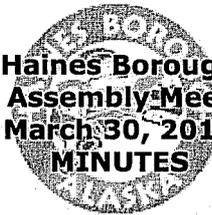


Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #175
March 30, 2010



Approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor **HILL** 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 Jan **HILL**, Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Daymond **HOFFMAN**, Norm **SMITH**, Scott **ROSSMAN**, and Steve **VICK** (via teleconference). **Absent:** Joanne **WATERMAN**.

Staff Present: Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Brad **MAYNARD**/Director of Public Facilities, Gary **LOWE**/Chief of Police, Kevin **KENNEDY**/Police Officer, and Nelle **JURGELEIT-GREENE**/Library Aide.

Visitors Present: Jessica **EDWARDS**/CVN, Bill **KURZ**, Heather **LENDE**, Tim **JUNE**, Norman **HUGHES**, Niki **FITZGERALD**, Emily **SEWARD**, Pamela **RANDLES**, Mario **BENASSI**, Dan **EGOLF**, Sara **CHAPPELL**, Norman **BLANK**, Gary **LIDHOLM**, Susanna **KENNEDY**, and others.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda and excuse Assembly Member **WATERMAN**'s absence," and it was amended to add two additional New Business items: 11C3 – Discussion of the Lynn Canal Icy Strait Resource Advisory Committee and 11C4 – Discussion of the Governor's bill regarding the Tour Tax. The motion carried unanimously.

* 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular: 3/9/10 Special: Joint School Board 3/18/10

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

KURZ suggested the assembly work closely with the Chamber of Commerce on the downtown planning project, because they might administer some aspects of it.

LENDE believes the sales tax deficit could be made up by a "Shop at Home" program to raise awareness of the importance of shopping locally. She also made a pitch for beautification, and said the borough could help by putting up nice signs and not boarding up its own buildings. On other topics, she wants the borough to buy the Picture Point property and is concerned about the beach being filled in for the waterfront project.

JUNE said the state primary ballot will contain a citizens' initiative commonly known as the *Anti-Corruption Initiative*, but it is anything but that. He explained that it will deny any public financing of campaigns in the future, will prevent unions from contributing to campaigns, and any contractor with a government contract could not contribute to a campaign. He asked the assembly to consider a resolution against it. He also echoed **LENDE**'s concerns about the waterfront project. Regarding Picture Point, he asked if the borough attorney could look into the barricade issue. He believes that if the area has allowed public access, it needs to be reestablished.

BLANK asked the borough to acquire the Picture Point property, because it's important for the borough to have control of the waterfront.

EGOLF agreed with acquiring Picture Point. Additionally, he believes bear-proof garbage receptacles should be part of the waterfront improvement plan.

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

Mayor **HILL** said the Library Board of Trustees has invited the assembly to convene its next meeting at the library facility during National Library Week with a potluck and informal tour prior to it.

The mayor wants to make appointments to the Historic Dalton Trail RMSA Board. John Schnabel currently holds the at-large seat and she would like to move him to the Porcupine seat and appoint Robert Venables to the at-large seat. She asked for the assembly's confirmation.

Motion: **ROSSMAN** moved "to confirm John Schnabel's appointment to the Porcupine seat and Robert Venables to the at-large seat," and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **HILL** presented a certificate to police officer Kevin Kennedy in honor of his first milestone toward Alaska certification, and she read aloud a letter from the Alaska Police Standards Council. She congratulated him on a job well-done.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 10-02-223 – Second Hearing

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code 3.70.040(D) to include the Takshanuk Watershed Council Property in the list of tax-exempted properties.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 6:48pm.

HUGHES, JUNE, FITZGERALD, BLANK, LENDE, SEWARD, RANGLES, BENASSI, EGOLF, and CHAPPELL all spoke in favor of the ordinance saying Takshanuk Watershed Council uses the property to provide valuable educational opportunities for the school students.

Hearing no further comment, the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:12pm.

Motion: **HOFFMAN** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 10-02-223."

LAPP said property tax supports schools and services and when properties are taken off the rolls, the borough should consider selling some of its lands to add taxable property.

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 items:

- Haines Borough Additional Lands Selection
- Excursion Inlet Land Survey Update
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Economic Development Director Position
- Assessment Notices
- Personnel, including Union Negotiations and Assessor Recruitment Update
- Lily Lake Transmission Line Upgrade Project
- FY11 Budget Update
- Capital Projects Update
- Delta Western Lease
- Energy Audits
- Chilkoot River Lodge Tax Issue

EARNEST projects a 17% decrease in sales tax revenue that will impact the tourism and economic development budgets, and he is looking at various options. **LAPP** recalled the last financial report already showed sales tax receipts down 10-15%. **EARNEST** announced that the budget will be a few days late due to a family emergency for the CFO.

EARNEST gave a status report on the Delta Western uplands lease, and said he hopes to have an ordinance for introduction in April. **ROSSMAN** asked the manager if he could get information for comparison from other communities who have similar leases.

