



## ***Meeting Minutes – 2/9/00***

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:00 P.M, at the Fire Hall.

### ***Minutes from Last Meeting***

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes were adopted.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Jim Courtney gave the treasurer's report. \$5824.44 is in the checking account.

### **II. Old Business**

#### ***Correspondence***

There was no new correspondence.

- Mike Shields reported that the tax cap issue will be on the ballot.
- Laurie Courtney stated that she had contacted Ron Swanson at the Borough about the status of the \$15 million Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course on the leased 320 acres of Borough land. There were no developments.
- Ted Cox reported that the Borough did not appear to be moving on the racetrack greenbelt issue.
- Ted attended the joint meeting of Community Councils, and reported there was unanimous opposition to proposed changes in rules for community councils. The new rules would allow non-resident property owners to vote at community council meetings.
- Ted was contacted by the School District about a replacement community building. The School District maintains that the council will have to reapply for the building and enter a lottery. The Borough maintains it's their responsibility.
- Ted passed around the letter he wrote to Judge Smith, asking for harsh sentencing and restitution, for community building arsonist Joey Denson. Sentencing will be Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ted reported that the Borough is moving forward with a permitting process for events such as outdoor concerts.
- Dick Barlow moved to proceed with the purchase of the 25 acre section of property the council building used to occupy.
- Michelle Kuhn of the Mat-Su State Park Citizen Advisory Board requested a letter of support to Borough representatives, for "Friends of State Parks – Mat-Su". The organization wants State Park user fees to remain in the Borough..

### **III. New Business**

- Gina Anderson from Lyda Green's office attended the meeting. She had researched solutions to the dumping problem, and reported that public safety is not currently a priority in the state government. She said that the Troopers will not write citations, and the DA will not prosecute, due to inability to prove who dumped a particular

load of trash. Gina suggested that residents call Captain Savage of the Troopers, and the governor's office, to state their concerns.

- Sam O'Connor, of the Westside Community Patrol in Anchorage, attended the meeting and gave a presentation. Sam had the following suggestions:
  - Pay attention to activities in your neighborhood
  - Light up houses.
  - Demand police take action. Make phone calls and write letters to keep the issue a high priority.
  - A magistrate can impose "area restrictions" on individuals to keep them out of certain areas.
  - Use binoculars.
  - Maintain frequent contact with the Troopers.
  - The council may be eligible for a grant, since it's a 501C3 organization.
- Gregory Nilsson moved for council support for organization of a Community Patrol. The motion passed. Sandy Thomas volunteered to chair a meeting at the Fire Hall February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.