

**HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING #25  
AUGUST 20, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor **CASE** called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building.
2. **PLEDGE TO FLAG:** Led by the Mayor.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Mayor Mike **CASE** and Assembly Members Chip **LENDE**, Douglas **OLERUD**, Jerry **LAPP**, Stephanie **SCOTT**, Lucy **HARRELL** and Debra **SCHNABEL**.

**Staff Present:** Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Keith **BETTRIDGE**/Borough Manager, Jim **MOCK**/Harbormaster, and Cynthia "CJ" **JONES**/Museum Director.

**Visitors Present:** Steve **WILLIAMS**/CVN, Sarah **NEAL**/KHNS, Burl **SHELDON**, and Dan **EGOLF**, Dave **BUTTON**, Jane **BUTTON**, Mike **WARD**, Tom **PRANG**, and Dave **PARKS**.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA:**

M/S **LENDE/LAPP** Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

- \* 5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** August 6, 2003 Regular

6. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**

A. Burl **SHELDON** asked that the Solid Waste Management Plan be addressed again. He believes that the Haines Borough currently has the very best solid waste program in the Southeast. "The recycling and composting programs are very valuable contributions and will enable the landfill to last for a long time." He suspects that the solid waste entities have limited financial strength and is uncertain about the future. He voiced a hope that the Assembly would take some consideration of the programs and the players on behalf of Borough citizens.

B. Mike **WARD** expressed concern that he does not know what is going on within the Borough government. He requested a monthly report of some type to the citizenry. **LENDE** suggested that the Borough regularly advertise the website as a way to keep the public informed. **COZZI** mentioned the plan to publish at least a quarterly newsletter.

Mayor **CASE** closed the audience participation portion of the meeting at 6:45 p.m.





**AN ORDINANCE OF THE HAINES BOROUGH AMENDING SECTION  
2.74.030 MODIFYING THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENT FOR  
RECRUITMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS AND DISPATCH/JAILERS.**

Mayor **CASE** opened the hearing to the public at 7:06 p.m.

**WARD** said that he believes *one year* is too long. "A lot can happen in that time," and he suggested that *6 months* be considered, instead.

Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

M/S **LENDE/LAPP** Motion to set Ordinance 03-08-026 for second public hearing on September 3, 2003.

Mayor **CASE** suggested that the word "qualified" be added to "applicants" in the text. **LAPP** asked if the Assembly should consider the "6 months suggestion." **SCOTT** said that "it seems like one year is a pretty long time to not open it up to the community." **SCHNABEL** said that it "should require a one or two week advertising in the local community." **HARRELL** commented that there is "no reason that someone couldn't submit an application for employment at any time---unsolicited." **OLERUD** pointed out that the text says *shall re-advertise*. **BETTRIDGE** said that it is "not just a recruitment issue but a retainment issue, as well." **SCOTT** believes that the Borough has "some duty to inform the public and is not comfortable leaving this totally up to the discretion of the Police Chief."

M/S **SCOTT/LAPP** Motion to amend ordinance proposal to read *6 months* rather than *1 year*.

**LENDE** said that "the Chief probably has a good reason for having it be one year and the Assembly should trust his judgment."

**WARD** said that he believes "the Borough would be putting themselves into a critical situation---opening up a can of worms." **HARRELL** responded that the Borough just went through the same type of thing to hire a new borough manager. "It is consistent with State statute. It costs money and time to re-advertise and recruit." **SCOTT** once again expressed concern about not notifying the public of employment opportunities. **SCHNABEL** offered that another approach would be to post notices and put periodic ads in the newspaper stating that "applications are always welcome. That would give Goodman an ongoing pool of applicants." **BETTRIDGE** clarified that the Police Chief wants this to be position-specific and to cover *like requirements*, but will ask him for clarification.



that "recently Haines Packing went out of business; they had a tender in town all that time. With the changeover to Ocean Beauty, the Code did not provide the opportunity to transfer the former Haines Packing stall. For the good of the gill-netters and the community, the tender needs to be able to moor. This ordinance is not for the purposes of any old person purchasing a boat and wanting to get the stall. It would be at the discretion of the Manager and the Assembly."

