

Meeting Minutes – 4/12/00

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:05 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the March meeting. Karen Hollingshead corrected one item concerning her statement regarding property values. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Courtney gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account has \$5846.02.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

II. Old Business

- Mike Shields discussed trails and trails grant money. Mike also stated that the bridges that were canceled last year would probably be installed this year.
- Ted Cox reported that the new community building has been placed on-site.

III. New Business

- Ted Cox called for nominations to fill a board vacancy. Gregory Nilsson nominated Karen Hollingshead, and Otto Binder nominated Lisa Lackey. Each nominee gave a statement. Karen Hollingshead was elected by a vote of 28-5.

Racetrack

- Ted Cox read the postcards the council planned to mail to residents of the council area as notification of the upcoming hearing on the land sale to Alaska Raceway Park. Ted requested that the council debate whether or not to take a stand on the issue.
- Gregory Nilsson said that this was the time to state feelings on the issue.
- Damone Aklestad pointed out that the people who show up at the meetings don't necessarily represent the whole community.
- Greg Nilsson asked Earl Lackey if there would ever be an oval motorcycle track, and Mr. Lackey responded that there would never be an oval track there.
- Sandy Thomas asked Mr. Lackey if there would be additional race days for motorcycles, and Mr. Lackey responded that there probably would be.
- Debbie Retherford stated that the council should take a position, because that's the way the system is set up. Debbie noted that it's not a personal issue, and that the concerns are solely about noise.
- Mr. Lackey stated that there would be no more nitro cars or jet cars.

- Karen Hollingshead agreed that the council should take a position, and stated she was afraid there would be no recourse if the lease was changed to a sale, and the racetrack was eventually sold.
- Mr. Lackey stated that he as always come to the council to discuss his plans, and he has always done what he said.
- David Pelto said that as some point, the racetrack would be sold, and the residents could end up with a bad neighbor. Once the property leaves State hands, there could be no controls.
- Mr. Lackey stated that he plans to leave the property to his children and grandchildren.
- Jerry Caires said that he supports a motion to oppose the sale. He also suggested that Mr. Lackey look into active noise cancellation technology.
- Karen Hollingshead made a motion for the council to oppose the sale of the land.
- Otto Binder stated that there would be less local control if the State kept the land.
- Debbie Retherford explained her view that financing of racetrack improvements would be easier if Mr. Lackey owned the land, rather than leasing it, and that more money would mean more noise, for which the Borough would have no solution.
- Sandy Thomas reported that AJ Schwitzenberg had just sold his track to a group of 15 racers, and there was no way of knowing what they were capable of.
- Mr. Lackey stated that the financing of sound suppression would also be easier if he owned the property.
- Ted Cox called for a vote on the motion for the council to oppose the sale of the land. The motion passed, with three in opposition. Ted will write a letter to the state and represent the council on the issue.
- Ted reiterated how much the council appreciates all Mr. Lackey has done for the council, and asked him not to take it personally.
- There was a discussion about the use of fireworks in the vicinity of the racetrack during race days, and Mr. Lackey stated that the racetrack security people do what they can to prevent illegal fireworks, including announcements on the loudspeaker.
- Ted Cox reminded the council that the Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 13th.
- Ted asked for suggestions about where to put the 'No Dumping' signs being provided by the State.

Ted Cox moved to adjourn. The motion passed.