

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission

Meeting Date: 11/16/2015
Date of Approval: 12/7/2015

Call to Order: A Public Hearing of the Haines Borough Public Safety Commission was held at the Chilkat Center for the Arts on 11/16/15]. The meeting convened at 5:30pm with Jim Stanford presiding.

Members in Attendance: *Judy Erekson, Judy Ewald, Kay Clements, Bob Duis and Jim Stanford, Assembly Liaison Ron Jackson. Chief Griffith Absent.*

Others in Attendance: *Manager Sosa, Vice-Mayor Lapham, Karen Garcia, Jillian Rogers, Jenn Walsh, Bill McCord, Evelynna Vignola.*

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by KC, JLE/2 to approve agenda. Approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by BD, JE/2 to approve the minutes of the September meeting 2015 meeting and forward to borough clerk. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Report on HELP committee from BD –no meeting, no movement.
- Discussion on Klehini Fire Department drop in rating from an 8 to a 10, (worst possible rate) and effects on homeowner insurance costs as related by affected homeowners. Gunn- Kistler rates have doubled as a result of KVFD rating loss. Access to water sources, proper training and volunteer base identified as needing to be addressed. Chair requested input from firefighter Jenn Walsh on training importance and availability in Haines.
- Trustees of KVPD (Venables, Lapp and McGlaughlin) are monitoring but PSC would like to be better informed as to budget, expenses, management and training opportunities.

1) Motion: Moved by Judy Ewald that the Public Safety Commission contact the trustees and Chief of the Klehini Valley Fire Dept to meet with the PSC at a date to be determined. KC seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

Chair Stanford will write letter and organize meeting.

New Business:

1)Way forward with regard to search for new chief of police.

Motion: Moved by Jim Stanford, JEwald/2 urge the Borough to use a cost effective outsourcing of a consulting firm for the Police chief hire, ideally to include search for city manager simultaneously.

Motion carried 4 to 1: Stanford, Ewald, Clements and Duis in favor, Erekson opposed,

2) Chair asked for comments/input on PSC annual report to Assembly.

Erekson noted lack of follow through with reports from PSC getting to assembly and requested that be noted.

3) Minor Ordinances

Ewald suggested that the PSC revisit the minor ordinances under the PSC purview and forward input to Minor Ordinance Committee recently formed.

Announcements: none

Public Comments: Bill McCord reiterated that if the search had started in spring when the interim police chief was hired that we would be further ahead at this point.

Next meeting Dec 7th, 5:30pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

*Kay Clements, Secretary
Public Safety Commission*