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BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 01, 2015-Rev. 1

THIS COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, October 01, 2015. 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM.

LOCATION: BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM.

ITEMS FROM October 01 AGENDA:

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS
 - Pete Peterson and Paul Honeman gave a report on the Assembly happenings. There was lively discussion on the Equal Rights Amendment which had passed last Tuesday (9-2). There will be 5 million dollar increase to public safety's budget (Fire and Police combined) which also had passed last Tuesday. The Mayor's goal is 400 Police Officers total with-in a year.
 - Kathy Giessel reported on the State of Alaska Senate Resource Committee happenings. New revenue sources are being evaluated in order to make up some of the SOA budget shortfall, such as increasing the sin taxes (i.e., cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, etc.). Multiple solutions are likely.
 - Lance Pruitt reported on the State of Alaska happenings in the Legislature. Lance indicated that there is no SOA money available from the Parks Department for road maintenance on Campbell Airstrip Road.
- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – The AFD FIRE STATION NO. 14 "C" Shift that was on duty that evening did not make the meeting.

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrade – PM&E project members were not present. Don Crafts reported that PM&E went through a ranking process for over 200 roads and drainage projects and unfortunately, our CAR upgrade project ranked near the bottom. Erica Jensen, the CRW Project Engineer and Charles Bang the CRW Design Engineer gave a project presentation and responded to questions on the preliminary design progress. Visual displays were also presented at the meeting. Street Lighting will be present only at the bottom portion of the road between Tudor Road and our Mailboxes. The trail will be separated from the road to the west/south side; however, it will be visible from the road. The: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrade Open House that had been tentatively scheduled for later this month will be postponed until the spring. *Funding is available for the final engineering, but not for the construction.* Funds for construction of the trail portion of the project are being sought through a trails program from the Federal Government.
- UPDATE: Adoption process for the newly required Basher Community Council Bylaws (Draft Copy had been attached to the Newsletter). The lead for this adoption process is Barbara Hood; however, she could not make the meeting. The Draft (as presently written) does meet the required concurrence of Municipal Ombudsman Darrel Hess. Dirk Sisson presented the significant changes to the required Basher Community Council Bylaws rewrite. Floor discussions include when we should hold our minimum required 4 meetings per year as well as all other items of concern. The new bylaws state meetings will be held “as a general rule” on the second Thursday of February, May, September, and November. However, Don Crafts was informed by the school district that Baxter Elementary School is usually reserved the second Thursday of every month. The council will evaluate other locations to meet such as the Benny Benson School on Campbell Airstrip Road. The new bylaws passed unanimously as written.
- LRSA REPORT/WINTER ROAD SAFETY – No one from the LRSA Board was available to make a presentation at the meeting.
- Laura Herman, Special Assistant to the Mayor, gave a quick presentation on the recent happenings at the Mayor’s office. The Mayor’s office is looking for volunteers for several Commissions. She indicated that she will not longer represent us to the Mayor’s office. She will be replaced by George Martinez, who is also a Special Assistant to the Mayor.
- Discussions on Campbell Airstrip Road Speed Limit -Limited discussion was held on the Campbell Airstrip Road speed limit. No resolution and thus action to be taken at this time.

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- Becky Garnett had Tanya Hickok of DOWL present a potential solution to her garage's encroachment into the MUNI right-of-way at 9800 Basher Drive (corner of Basher Dr. and Kew Ct.). Note that there is presently a 30' Right of Way on both side of Basher Drive. Should the MUNI allow the platted width of the road's right-of-way to decrease from a total width of 60 feet to 50 feet by changing its designation type? The Garnetts can then possibly buy the necessary land from the MUNI, thus mitigating her garage's encroachment into the MUNI right-of-way. A vote for a Resolution of Support for this proposed solution passed unanimously.
- ELECTION: Nominations were accepted for all positions. The Individuals who were nominated, seconded, and voted onto the board as follows:
 - Don Crafts (President)
 - John Beebee (Vice President)
 - Margaret Nelson (Secretary)
 - Hillary Morgan (Treasurer)
 - Rick Kullberg (Board-Member-At-Large)
 - Dirk Sisson (Board-Member-At-Large)

Thank you,
Don Crafts, President
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