

CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE : December 13th, 2023

Officers Present: Jeff Myers (acting Chairman), John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), and Kalee Bowen (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at: 7:04

Pledge of Allegiance: Austin Bowen

Approval of Agenda as posted: 1st by Skip 2nd by Lil

1) Elections:

- a) Special Election Results: Angye Leavitt- 27 votes, Jim Ramsey- 1 vote, John J Vessey- 1 vote
- b) General Election Results: Cassie Johnson- 36 votes, John J Vessey- 30 votes, Janie Vessey- 26 votes, Jeff Myers- 5 votes, other- 5 votes total
 - i) Skip made a motion to approve the election results. 1st by Ron 2nd by Lil

2) Minutes from Last Meeting (10/11/23): Read by Kalee

- a) Approval of Minutes: 1st by Frankie 2nd by Cindy

3) Announcements and Guest Speakers:

- a) Complete Annual Report: This was read by Janie at the last meeting. It is also posted on the back bulletin board
- b) Jeff read an email sent to us by Donna Anthony regarding a DOJ memorandum and Tribal criminal jurisdiction stating that tribes in Alaska can now exercise criminal justice over all Native people within their village. (the email is attached to meeting notes).
- c) Jeff asked that all future correspondence be done through our email except in time sensitive or emergency situations. There have been many instances of members reaching out to individual board members and at odd hours of the day. Marcia asked about our new email, checking it on a regular basis, and also a website update. Kalee clarified that it is not a typical email that we have been able to add to our phone for notifications yet, but John J and I are trying to check it every few days. The website building will start up again in the new year.

4) Reports and Correspondence:

- a) Treasurer's Report: Read by Janie
- b) Road Service Area (RSA 31): Dave stated that he has been reporting the conditions often and even contacted the supervisor. Pat has also called Tim Hale. He said in the last RSA meeting there was a discussion that they will start fining those who push snow across the road. It will start with a warning (via mail), it then escalates to \$150 fine, and then doubles the next time. To file road condition complaints go to the problem reporter app, borough website or call 907-861-7755.
- c) Community Assistance Program (CAP): Jeff mentioned an idea that was brought up to have a backup system for the CC building in case there is a long term outage in order to keep the place heated. One which is automatic and doesn't require getting into the connex for a generator that has not been maintained the last couple years or so. Recently, Austin came down to drain the water in case the outage lasted a while so the pipes wouldn't freeze. There was discussion in the room about a committee to put together options and pricing. Gordon suggested that we make sure there is a blowdown fitting for easy pipe draining. Skip volunteered to look into it further. Jeff reiterated that we need ideas and projects for CAP funds that benefit the whole community. Marcia brought up water quality. Kalee said that this is one of the issues we are looking into having finished.
- d) Fire Department: Skip said that we need email addresses from the community, and that they are almost done doing the year end report. The department has raised enough money to stay operational for another year. The department really needs volunteers whether for admin positions or firefighters. Wesley said there have been many vehicle accidents lately (which he has been responding to through Sutton's department), as well as semi trucks blocking the highway. It is a good idea to be prepared and have essential items in the car in case you are stuck on the highway for a few hours. Skip reminded everyone to call 911. Jeff and Jeremy saw a transformer sparking at the start of Fish Lake Rd. Wesley said to get a pole number and then report it to MEA.
- e) Crime Watch: Please check your properties, and vacant houses etc. Anna has been living in a couple vacant places on Fish Lake rd (case #T23000869). Watch out for your neighbors and notify the troopers if

you see her. Skip brought up that LD is doing an investigation on an abandoned truck by the stockyard.

5) Public Comment:

- a) Janie has a christmas card for the state plow drivers to say thank you and show appreciation for everyone to sign. She is also going to give them some cinnamon rolls. She also wanted to thank Skip, Wesley, Matt and Jim for helping them out recently.
- b) Ron Clarke had a petition against the removal of campaign donation limits in Alaska which are for state and municipal positions.

6) Old Business:

- a) Zoom: Cia stated that the board members should not operate zoom so they can focus on the meeting and duties. Pat suggested that there be a committee to operate zoom and then take turns. Skip added that the committee should not only be in charge of it but also create the parameters. Frankie makes a motion to continue with zoom. Ron 2nds. All in favor: 13 and 10 opposed. Jeff volunteers to help along with Ron and Pat.

7) New Business: none

Meeting adjourned: 8:21pm 1st by Ron, 2nd by Cassie

Chair

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Secretary

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