

PIE TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2010
Pie Town Community Center Building

CALL TO ORDER: 3:10 pm by Chairman, Tucker McHugh

ATTENDANCE:

Tucker McHugh, Chair
Sue Bolander, 2nd Chair
Hal Huber, Treasurer
Jeanine Huber, Secretary
Kenneth Bostick
Bob McClellan
Cyndi Lee
Ruth Hanrahan
John Hanrahan
Karen Bingham

PRESENTATION BY CYNDI LEE, EMS:

Cyndi Lee, Director of EMS in Pie Town, presented information on the services provided by EMS for Pie Town and all the surrounding communities in 2009.

Statistics:

Fire Responses:	13
Respond to report of smoke:	2
Respond to Motor Vehicle Accidents	10
Ambulance Runs	39
Training days at Pie Town Volunteer Fire Department	56
Days that activity was logged at The Pie Town VFD	111

In Pie Town, there are 13 volunteers in fire and EMS. Statistics are combined because most of the volunteers do both Fire and EMS. Radios are on 24/7 to provide service, not only to Pie Town, but to aid the surrounding communities.

Of the 13 volunteers, 10 work full time jobs. Of those 10, 8 are self-employed business owners so their work time is not limited to a 40 hour work week. Ten volunteers are over the age of 50. Nine of the 13 volunteers are both Fire and EMS. Six of the 13 are doing some form of elder care for aging parents.

Pie Town services extend to the surrounding areas also. Of the 13 fire tones, only 2 were in the Pie Town District. Of the 10 motor vehicle accidents, only 4 were in our district. Members of the Pie Town Volunteer Fire Department and Pie Town EMS are committed to responding wherever the need arises.

Training has included fire (structure and wild land), Hazmat, CEVO (both fire and ambulance), CPR and First Aid, a First Responder class and an EMT bridge to Basic EMT. Fifteen new First Responders are available for service, 8 of whom are active in the Fire Service.

To the above activities, add meetings, truck maintenance, building maintenance, extensive administrative time, inspections, cleaning and laundry.

EMS and the FD are training constantly. For additional training not provided locally and to avoid “instructional inbreeding”, training needs to be accomplished other than locally. New ideas, new equipment and its use and new changes in the law need to be achieved outside the local area. Cyndi’s training to remain as an instructor has to be accomplished out of the area. To continue to provide training for new volunteers and recertify current volunteers, she must receive this training. Seminars for these needs are put on during the year by three State major organizations. The cost is approximately \$1,000 per person. Funding has been cut to the EMS program by \$3,000. Last year only \$13,000 was received. This year with the budget shortfall only \$10,000 is budgeted. Of that amount, \$7,000 has already been used for training. Funding for expendable items is budgeted by the State, the County provides the fuel for vehicles.

EMS is in need of funds for training. The Fire Department is not in such a bad financial situation because 3% of home insurance payments is allocated for fire protection.

Cyndi was asked about the new heliport and if it has been used. Also, complaints have been received about the light used at the heliport and could it be turned off when not needed. The light is a distraction to those people with observatories and many people have moved to this area because of the dark skies.

Cyndi replied, yes, the heliport has been used once. It is a State funded facility. It was the judgment call of County Manager, Bill Aymar, to keep the light on. Pilots of the medivac helicopters must be within 5 miles of the heliport to key the light on. PHI is the main air ambulance service to this area. It is a safety issue with them and they are the organization to talk to about the light since it is their safety at risk.

In addition to the need for training funding, Cyndi said there is always need of more volunteers. There is a First Responder Class starting on March 1st. More information is published on the Council’s Website.

Following Cyndi’s departure, a lengthy discussion was held on the Council helping financially with the training funds for EMS. Jeanine Huber moved and Hal Huber seconded the motion to fund EMS with \$3,000. Motion passed.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jeanine Huber

1. Minutes are posted on the Web Site and members without internet capabilities are provided hard copies of the Minutes. Motion made by Sue Bolander to approve Minutes as written. Seconded by Hal Huber. Motion passed.
2. Letter received from student from Rio Rancho requesting information on Pie Town. Secretary answered letter.
3. Ruth clarified Library Committee previously established: Ruth, Joan Williams and Sharon Bostick

TREASURER REPORT: Hal Huber (Attachment 1)

1. Copy of report presented to members present.

Accounts:

Well's Fargo Bank:

Checking:	\$ 9,334.16
Savings:	1,938.01
Cash:	<u>49.72</u>
Total:	\$11,321.89

2. A Grant was received from Bike and Build in the amount of \$100.00. The riders on the trip in August 2009 designated PTCC to be recipients.
3. Check was written to NM Status of Women to nominate Ruth Hanrahan for Women of the Year. Phone vote was taken February 12, 2010 to okay this expenditure. Affirmative votes: Sue Bolander, Hal Huber, Jeanine Huber and Nita Larronde.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Sue Bolander (Attachment 2)

In January, there were 1,665 visits to Website; 42% of these were for Pie Festival site.

There are 22 sites that link to us.

There are 11 Business Ads

No new pages

No deleted pages

Classified Ads on Site: 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Forever Frontier Publication does not need Ad information as yet but they would like to have verification of interest and ad size so that they may hold a space.
2. T-shirt design contest: To date, two entries have been received. Deadline for entries will be extended to April 30, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ruth reminded Council that inventory of concession stand and Community Center, to be done by PTCC Chair, is due by March meeting per By Laws.
2. Election Notices: Tucker presented copies of drafts for review of PTCC election to be held March 17th. Tucker says he will be responsible for printing and posting fliers in all three area communities to advertise election time and place.
3. Discussion was held on allowing written nominations prior to the election. Hal Huber moved and Jeanine Huber seconded the motion to accept in advance of, or on the day of elections, any written nominations for Council open positions. This will be a one time only arrangement. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer, Hal Huber, resigned effective the end of this meeting. The Treasurer position will be added to the open positions to be filled at the March 17th meeting.
5. Open Positions to be filled at March 17th election:
2nd Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Member-at-Large (vacated by Ken Bostick)
Member-at-Large (River term expiration)

Filled Positions:

Chair: Tucker McHugh
Member-at-Large: Nita Larronde

5. Karen Bingham requested money from Benevolent Fund for local residents Thelma and Pops McKee. Pops recently suffered a broken hip and they need help with expenses—especially transportation costs for doctor visits. Jeanine Huber moved and Sue Bolander seconded the motion to present the McKees with \$250.00. Motion Passed.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 17th at 3pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Huber, Secretary