

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALAS
NOV 3, 1958 NC THEATER

Meeting called to order by Bob Carpenter at 8 P.M. Council members present: Bob Carpenter, Ben Smit, Ray Christianson, and Nora Guinn, Howard Elliot, Others 14.

Mr. Smit gave report of Finance Committee. As bank statement not received Treasurers report accepted as correct. Mr. McNealy attended meeting of Finance Committee. He has offered his services as our Legal Advisor, and suggests we pay him a small sum as a retainers fee, and says if any of our inquiries prove to take up a great deal of time and work, he will send us a bill. He is going to revise our Rules for the Common Council of Bethel and to look into how to collect Sales Tax, when not filed.

TREASURERS report \$7,671.40 collected on Sales Returns. Names of Firms and Individuals who filed returns read. 14 returns filed. Council to make forms to call attention of delinquents on Sales Tax and mail to offenders.

Mr. Smit presented petition for additional survey on N.W. of present townsite. 50 signers. He explained that at present, the Village has made no provisions for future Municipal Reserve.

Jack Smith says he understands new survey on old survey will be necessary as boundries and stakes have been lost. Carpenter suggests in letter and petition to the Bureau of Land Management we request, if stakes and boundries are lost, if it would be possible before or along with this coming survey, for this matter to be looked into by the Bureau of Land Management. Elliot says Bureau of Land Management are to refund Village on sales of Lots, to use as they see fit.

N. Guinn to see if there is any correspondence regarding developping roads and report at next meeting.

Carpenter reports a letter from the Department of Health on the well, 11 steps are required to develop the well. He received two pamphlets on wells and sanitation that will have to be complied with. Cost will be much greater than formerly anticipated. He suggest we WRITE and get as many engineers or concerns to submit bids to develop proposed well.

Mr Smit described water supply at Fort Yukon, which was done by the Dept. of Health and Dept. of Sanitation as a research project and would perhaps work here. This suggestion will be looked into.

Write to the Arctic Health Research for information and advice on procuring good water and ask for someone to come in to look into this.

Jack Smith said C.A.A. water excellent and has no provisions made for softing water. Has 2 wells, one 425 and 428 feet down. Mrs Carpenter asks just what the requirements have to be met to develop present well. Mr Carpenter gave a briefly requirements, and each one costly in itself.

Mr Carpenter read a letter from Alaska Highway public Works, pretaining to maintainance of roads. Not to be affected by Village becoming Incorporated. WRITE to Hubbard for new roads or accessary roads.

Mr Smit said returns on Licenses would be worth looking into for additional funds for Village. WRITE to Alaska Rural Development Board on refunds on licenses.

Discussion on Dog Control. Ordinance on Dog Control to be drawn up and in the meantime, Elliot moved Police Officer shoot stray dogs as part of his job. Christianson scended.

Mr. Smit ammended motion to read 3 days after posting notice that Police Officer shoot stray dogs. 5 ayes 0 nays Motion carried. Costs on distemper and Rabie shots discussed. WRITE to Dept of Agriculture at Palmer to find out how much inoculations will cost and where to procure them.

Carpenter stated he had been approached by a citizen that he would leave street light on in needed place if Council would refund on light bill. Can Not Do. Necessety of Street Lights brought up. Elliot and Christianson volenteered to make a town tour , to determine stragetie spotw where street lights are needed, als size of bulbs and cost to maintain.

Mr Carpenter stated Mr Haley requests use of Siron of Civil Defense to sound the Curfew. Laroux, in charge of Civil Defence gave his appvovall for Haley to use the sbron.

POST NOTICE.

Mr. Carpenter brought up subject as to whether we should pay our attorney a retainers fee, how much, whether we should retain Mr, McNealy or some one else. Asked for advice from the floor. Should we ask the attoney not to accept a case against us? Question

placed on the table for further discussion.

Carpenter says there is a question as to whether he may serve on the Council as Civil Service rules that no Federal Employee may be in Public Service, or Office. He will apply for a special permit to remain on Council.

Reference made to obtain Surplus Vehicle for Police Officer. Elliot presented letter from the Alaska Surplus Property Service stating that According to Public Law 659-904 a village Council such as ours is not eligible to acquire surplus property.

A letter was read from the Dept. of Civil Defence stating there is a T-D Dozer, 2 dump trucks 1 tank truck at Aniak and requests our plans for acquiring and moving this equipment to Bethel. Laroux says he had made an attempt to have them moved down but until water transportation opens again they will have to remain at Aniak. Carpenter and Laroux to write explaining situation.

Posters on Council Meetings with Topics to be brought up at meetings will be posted several days before regular Council Meetings.

Carpenter has had several complaints on speed of Vehicles in the townsite. We will look into this by contacting the Road Commission and checking on the Territorial Laws on speed traffic. Chuck Pearson says issue Criminal Summons on Offenders.

James Moody, of the Dept of Aviation asked if Council has ever discussed Airfields. States Status on the old Field indefinite as owning and operating two airfields improbable. Maintenance funds for old field extremely difficult and almost impossible to get.. Says old Field will revert back to the Federal Government, if the Dept of Aviation relinquishes rights to it. URGES we request new road on out past the Hospital, Standard Oil to connect with the road on out to the new Airfield. States if Council request old field closed it probably will be.

Hoffman explained C.A.A. keeps records on all planes landing and taking off the B.M.A airport and if more planes are recorded, the better the chances of getting new runways and more tie-downs, ect.

Carpenter says we will consider writing to have the old field closed at the Dec. meeting Ray Christianson moved the meeting be closed. Mr. Smit seconded. Ayes, 0 nays Meeting Adjourned.

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Sec. Treasurer