

PIE TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2010
Pie Town Community Center Building

CALL TO ORDER: 3pm by Chairman, Tucker McHugh

ATTENDANCE:

Tucker McHugh, Chair
Sue Bolander, 2nd Chair
Hal Huber, Treasurer
Jeanine Huber, Secretary
Kenneth Bostick, Member at Large
Nita Larronde, Member at Large
River, Member at Large
Bob McClellan
Kathy Knapp
Tony Shannon
Joan Shannon

NOTES & OBSERVATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN: (Copied exactly from statement presented to Secretary)

It has been about 45 days since our last meeting. I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year. During those days I had ample time to read our By Laws and reflect on my decision to clean the out houses and subsequently take the Chair's seat.

My outhouse assignment was ostensibly to be for two months. But because of the poor selection of council meeting dates-----and they were my selections-----I have been on that job for the best part of three months. That is sufficient time to realize that this job needs to be re-planned. Some questions need answers-----Like how does one get someone to take over the job? And how does one get a new sucker-----or, rather, volunteer? And how does one tell the new sucker what the job entails and how to do it?

Because I could not get all these answers together I decided to try to write a Job Description. So until I complete that,,,,I will continue to do this necessary maintenance.

My only other job is to keep these meetings orderly and productive. And because we are all well behaved and cooperative adults, that will be a piece of cake. And because our by laws do not dictate any style or type of procedure,----with your approval----, I will use a rather loose Robert's Rules of Order.

This means that I will not be making any motions. I will of course ask for someone to make a motion and a second. If no one is willing to move and second, that action will die then and there.

So my job will allow me to vote only when it is necessary to break a tie vote. This should allow us to move the meeting along rather nicely. So now we come to that part about asking for someone to make a motion. I like to use committees to get things done. And I do not mean to have those committees made up of only council members.

A POSTAL ZIP CODE, Does NOT a village make. But that is what designates what makes up our community. Our BY LAWS say that 87827 postal box people are the ones who vote for the council members. How long has it been since we even had an election of officers for the council? We have a devil of a time just to get a sucker to agree to serve. Why do you think that is? I think I know. But I would like to hear your feelings about this. Off the record of course.

In the meantime, I would like to get a couple of you to move and second a motion to form a standing Maintenance Committee. It doesn't need to be done right now but it must be done. Just think about it. The duties of said committee will be varied. After the job description is completed, said committee will take over the out house duties.....And when the weather permits they will undertake repair and maintenance of the community center. And while they are at it, they will see what they can do about the locks and latches on all our park building and outhouses. Just think about it.

And I hope you don't think I am suggesting to form this committee just so that I can get out of the latrine detail. To prove that I am not shirking my duty, I am asking that you appoint me as chairman of the Maintenance committee.

We already have precedence for standing committees. I don't know what it is called, but it is the committee headed by Sue that awards the scholarship. Can we write some rules for that function if we don't have some now?

Then we should do something about the Festival. I am not going to be in charge of that and I have been informed that no one on the council wants that job. If we form a committee called the Festival committee or Pie in the face committee or whatever, I'll bet we can get someone to take the responsibility. That committee **MUST** have a job description already prepared. And thanks to Jeanine we have one in the works.

And Ruth needs help with the Library. Let's give her a committee so we can find her some help.

And then we have a need to give charity to needy persons from time to time. Rather than handle these cases hap- hazardly, we could have committee rules that would make it easier to rule on who could be a recipient.

And how about an Arts and Entertainment Committee?

Of course, we will need a Budget committee. To see that we don't spend more than we can afford.

And right now I can name a temporary committee that I believe will be needed in order to look into some old business that was brought up some months ago but not taken care of. I refer to the question about the ownership of this building. And whether we should become a 501 c.

Just think about what that can do to get people interested in this community; and our web site.....

This brings me to my final observation for this council meeting. Because our present By Laws do not allow for executive sessions of the council, we do not have a platform on which to discuss things that are touchy enough to be kept quiet. An executive committee made up of council members could alleviate that problem until we can take care of that.

