

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING
Basher Elementary School
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019

President Don Crafts
Vice President John Beebee
Secretary Margaret Nelson
Treasurer Hillary Morgan
Directors at Large Dirk Sisson, Rick Kullberg

Meeting Called to order at 7:04pm by Council President Don Crafts
There were 21 residents in attendance.

Assembly Report, Rep. Forrest Dunbar

Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar reported the following:

*The assembly approved the budget. \$600K in fund balance funds are going to address additional homeless services and abatement. The assembly set the mill rate as almost exactly the same as last year. Budget in Juneau is not done yet. Governor has stated that his original budget got rid of bond debt reimbursement. The MOA has \$300 million debt outstanding. Ask people to pay additional taxes this year of \$420 for \$350K home. If the state does not pay for half of reimbursement of bond indebtedness Anchorage property owners could see an increase in taxes of \$600 per average home valued at \$360,000. This is the choice voters made. Dubar said: "You could potentially see a large tax increase next year."

*There are two ordinances dealing with smoking proposed by outgoing assemblymen Dick Traini and Eric Croft both put in ordinances. The age for purchasing cigarettes would go from 19 to 21. Additionally, there would be no smoking within 10 feet of playground equipment.

*There is some effort on the assembly to regulate e-cigarettes. There are not cessation device, he said. E-cigarettes currently have no taxes levied against them.

*Move of police headquarters. The assembly last year purchased new building downtown at 716 W 4th Avenue. The police are in the process of moving there from the current Elmore Road location. One of the bonds approved would spend \$3.5 million remodeling current police headquarter to gain storage. More space is needed for evidence storage and this would save money since the MOA is leasing space right now. Police and detectives will be moved downtown by mid-July. Ticketing and front desk personnel are downtown now. Parking underground will be for police personnel only. Dispatch personnel are not moving.

*Don't see Eagle River leaving the Municipality. Says the costs would be" astronomical."

Limited Road Service Area Report Ted Trueblood

Ted Trueblood of the LSRA reported that our LSA has the lowest tax rate at ¼ a mill for maintaining our roads. The reserves are good this year. This summer the LSA has agreed to continue working on Atelier and adding a little bit of material at the end of Basher. There will be the annual dust abatement this year as well even though product is getting more expensive each year. Will continue doing surface work on Atelier, Farpoint and the end of Basher. Contractor is doing a good job. The contractor services 8 or 9 LRSAs and is really learning. Contactor has gone to a square patch on potholes which seems to be doing better than a round cut.

President Don Crafts noted that we had some earthquake damage on the road that he hopes will be fixed since the road is still under warranty.

Alaska Waste Presentation

Kurt Froening and Loren Brown of Alaska Waste made a presentation.

*They will donate vests to the community council for the patrol.

*Really think Stuckagain knows how to deal with bears and thanked residents for doing a good job.

*Bear resistance carts are available for regular trash. None available for recycling. Go to www.alaskawaste.com for more information.

Annual Stuckagain Community Potluck/Picnic

Scheduled June 12 hosted by Margaret Nelson and Brad Campbell at 10121 Middlerock Road. Please bring a dish to share, your own utensils and something to sit on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meetings: Sept. 12, 2019 and Dec. 12, 2019