**WARD** said that he would like to see the ordinance reworded.

Hearing no more comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

M/S **OLERUD/LAPP** Motion to set Ordinance 03-08-028 for second public hearing on September 3, 2003.

**HARRELL** said she believes the wording is too narrow. She cited the example of the barges that came in to deal with the oil spill and wants the ordinance reworded so that it will accommodate a vessel, not necessarily just a business or specific person. "Sometimes publicly-owned vessels need to be in a slip." **OLERUD** said he believes the wording needs to be more broad. "Ocean Beauty did not buy any boats. They assumed contracts only. In the public interest, exceptions may need to be made." **SCHNABEL** said that some of the language is contradictory, in her opinion. " The Harbormaster needs to come forward with recommended policies so that the Assembly can make informed decisions."

M/S Harrell/Scott Motion to table the ordinance and refer it to the Manager for rewording.

Motion to table passed unanimously.

**OLERUD** asked if action needs to be taken now since it is the middle of fishing season. **MOCK** responded that all tenders are being given space. **SCOTT** commended the Harbormaster for coming to the meeting and encouraged him to be involved in the process of changing the ordinance.

## **9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

### **A. Borough Manager - Written Report**

#### **1. Bear/Angler Interaction**

**BETTRIDGE** said that the Mayor went out to the site and took photos of the signage. **SCOTT** said that in studying the issue, she learned that "the real problem is not the signs but having people be careful out there. The remedy is a bear monitor to guide people. That monitor is funded through a federal grant but was only just funded last week. The Assembly could have some leverage affect by writing to

the State and Feds to let them know that we appreciate the monitor funding, but that we see a real need to have the monitor prior to Sept. 1 which is when the monitor this year will start. No sign in the world will prevent some people from getting too close to bears. The State is willing to hire a monitor, just slow, but with a little input from the Assembly, they may get them here faster."

**SHELDON** asked to correct a misconception. He said that in the letter that he wrote to the Assembly, he made a personal recommendation to them but implied that it was one that the whole Chilkoot River Corridor (CRC) Project Group had made. The CRC Project Group has not issued a new position since May 2001. At that time, their recommendations were: 1) private land should be posted, and 2) anglers should be discouraged from fishing on the eastside. The Group is meeting in October and will readdress everything at that time. He apologized to the Assembly. **SHELDON** also brought up the bear monitor program. He said that it is "a way for us to have our cake and eat it too. The road is a Dept. of Transportation right-of-way that allows every person in the world to drive up through the Chilkoot River Corridor. The public really wants their access. No strategies are recommended to limit or close the area to access." The strategy he personally recommends is that the Assembly consult with the agencies that will be tasked with enforcement to come up with a direction or a strategy. He believes that it is important to let professionals do their jobs.

**PRANG** asked the Mayor for permission to speak briefly on the CRC bear/angler topic. He was the bear monitor in the Chilkoot River Corridor last year. He has seen more and more people parking and boating to the far shore of the lake and believes there is no safe zone for anglers. "There is no enforcement out there. Locals and visitors, alike, are taking their boats out there in the dark and are not being careful." He expressed shock that nothing has happened up to this point and believes it is just a matter of time before something will.

**WARD** asked if the Assembly was going to readdress the issue since not all of the members were present at the previous meeting. Mayor **CASE** responded that the Manager has checked on the legalities, and the attorney has said that the "status quo is okay."

## **2. Administration Building Remodel Update**

**BETTRIDGE** explained that he had provided a copy of the plans in the meeting packets, because the Assembly had

appropriately asked for an opportunity to review them and provide input. **LENDE** asked for the timeframe on the project and whether or not there would be time to do all of it. **BETTRIDGE** explained that the Borough must vacate the Willard Street office by the end of November and believes that there will be time. **LENDE** asked when the project might go out to bid, and **BETTRIDGE** responded that he believes it would be 2 to 3 weeks to get the bid packet out after the Assembly approves it. He will get the final bid amount to the Assembly. The Assembly voiced no objections to the plans.

