Bethel Village Council was called to order by Chairman Howard Elliott on Feb. 3, 1957 at 8 p.m. at the Cowan Hub. One member was absent due to illness.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Chairman read aloud a letter from the Attorney General advising the Council of his inability to directly advise the Council.

Eleven townspeople were in attendance.

Chairman Elliott and George Guilsher presented a rough draft of several letters written to Mr. Hawkins of R.D.B. to be voted upon and action taken. The following letters were motioned and agreed upon by the Council for the Sec. to write:

a. Boundaries of Bethel & withdrawals
b. Legality of our incorporation with carbon copy to Judge Forbes
c. Possibility of refund of tax collected on motor vehicles fuel to be used for development and maintaining of Bethel roads.

Chairman Elliott read a c.c. of a letter to Dr. Hayman of A.D.H. notifying him of the incorporation of Bethel but as of this meeting

no reply was ~~[illegible]~~ received

It was agreed by the Council to form a Correspondence Committee to take care of Correspondence of the Council and to meet its next meeting on Oct. 10, 1957.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed by the Council to take over the Fire Dept. which includes equipment, from George Guilsher. Inventory to be taken of available material and turned over to Howard Elliott Chairman of the Council.

George Guilsher informed the Council that surplus property could be obtained from the Alaska Surplus Property Board in Anchorage and that the price of the equipment is 4% of the original purchase cost.

~~The Council agreed to write to~~ Mr. Coffman ~~of Bureau of Land Management in Anchorage seeking information of surplus property and the possibility of turning over to the Council land of the municipal reserve. This to be done written by the Correspondence Committee~~

The Council voted to have the Sec. write to U.S. Marshal, Albert A. Rosh, in Fairbanks pertaining to the vacancy of a Marshal in this area and for information as to how soon one can be appointed.

Meeting adjourned