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 Kenneth Bostick approve Minutes as written. Second by Hal Huber. Motion passed.
2. Thank you card received from recipient of Benevolent Fund.
3. Letter received from student from Iowa requesting information on Pie Town. Secretary answered letter.
4. Community Center reserved Saturday, January 23rd by NM Arm Wrestling Association for Memorial service to include pot luck, BBQ and practice arm wrestling.

TREASURER REPORT: Hal Huber (Attachment 1)

1. Copy of report presented to members present.

Accounts:

Well's Fargo Bank:

Checking: \$ 9,681.03

Savings: 1,938.01

Cash: 49.72

Total: \$11,668.76

2. Kenneth Bostick moved and Nita Larronde seconded the motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
3. Sam's Club renewal of \$35.00 due. Expense tabled until after March elections so that new members may be added to those eligible to use card.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Sue Bolander (Attachment 2)

1. In December, there were 1,181 visits to Website; 41% of these were for Pie Festival site, mostly for the contest rules. Thank you Cathy Bissey for those well-written, coveted rules!
There are 20 sites that link to us.
There are 11 Business Ads
No new pages
No deleted pages
Classified Ads on Site: 1- renew?
2. Activity: Renewed two domain names (pietowncouncil.com and pietownfestival.com for a year at a cost of \$15.34.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The PHI signup was quite successful. Twenty-one households signed up from Pie Town area. Nine households from Socorro signed up with Pie Town group. Households may continue to signup, however, no matter what the signup date, renewal will still be due in December 2010.
2. The Holiday Dinner was “awesome” according to Nita. Approximately 35 people attended event. A big “thanks” goes to Ruth and John Hanrahan for planning and organizing event.
3. T-Shirt Design Contest: One entry so far. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2010.
4. Library will be closed most of January related to illness and lack of help.
5. 501(c)(3): Chairman feels a committee needs to be formed to decide what direction to take with this. All the pros and cons need to be weighed. Chairman gave Secretary a copy of the IRS requirements for becoming 401(c)(3). (Attachment 3 of Secretary’s Minutes).
6. Chairman Tucker made a statement concerning incident where he was allegedly accused of being a thief. The incident occurred approximately January 6th at Top of the World Store. Many rumors and accusations have been circulating about the incident and Tucker stated he wanted to explain what happened. He denied taking anything other than a paper plate and disposable microwave plastic container and, as he said, the error he made was concealing the items in his coat. He was not accused of any wrong doing at the time by the clerk that witnessed the event nor has he been charged by the authorities of any wrong doing. He stated he has been to the store many times since to drink coffee or eat.

Tony Shannon voiced his concern about the reputation of the Council and this event and felt Tucker should step down as Chair. Tony stated Ruth Hanrahan volunteered to Chair the Council until March elections. Tony also expressed his concerns about Tucker’s lack of enthusiasm in cleaning the porta potties and making statements to dump manager about closing the dump. A lively discussion followed. Tony and Joan Shannon left the meeting during the discussion. Due to the many varied second accounts and lack of first hand information about this situation, no action was taken by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The deadline for advertising in the Fabulous Frontier Magazine is January 31st as stated in the Monthly Mail. Kathy Knapp volunteered to talk with editor, Gale, and find out more information on what is needed to advertise in the Magazine.
2. Kenneth Bostick presented his letter of resignation to Council effective immediately. (Attachment 4 on Secretary's Minutes)
3. Comments regarding Tucker's opening statement were addressed by members.
 - A. Nita. She is not in favor of committees. She feels the Council is more casual than needing committees and, even though, PTCC is made up of people in the 87827 address, everyone comes from all over to help with the Pie Festival All people, regardless of their physical location, are invited and encouraged to help. She also said it wasn't fair to say there would be no Pie Festival because it will happen.

B. River stated that he respects the fact that Tucker volunteered to Chair the Council. He feels that if the people of Catron County are not up for helping, they will not help. There will be less and less help. He also feels the Pie Festival has become too big, too fast paced and less to do with Pie Town.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 17th at 3pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Huber, Secretary