Regarding the centennial of the 1910 founding of Haines, the manager asked the assembly to consider an appropriation in the FY11 budget to help fund the celebration. **ROSSMAN** added he wants to triple the funding for the July 4th fireworks display.

- * 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**
- B. **Finance & Budget**
- C. **Personnel and Labor Relations**
- 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
- * L. Waterfront Improvement Committee
- * M. Energy & Sustainability Commission
- * N. Service Area Boards

10. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

1. **Resolution 10-03-187**

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly of the Haines Borough, Alaska, setting the dates of the 2010 Board of Equalization.

Motion: LAPP moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-187," and it was amended to change the BOE date from March 18 to March 17 because of a conflict with the high school graduation. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

[The rules were suspended to move Item 5 to this point on the agenda.]

5. **Resolution 10-03-191**

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly amending Phase II of the Excursion Inlet Land Survey Services contract with Lounsbury & Associates.

Motion: ROSSMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-191," and following a brief discussion with assembly members agreeing that this job needs to finally get done and produce a plat that is acceptable to DNR, the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

2. **Resolution 10-03-188**

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting the Haines Borough Coordinated Transportation Plan 2010 edition.

Motion: ROSSMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-188," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. **Resolution 10-03-189**

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly awarding the contract for the project to replace the vinyl in the restrooms located in the Chilkat Center lobby and the Visitor Center building.

Motion: SMITH moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-189," and it was amended to award the contract to the local company Stickler Construction since the two bids were only \$16 apart. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

4. **Resolution 10-03-190**

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly adopting the 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project list for the Haines Borough.

Motion: ROSSMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-190," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

[NOTE: Item 5 was moved ahead following Item 1.]

6. **Resolution 10-03-192**

A resolution requesting the Legislature amend the Fisheries Business Tax (raw fish tax) law to share more than the current 50% of the tax revenue with qualified municipalities.

Motion: ROSSMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-03-192."

EARNEST explained this is a request from Petersburg who will have reduced fish processing this year since Ocean Beauty has decided not to open that plant. This resolution would lend support to a fellow Southeast community.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 10-03-224

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Title 18 section 18.20.020 to amend the definitions relating to guest houses.

Motion: LAPP moved to "Introduce Ordinance 10-02-224 and set a first public hearing for April 13, 2010." The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

C. Other New Business

1. Renaming Front Street & Beach Road South

Motion: LAPP moved to "authorize the manager to rename the portion of Beach Road South from Main Street to the Old Haines Highway intersection, Front Street South and direct the manager to submit a request to Representative Thomas to rename Front Street, Front Street North and rename Beach Road South, Beach Road so that an improved numbering convention may be established."

Motion: LAPP moved to "postpone this agenda item to the April 13, 2010 assembly meeting," because during discussion the assembly decided it did not have enough information. The motion carried unanimously, and the assembly would like someone at that meeting to explain the rationale.

2. Internet Service - Discussion

SMITH said better Internet Service has been on the minds of people all over the state. He contacted Bruce Messerschmidt of Alaska Power & Telephone who wrote a letter to the assembly regarding plans for enhanced service, and SMITH read it aloud. The Internet promotes commerce, and better service would certainly enhance that. He understands another company in town is working on an idea, and he is hopeful that this situation will be remedied by one company or another. VICK suggested Messerschmidt attend an assembly meeting soon.

3. ICY STRAITS/LYNN CANAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ROSSMAN said this Forest Service committee decides how to spend the Title II forest receipts. These funds will be lost if not spent by September 2011. The committee cannot meet until the minimum 15 members are seated, and there are currently only 9 applicants (two from Haines including LAPP). He said he would like to apply, and there was no objection.

4. GOVERNOR PARNELL'S BILL RE. CRUISE SHIP HEAD TAX

SMITH believes this bill would affect current and future regional head tax projects. EARNEST recommended the assembly take no position on it.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. SET MEETING DATES

A. Schedule C.O.W. for Downtown Planning Presentation to the Assembly

Thursday, 4/22, 5:30pm. This meeting will be followed by a budget work session.

B. Set FY11 Budget Meeting Schedule - Delayed

C. Board of Equalization Training - April 28th, 5:30pm

Additionally, the 4/13 assembly meeting will be held at the Haines Borough Public Library. The library board invited the mayor, manager, and assembly to come at 6:00pm for dinner and a brief library tour.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

KURZ suggested sending a request to the FCC for better broadband/Internet service. He believes there is federal interest in better service for the country's rural communities.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

SMITH said several citizens have contacted him about the "filling in of the beach." He wondered where these people were while the planning was going on. ROSSMAN said this had an eight-year public process; the assembly voted to do it, and he's not backing out even though there is some opposition now coming in.

16. ADJOURNMENT - 9:15 p.m.

Motion: LAPP moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jamie Heirz, Deputy Clerk



Janice Hill, Mayor