


Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #115
June 26, 2007
MINUTES

Approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Mayor **SHIELDS** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL** **Present:** Mayor Fred **SHIELDS** and Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Doug **OLERUD**, Pete **LAPHAM**, and Scott **ROSSMAN**.
Absent: Luck **DUNBAR** and Deborah **VOGT**.

Motion by **OLERUD**: Excuse Assembly Member **VOGT**'s absence. It was seconded by **ROSSMAN**. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present: Robert **VENABLES**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, and Jerrie **CLARKE**/Museum Director.

Visitors Present: Tom **MORPHET**/CVN, Suzanne **VUILLET-SMITH**, Roger **SCHNABEL**, Floy **MCDOWELL**, Mike **CASE**, Doris **PECK**, Norm **HUGHES**, Don **TURNER Jr.**, Ira **HENRY**, Don **TURNER III**, Ed **MICHINSKI**, Ray **STASKA**, Mary **GIOVANINI**, Patrick **SHALLCROSS**, and others.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**
ROSSMAN requested the addition of New Business item 11C7 - Chilkat Lake Road Emergency Repairs. There was no objection.

Motion by **LAPHAM**: Approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda, as amended. It was seconded by **LAPP**. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES*** 6/12/07 Regular

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

GIOVANINI, representing the Haines Animal Rescue Kennel spoke regarding recent livestock attacks by a dog. They are working to educate the public, the police department is citing the dog owners, and the situation is being dealt with.

6. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

The mayor mentioned that the U.S. Coast Guard is in town to patrol the waters.

SHIELDS said that he and manager visited earlier with the borough attorney regarding the proposed collective bargaining agreement, and the attorney has recommended some administrative changes.

On Saturday, Skagway is celebrating their new borough status. Sen. Lisa Murkowski will be there. The Haines Borough will be represented by the mayor and the manager.

The mayor said he spoke with Assembly Member **DUNBAR** and his intent is to resign from the assembly since he cannot attend the meetings. The assembly must appoint an individual to fill this vacated seat until the October 2007 municipal election. Letters of interest will be solicited via public advertising.

The mayor expressed appreciation to the clerk for the way she writes the assembly meeting minutes and said he believes **COZZI's** minutes are the best he has ever read in the 25 years he has been reading minutes.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 07-05-158 - second hearing

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 18 Section 18.110.010 to add the most recent Haines Coastal Management Plan (HCMP) revision date.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 6:40pm.

STASKA spoke for the Takshanuk Watershed Council (TWC) and said the broader the scope of the HCMP, the easier it will be for the TWC to bring in grant monies and provide expertise to the whole borough and not just the townsite.

Hearing no further comments, the mayor closed the hearing at 6:41.

Motion by **OLERUD**: Adopt Ordinance 07-05-158. It was seconded by **ROSSMAN**. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinance 07-06-159 - second hearing

An ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly establishing Mt. Riley Road Electrification Local Improvement District (LID).

The mayor opened the public hearing at 7:42pm.

TURNER III said the frontage method should be maintained. He believes it is the most fair even though a different method would actually be cheaper for him.

Hearing no further comments, the mayor closed the hearing at 6:44pm.

Motion by **OLERUD**: Adopt Ordinance 07-06-159. It was seconded by **ROSSMAN**.

ROSSMAN said he believes the frontage share method should be maintained. He observed that only one property owner expressed opposition to that method. **LAPP** said he reviewed the different options and still believes it is the fairest way to handle this LID. **LAPHAM** reviewed the options again and prefers the equal shares method. **OLERUD** said he thinks

the share by lot frontage is still the better way to go.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Borough Manager

The manager summarized his written report that included the following topics:

- **Union Street Project**
- **King Salmon Release Project**
- **Ice House Update**
- **Yukon-Alaska Port Study**
- **Pool Update**
- **School Construction Update**
- **Personnel Update**

The mayor provided an update on the Union Street Project and said it looks promising that it will happen this year. **LAPHAM** asked if the state was addressing the drainage situation by the carwash. **VENABLES** said the state has declined to address it at this time. He suggested that any campaign to get the drainage added on to the project should be delayed until the project goes out to bid so that there are no more delays. **LAPHAM** said it shouldn't take much to add it on except for the need to get permits. **OLERUD** suggested the borough separate the Third Avenue reconstruction portion from the project. He believes there will be enough local road projects next summer to make it cost-effective for the borough to bring up a paver. **ROSSMAN** disagreed with the idea of delaying the Third Avenue work and said the state should still do it along with Union Street since they agreed to it.

B. Borough Clerk

C. Chief Fiscal Officer

D. Chief of Police

E. Museum

F. Library

G. Chilkat Center

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS

A. Commerce Committee

ROSSMAN said the committee met just prior to this meeting, and he summarized the discussion and recommendations. An update to the Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) list was considered. This list is sometimes needed to qualify for certain funds. The items on the list are numbered 1 through 14 but are not in any priority order. The committee recommends approval of this updated list.

Also discussed was some road failure that has occurred on Chilkat Lake Road. Additionally, the harbormaster attended the meeting and provided an overview of harbor projects. He recommends purchasing 300-feet of temporary prefab float to use in the small boat harbor in the wintertime and in Letnikof in the summertime. The price tag is about \$300,000.

Motion by **ROSSMAN**: Approve the 2007-2008 CEDS list. It was seconded by **LAPHAM**. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Finance & Budget
- C. Personnel
- D. Government Affairs & Services
- E. Planning Commission
- F. School Board
- G. Chilkat Center Advisory Board
- H. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- I. Tourism Advisory Board
- J. Boat Harbor Advisory Committee
- K. Public Safety Commission

10. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

1. **Resolution 07-06-104**

A resolution of the borough assembly of the Haines Borough, Alaska, supporting the transfer of certain state-owned tidelands located within the Haines Borough for the purpose of developing harbor moorage and other economic development activities.

Motion by **LAPP**: Adopt Ordinance 07-06-104. It was seconded by **LAPHAM**.

VENABLES explained that this resolution is related to the harbors transfer from the state as well as the land selection at Excursion Inlet. **LAPP** suggested also asking for Taiyasanka harbor. **SHIELDS** said adding a float at that harbor would be nice for the public, and he asked the manager to look into it for the future.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinances for Introduction - None

C. Other New Business

1. **Road Repairs - Hooter/Cathedral View Contract**

Motion by **OLERUD**: Authorize the borough manager to negotiate a contract with Southeast Road Builders to repair Hooter Lane and Cathedral View Drive. It was seconded by **LAPHAM**. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

2. Road Repairs - Rutzebeck/Rainbow Glacier Camp Contract

Motion by **OLERUD**: Authorize the borough manager to negotiate a contract with Southeast Road Builders to repair Rutzebeck Road and Rainbow Glacier Camp Road. It was seconded by **LAPP**. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. Road Repairs - Porcupine/Blue Heron Contract

Motion by **OLERUD**: Authorize the borough manager to negotiate a contract with Southeast Road Builders to repair Porcupine Road and Blue Heron Road. It was seconded by **LAPP**. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

4. Public Road Access

SHIELDS estimated that it is a road that has been in use for fifty years. The owner of Spruce Grove Trailer Part blocked access to it last year.

Motion by **OLERUD**: Refer the Spruce Grove Road access issue to the Planning Commission for review. It was seconded by **LAPP**.

LAPHAM agreed with the mayor that it has been used for many years as a road by the public.

The motion failed 3-1 with **ROSSMAN** opposed.

TURNER III was allowed to speak. He asked if the planning commission can review the issue on their own without an assembly motion. The mayor said yes.

5. Wood Heat Feasibility Assessment

Motion by **LAPHAM**: Authorize the grant application and necessary matching funds for the "jump-start" energy grant program. It was seconded by **LAPP**.

VENABLES said the feasibility study was done with grant funding. The results of that study are in draft form but complete enough to allow application for another grant for the design of a wood energy system. **LAPHAM** asked if a wood heat boiler could be incorporated into the new public works shop, especially with the cost of oil and the alternate energy discussions currently taking place in the community. **VENABLES** said the borough is also looking at burning waste oil at the public works shop as it currently does at the sewer plant. **ROSSMAN** warned that as the price of oil goes up, even waste oil may become a high-priced commodity.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

6. Local 71 Union Agreement

Motion by **LAPP**: Adopt the updated collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. It was seconded by **ROSSMAN**.

VENABLES reiterated the mayor's comments regarding the borough attorney's recommendations for changing the document. He said there is nothing substantive that would change the agreement; the changes are primarily administrative, wordsmithing, clarification of grievance language, etc. **SHIELDS** said the recommendation of the borough's negotiating team is to adopt the agreement. The manager will be authorized to work with the union to make the administrative changes. If there is any disagreement, he will bring it back to the assembly.

SHIELDS thanked the negotiating teams for all of the efforts to reach this three-year agreement.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

7. Chilkat Lake Road Emergency Repairs

Urgent repairs are needed because the road is breaking off and sinking on the downhill lane. **LAPHAM** recommended signage and barricades to be installed. **VENABLES** said cones are already in place but will look into additional ways to warn the public.

12. SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, July 12th at 9:00am regarding the Borough Manager contract.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

ROSSMAN asked if Haines will have a bigger fireworks display this year as he requested last meeting. **VENABLES** said yes.

15. ADJOURNMENT - 7:30pm

Motion by **OLERUD**: Adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by **LAPP**. The motion carried unanimously.

Fred Shields, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk