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**BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2004**

A QUORUM IS DECLARED PRESENT SO CHAIRMAN BOBBI WELLS OPENED AND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:08P.M.. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING WERE REVIEWED AND A MOTION MADE (DEBBIE OSSIANDER/LORAN SOLEE) AND APPROVED FOR ACCEPTANCE.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NOTED: EMAIL FROM SENATOR FRED DYSON DETAILING A MEETING ON 2/17/04 AT EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. ON THE EAGLE RIVER GREENBELT ACCESS. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD AND FINAL OPEN HOUSE BY THE ALASKA DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION TO DISCUSS PLANNING IMPROVED ACCESS. ON 2/14/04 A CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER CONSTITUENTS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ABOVE GARCIA'S FROM 4 TO 6 P.M.. MANY OF OUR LEGISLATORS WILL BE THERE SO GO TALK WITH THEM.

EARLY NOTIFICATION THAT OUR MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY DUE TO SCIENCE FAIR AT BIRCHWOOD ABC DURING THAT TIME. MARCH MEETING WILL STILL BE FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M..

BYLAWS – AS PROPOSED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING, CHANGES TO THE WORDING IN THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS WAS APPROVED ON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED (GAIL DIAL/NORM DIAL).

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARIES.

CHANGE TO READ: AFTER THE WORD "AREA" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, INSERT THE WORDS: DEPICTED IN THE OFFICIAL MAP ON FILE WITH THE MOA. DELETE THE WORDS "A SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF T15N R2W AND THE FORT RICHARDSON MILITARY RESERVATION", AND CHANGE TO READ: FOLLOWING THE CENTERLINE OF FIRE CREEK, BEGINNING WHERE IT CROSSES THE NEW GLENN HIGHWAY, RUNNING NORTH, UNTIL IT INTERSECTS THE WESTERNMOST BORDER WITHIN SECTION 25.

THEN PROCEEDING TRUE NORTH ALONG THAT SECTION LINE TO KNIK ARM.

**ARTICLE VI, UNDER ANNUAL MEETINGS.
CHANGE THE WORK "FEBRUARY" TO OCTOBER.**

**UNDER QUORUM,
AS APPROVED BY VOTE IN 1999, AMEND THE WORD AND NUMBER
"SEVEN (7)" TO READ FIVE (5).**

GAIL DIAL RAISED A QUESTION CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF YOSEMITE DRIVE IN EAGLE RIVER TO ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE DEBBIE OSSIANDER. DEBBIE IS RUNNING FOR THE SOON TO BE VACATED SEAT OF DAN KENDALL. SHE IS A 25 YEAR RESIDENT OF NORTH BIRCHWOOD AND TERM LIMITED OFF THE SCHOOL BOARD AFTER 10 AND A HALF YEARS. IN LISTING THINGS THAT ARE GIVING HER CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND REASONS FOR RUNNING, THESE ARE A FEW:

- 1) VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER ATTACK AND NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE ASSEMBLY TREATED THE ISSUE.**
- 2) MUNICIPAL MANAGERS COMMENTS IN THE STAR ABOUT SERVICE AREAS DUE TO BE PHASED OUT.**
- 3) BUDGET PROPOSALS AND REMEDIES**
- 4) MANY THINGS THREATENING THE RURAL PARTS OF CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER WITH THE CURRENT ASSEMBLY MAKEUP.**

DEBBIE LIKES THE WAY WE LIVE AND DO THINGS IN OUR AREA AND WANTS TO PROTECT OUR VALUES WITH THE HELP OF A VOCAL, STRONG, KNOWLEDGEABLE ASSEMBLY TEAM. POLICE STAFFING AND AMBULANCE FEES NEED TO BE RE-LOOKED AT AS WELL AS TITLE 21 CHANGES THAT MAY NOT BE GOOD FOR OUR AREA IN REGARDS TO KEEPING HORSES AND DOG TEAMS. HAVING BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN EDUCATIONAL ISSUES FOR MANY YEARS, DEBBIE ADMITS TO HAVING A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT PROCESSES AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL, BUT IS WILLING AND ABLE TO DO IT. FOR ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE QUESTIONS FOR DEBBIE, SHE CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE @ 688-2308 OR EMAIL @ WWW.OSSIANDER.ORG. PLEASE VOTE APRIL 6TH.

BOND INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PAYOFF OF BONDS WAS BROUGHT UP. IT IS NOTED THAT WITH THE PROPOSED SEPARATION FROM ANCHORAGE IN ITS EARLY STAGE, FURTHER APPROVAL OF ANY BONDS WILL JUST COMPLICATE THE FINANCIAL END OF OUR EVENTUAL SPLIT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY.

FCC REPORT- THE MEETING IN JANUARY WAS A SPECIAL AGENDA

MEETING TO COVER THE ISSUES OF BUDGET CUTBACKS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE AND MAIL FUNDS FOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AND AGENDAS. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING ON THE 18TH.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M..

MINUTES COMPILED BY NANETTE BELK, SECRETARY

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