

# Point Hope Hold Its Election

The people of Point Hope held General Election for their out-going Councilmen. The following is the newly elected Officials results: Martin Oktollik Sr.-56; Rex Tuzroyluk Jr.-53; David U. Stone Sr.-48.

Shortly after the election the newly elected Councilmen held an organizational meeting for the vacant positions of Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Member. The following is the outcome: Mayor-David U. Stone Sr.; Vice-Mayor-Willie Omnik; Treasurer-Martin Oktollik; Secretary: Member; Member; Member.

It was stated in the meeting by the Mayor that due to the absence of the other remaining Councilmen, that they would be positioned only as acting officers. The newly elected Councilmen discussed City Matters which were left to the discretion of the present administration.

They discussed the present

status of the past administration. In this matter it was apparent that the financial situation would have to be improved through State or Federal Administrative funding, or other sources.

And other matters of concern were or was the temporary dike which is badly needed on the low spots west side of town. Volunteer help will be needed from the concerned citizens of Point Hope, due to flood problems yearly just before freeze-up.

And another thing is the old Age, which we have been neglecting for a long time. The City Council have gone as far as are in the process of having Hot-Lunch Program for the old people, providing that the city qualifies under the requirements of the Old Age Act.

The people involved in getting this Hot-Lunch Program

have been contacted. In the past, the village has been getting assistance from R.D.A. (Rural Development Agency) for different projects, in betterment or improvements that needed to be done in the village.

The Mayor has gone as far as contacting the Director of R.D. A. by phone. They discussed the situation over and the Director has sent us an application to reapply for the funds that were promised in the past, for the total sum of \$13,500.

And another thing of concern is the houses they live in here in Point Hope. A.S.H.A. was the one who built these houses; and several people here in the community have found these houses unsuitable and inadequate to live in. So far the Council have written to Alaska Legal Services in asking for their assistance and legal advice as pertaining to that matter.

No response as yet from Alaska Legal Services. And as far as housing is concerned we have some application from F.H.A. (Farmers' Home Administration) which were filed 1973, and up to date we have not received any word as whether these houses will be appropriated.

The housing liason man from Barrow, has the responsibility of coordinating these application to see that they are followed through.

Many items were discussed concerning matters that needed attention as pertaining to the City itself.