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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2012
Held at
LAKESHORE STUDIO

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill Kramer. All board members (Dan Mayfield, Jim Faiks, Jim Hutton, Ina Mueller, Margaret Billinger and Gary Swearer) were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. The agenda was approved.
4. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.
5. No program was scheduled.
6. Persons to be heard: none.
7. Reports: a. Borough assembly: Mayor Larry DeVilbiss reporting. Mayor DeVilbiss started by thanking all that voted for him in the past election. The Point Mackenzie Community Council has recommended a 300 acre parcel to be established as a “Town Site”. The creation of which will create a magnet for development. The Mayor also put forward a 50,000 acre site (across the Little Su River from the end of W. Susitna Parkway) for agriculture development; to also include a “town site”. He defined a “town site” as a center for school, business and residential development. The property in question is a mix of state and borough properties. Ken Walch noted that such a development needs to be included in the CIA currently underway.\
b. Road Service Report: Margaret Billinger reported that roads are being plowed. Jim Clemenson will be leaving the RSA Board. His replacement – Leo Van Scorbin should be confirmed by the Assembly at the January 18th meeting.
c. Ina Mueller reported that there is \$2875.00 in the checking account.
d. Ina reported that membership stands at 67 (for 2012) and 20 members signed up for 2013.
e. Trails: Pat Daniels reports that the trail is open to the river, though in “rough” condition near Big Lake. Dan Mayfield said they would be grooming this week and should get all the trails done. There will be a short trails meeting on Friday (12/14) at 7pm, at the Lakeshore Studio, followed by a holiday celebration. <http://www.biglaketrails.org/>
f. School Report: Jim Hutton announced that the design team is finished for a total redesign of the 1963 building. Design work on improving entry security (redesign of the administrative area) is ongoing. Work is to start in May (2013) and should be done by the start of school in August. A \$2,2 million bond has been issued for renovations.

- g. Transportation Report: Gary Swearer reported that the most recent meeting between the transportation committee and the CIA team was mostly nonproductive so far as new information on the CIA front. Lauren Driscoll and Brad Swortz represented the borough, giving a rehash on the Valley “Build-Out”. Ken Walch said that for the state to pay any attention to the recommendations made by the CIA, there would need to be a borough resolution in support of the recommendations. All members of the transportation committee were upset that there was no new info or answers to questions posed at the last meeting (CIA/BLTC). We agreed that there was not much sense in meeting if no new information was going to be offered. An email will be sent to Shelly Wade. The meeting ended with the following: 1. The CIA will concentrate on the current 4 corridors. 2. Information gathering stage is now in effect. 3. A road parallel to the rail spur is permissible, as long as it doesn’t encroach on the RR right of way. 4. Facts regarding each corridor should be available by March. Brad Swortz said that the S Big Lake Road realignment construction should get started in July 2013. There is sufficient money to complete the project. CIA website: www.biglakecommunityimpact.org
 - h. Incorporation report: Jim Faiks said the Boundary Commission has returned the petition (with few recommended changes). The Boundary Commission will hold two hearings during the signature collection process. A vote on becoming a second class city will probably take place in October 2013. In order to be placed on a ballot, 15% of residents that voted in the last election need to sign the petition. The Incorporation Committee requested a resolution worded as follows: The Big Lake Community Council resolves to support the submission of the petition to become a second class city. “The BLCC further resolves that the support of the Big Lake incorporation process will come through committee actions. Monetary contributions to support the process must be approved by a motion of the BLCC and approved by its voting members.” Bill Kramer said he would amend a previous resolution to agree with the one proposed by the committee. There is a copy of the petition on the website: <http://www.biglakecity.com/>
 - k. Nomination Committee: In addition to the three board members currently standing for re-election (Margaret Billinger, Jim Faiks and Gary Swearer), Pat Daniels would like to be considered for board membership. Nominees need to submit a “short” résumé and reasons for wanting to serve on the board. Questions will be sent to the nominees prior to the election in January. Ina requested that an election procedure needs to be outlined for future elections.
- 8. Correspondence: None.
 - 9. Land Use/Platting: None.
 - 10. Unfinished Business: None
 - 11. New Business: President Kramer reviewed the past years highlights and accomplishments of the BLCC.

12. Announcements: Yvonne Ruth said that of the items stolen from her home/yard, the trailer had been returned. She thanked community members for the return of the trailer. Mayor DeVilbiss said that the lawsuit against the rail extension had been overturned and bids are being let on its construction.
13. Board Member Comment: Ina announced that the BL Comprehensive Plan and the Community Council by-laws are on the website. Dan Mayfield wished all a Merry Christmas.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.