### **3. General Matters**

At the Manager's request, **COZZI** summarized the status of current staff and contract position recruitments.

- C. Borough CFO - NONE
- D. Economic Development/Tourism - NONE
- E. Police Chief - NONE
- \* F. Library - WRITTEN
- \* G. Museum - WRITTEN

**JONES** summarized the written museum report for the group.

- H. Public Works - NONE
- I. Water/Sewer - NONE
- \* J. Fire/EMS - WRITTEN
- K. Harbors - NONE

### **10. BIDS/PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**

### **11. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL REQUEST(S):**

Alaska Travel Industry Association Membership Renewal  
The Assembly members had no objection and approved it.

### **12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

### **13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

### **14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS:**

### **15. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES PROPOSED FOR INTRODUCTION:**

### **16. CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **17. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **18. NEW BUSINESS:**

Strategic Planning

**SCHNABEL** said that she would like to see at least three sessions of 3-4 hours each to discuss strategic planning. She also addressed the idea of having an Assembly "retreat" for planning purposes and offered the Weeping Trout Sports Resort during September or October. **SCOTT** asked if the public would have to be able to have access to a discussion about strategic planning---to at least observe. **HARRELL** said that she believes a retreat would be okay, because no legislation would be enacted---only goal-setting. Mayor **CASE** asked the Assembly if they would want a professional facilitator. **SCHNABEL** said that she would like to have a general session without a facilitator at first. Mayor **CASE** commented that the strategic planning session needs to be taken care of soon. He said that the Assembly "needs to say where we want this community to be in the future, so that we are not just reacting to everything." He asked the Assembly members to not "just come out with a wish list. People need to be assigned to get things done, money allocated, and certain time schedules."

**WARD** suggested the 1995 Chamber of Commerce "Haines 2005" document as a good resource.

**19. SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

**Committee of the Whole, Thursday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.**  
To go over applicants for the Controller position.

**Committee of the Whole, Wednesday, September 24, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**  
To review individual comments on the edited drafts of Titles 1 and 2 of the Consolidated Borough Code. Each Assembly member committed to reviewing the titles on their own prior to the meeting.

**Strategic Planning Retreat - not scheduled during meeting.**  
Mayor **CASE** will get with the individual Assembly members to get a date consensus.

**20. ASSEMBLY MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**SCHNABEL** commented that she is "struck with the erosion of respect for what the community and citizens have to say." She would like the Assembly to make sure that they listen to what the citizen groups have to say, because it is "damaging to community input to have the Assembly not give serious consideration to them."

**LENDE** said that some people have approached him about the Borough purchasing the "Haines Packing cannery beach lands" for public use. The Assembly discussed the topic, but no action was taken.

**OLERUD** asked whether or not the controller position is a manager-hire or an assembly-hire. Mayor **CASE** responded that it is a manager-hire, but the Assembly should review it since the successful candidate would have the potential of becoming a CFO. **OLERUD** also took the opportunity to clarify his position on the Chilkoot River Corridor bear/angler issue. He explained that he has gotten "flack" for his vote during the 8/6 Assembly meeting regarding posting signs. He agrees that it is a problem but believes closing the land and posting more signs are not the solution.

**HARRELL** said she is very interested in having a brainstorming session about the Assembly's goals. She pointed out that she does "not like just putting out fires, but would like to anticipate things and be proactive." She expressed hope that it happens soon and thanked **SCHNABEL** for offering the Weeping Trout Sports Resort as a location option whether or not it is used.

**LAPP** asked if the Borough is taking care of the snow removal for the schools. It is his understanding that the Borough took care of it last year and put it out to bid. Mayor **CASE** responded that he believes the schools are going to be doing it themselves this year, and he asked the Manager to find out for sure and report back.

Mayor **CASE** explained to the Assembly that whenever a title to property or a release of easement has to be transferred, the Mayor has had the signature responsibility. He asked if they had any objections to it becoming the Manager's responsibility instead since he is the chief administrator of the Borough. The Assembly members had no objection.

## 21. ADJOURNMENT

M/S **OLERUD/LAPP** Motion to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mike Case, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

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