian Mission are available to help people in need Monday – Thursday. Jim Faiks is the point of contact. Ken Walsh stated there is a need to post Big Lake Community Council information in various sites around Big Lake. Bill Kramer and Carol Kane will follow up.

**23. Board Member Comments**

- Carol Kane expressed continued appreciation for the individual commitments being made to meet the requirements for Big Lake to become a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class City.
- Jim Faiks encouraged individuals be willing to serve as new board members.
- Margaret Billinger express appreciation for all the work being done.

**24. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



**Carol G Kane, Secretary**

**Big Lake Community Council Purpose:**

To provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; to provide a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and desires in a manner that will have an impact on our community's development and service; to provide to governmental agencies a method for receiving opinions, needs, desires and recommendations of residents and groups, and to give local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making and assignment of priorities for all capital improvements and governmental programs affecting community development and individual well-being.