

Haines Public Safety Commission Meeting November 3, 2014  
Council Chambers, 5pm Called to order at 5:05pm

Present: Jim Stanford(JS), Kay Clements(KC), Judy Ewald(JE), Judy Erekson(JLE), Chief Musser

Guests: Karen Garcia, Margaret Friedenauer, Lt. Dave Kyle (Salvation Army)

Absent: Bob Duis (BD)

Agenda: JE moves to approve, JLE 2nds

Minutes: suggested correction by Chief - Haines has one trooper not 2 – JLE moves to approve corrected minutes, Kay 2nds – forwarded to Clerk as approved.

#### Old Business:

- Emergency food stores update: information that we have is that the food stored previously for a disaster has timed out and been destroyed. Lt Kyle of Salvation Army talked about food availability from the state with costs and calculations on food distribution and allocation. There is still confusion among the commissioners about what is working within the current disaster plan which has not been updated. Disaster managers work with borough manager and have not responded to queries from the commission. We agreed that JS would send a letter requesting updates and clarification on management to Dave Sosa. Moved and seconded.
- Taxi alignment with state regs: tabled with absence of Bob Duis
- Brush Cutting up Haines Highway: JS wrote to Matt Boron for information on brush cutting and whether or not volunteer help would be appreciated. Mr. Boron responded that DOT workers were assigned elsewhere over the summer and with slides and plugged culverts taking priority, didn't get to do what they know needs doing. Still on their list.
- Chief Musser and quarterly reports: Chief created and distributed informational tables showing number of and category of calls for each month during last quarter which was received warmly. This will be updated quarterly going forward. There was a suggestion to add to the information the amount of charges brought as a result of the calls. As this information is not automated and has to be manually gathered, Chief said he would consider if that was time – efficient given priorities of his job. Chief also reported that dispatch interviews are in process and a fourth officer was hired bringing Police Department to full crew of 4 officers and Chief.
- KC talked about a potential grant available for collaboration between radio station, community and borough that would increase disaster preparedness. Offered to pursue more information and outline.

Open forum discussion: returned to disaster preparedness and frustration of not having a concrete handle on how it works in Haines. As a community liaison, the commission would like to be briefed by the disaster planners even if they are not utilized in the plan.  
It the PSC covered for liability during disaster? What about volunteers?

Would a booth at the holiday crafts fair be useful in dispensing information. Commission would like more direction from the borough on how to be useful. Meanwhile, JE is doing some research on food and storage; Lt Dave is looking into printed information; KC is researching grant and JS is contacting manager for more clarity on our role in disaster preparedness.

**Minutes approved at December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Next meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday 5pm**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm