

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Special Meeting
July 14, 2008
MINUTES

Approved

THIS WAS A SPECIAL MEETING HELD TO CONSIDER HIRING A BOROUGH MANAGER.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Mayor **SHIELDS** called the meeting to order at 11:00am in the Assembly Chambers of the Public Safety Building and led the pledge to the flag.
2. ROLL CALL **Present:** Mayor Fred **SHIELDS** and Assembly Members Norm **SMITH**, Jerry **LAPP**, Pete **LAPHAM**, Doug **OLERUD**, and Deborah **VOGT**. **Absent:** Steve **VICK**.

Staff Present: Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk and Acting Manager.

Visitors Present: None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by **VOGT**: Approve the Agenda. It was seconded by **SMITH**. The motion carried unanimously.

4. BOROUGH MANAGER HIRE

There was some discussion about Michael Whitaker turning down the position offer and his reasons. **OLERUD** expressed concern that the amount offered was lower than it should have been, but it was observed in the discussion that the candidate did not attempt to negotiate the amount.

SMITH and **OLERUD** both suggested readvertising the position and trying to get Bob Ward to serve once again as Interim Manager. **LAPHAM** said he is not opposed to offering the position to the other top candidate, John Stein. **SHIELDS** responded that Stein has taken another job and is no longer available.

The mayor called a brief recess in order to phone Bob Ward. When the meeting reconvened, **SHIELDS** said that Bob Ward agreed to serve again for 30 days beginning August 1st for \$10,000.

There was discussion regarding whether or not another Interim Manager should be secured for the remainder of July. **SMITH** suggested that the Alaska Municipal League may have a list of manager temps. **SHIELDS** said AML provides a link to an independent interim manager service, and there are a few

names on the list. **COZZI** said she is fine with continuing to serve as Acting Manager for the rest of the month.

Motion by **LAPHAM**: Contract with Bob Ward for \$10,000 to serve as Interim Manager for 30 days beginning August 1st, and readvertise the borough manager position as soon as possible. It was seconded by **VOGT**. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

There was a brief discussion about the other top borough candidate, Thomas Bolen, and his strong qualifications for the Director of Public Facilities position.

Motion by **LAPP**: Offer the Director of Public Facilities position to Thomas Bolen, and authorize the mayor to negotiate a salary up to \$65,000. It was seconded by **OLERUD**. The motion carried unanimously.

The mayor called another brief recess in order to phone Tom Bolen. When the meeting reconvened, **SHIELDS** said that Mr. Bolen agreed to consider the position offer.

5. ADJOURNMENT - 11:40am

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

ATTEST:

Fred Shields, Mayor

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk