

**Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #185
August 24, 2010
MINUTES**

Approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor **HILL** called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m., following adjournment of the special meeting, in Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jan **HILL**, and Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Daymond **HOFFMAN**, Norm **SMITH**, Scott **ROSSMAN**, Joanne **WATERMAN** and Steve **VICK**.

Staff Present: Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Jerrie **CLARKE**/Museum Director, Jila **STUART**/Chief Fiscal Officer, and Ed **BARRETT**/ Harbormaster.

Visitors Present: Sebastian **O'KELLY**/representing Washington D.C. Lobbyist, Tom **MORPHET**/CVN, Libby & Bill **KURZ**, Janet **KURZ**, Stephanie **SCOTT**, Linda **GEISE**, Roger **MAYNARD**, Deborah **VOGT**, Patty **CAMPBELL**, Carol **KELLY**, Michael **BYER**, John **WINGE**, Sage **THOMAS**, Christy **FOWLER**, Ron and Jean **SMITH**, and others.

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

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda," and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular: 8/10

* 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SCOTT asked if the ESC reports could be discussed during the Government Affairs & Service Committee report on the agenda.

CLARKE thanked the assembly for funding the Centennial activities and highlighted various activities including the banners, large fireworks display, community picnic/photo, and photos on Main Street.

FOWLER said she grieves about the lack of warning signs on the beach where the drowning occurred, and she wants the assembly to do something about it. **EARNEST** responded that the borough is continuing to work on this. Staff is researching signage to be placed there along with situating a life-ring right on the beach.

J.KURZ thanked the borough for the community picnic and would like it to be an annual event.

O'KELLY provided a run-down on what's happening with the Haines priorities in Washington D.C. The biggest and longest-term project is the harbor expansion. This year, New Start construction money is in the Senate bill. Additionally, the Army Corps of Engineers requested \$240K in both the senate and house bills for Haines harbor operations and maintenance (including dredging to maintain navigation in an existing harbor). He noted that Representative Don Young has requested \$2m for Haines roads.

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

Mayor **HILL** thanked everyone who attended the community picnic, and she has heard numbers of anywhere from 500 to 1,000 people showed up. It was nice to have the Centennial as a reason to celebrate, but her intent is to do this again next year just to celebrate the community. She added that there are other Centennial events planned for the rest of this year.

The mayor attended the Lake Dorothy Hydro opening recently held outside of Juneau at the encouragement of Southeast Conference. Last week, she attended the Conference of Mayors and AML Summer Policy Session in Kodiak where she attended meetings along with 41 other Alaska mayors to train, brainstorm, and develop the priorities for state and federal delegations.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **Ordinance 10-07-233** – Third Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough determining whether foreclosed property deeded to the Borough shall be retained for a public purpose.

The mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:33pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "adopt Ordinance 10-07-233," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinance 10-07-234 - Second Hearing**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly providing for amendment of the FY11 budget.**

The mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:35pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "adopt Ordinance 10-07-234," and it was amended to add the following additional budget amendments, as outlined in the 8/20 memo from the manager and CFO:

1. Accept and appropriate AK-DOT&PF grant funds and appropriate \$50K from harbor deferred-maintenance funds to use as a 50% local match for the following harbor improvements: boat grid electrical service upgrades; boat grid fender pile improvements, access stairway, and walkway addition; and harbor float safety ladders.
2. Appropriate \$10K from the Economic Development Fund as a local match for an AEA grant application for a hydroelectric reconnaissance/feasibility study at Excursion Inlet.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

C. Ordinance 10-07-235 - Second Hearing**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 12, Section 12.08.110 to clarify how roads with a cul-de-sac are to be measured and to provide a mechanism for allowing temporary roads longer than 500 feet to have one end closed.**

The mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:42pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **WATERMAN** moved to "adopt Ordinance 10-07-234," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

During discussion, Ron and Jean **SMITH**, who live on Oslund Drive, described a property boundary and deed issue that has been going on for 4 years. **EARNEST** said there is already an existing ordinance that would apply to their situation, and he invited them to come in and meet with him.

8. STAFF REPORTS**A. Borough Manager**

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

- New Harbormaster
- Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor Upgrades and FY11 Budget Amendment
- Bear Summit
- Emerson Field Property Disposal
- Excursion Inlet Hydroelectric Reconnaissance/Feasibility Study
- Excursion Inlet Follow-up
- Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan Update
- Mosquito Lake School Boiler Replacement
- Heli-ski Issue
- AK-DOT/PF Needs List Nominations
- Portage Cove Dock Life Rings

EARNEST introduced **BARRETT** who spoke briefly to the assembly to say he looks forward to putting his strengths to work for the borough as the new harbormaster.

ROSSMAN believes Third Avenue from Haines Highway up to Lynnvue needs to be the primary focus of the borough's roadwork. **EARNEST** said other funding sources for that work will be pursued.

B. Borough Clerk

COZZI reported that the candidate filing period ended today at 5:00pm, and the roster of candidates for the October 5th General Municipal Election are as follows:

Assembly Seat B

Linda L. Geise
Steve Vick, incumbent
John Winge

School Board Seat B

Sarah Swinton, incumbent

School Board Seat E

Sean Coné
Brenda Jones, incumbent

Assembly Seat E
Greg Goodman

School Board Seat G (one-year term)
Ann Marie Palmieri, incumbent

- * 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 10-08-226

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the filing of a lawsuit for the foreclosure of municipal real property tax liens.

Motion: LAPP moved to "adopt Resolution 10-08-226," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

2. Resolution 10-08-227

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting, on behalf of the Excursion Inlet community, a proposal to the Alaska Board of Fisheries to create a personal use/subsistence zone for Dungeness crab.

Motion: WATERMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-08-227," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. Resolution 10-08-228

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting a reconnaissance and feasibility study for developing a hydroelectric power source for Excursion Inlet.

Motion: ROSSMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 10-08-228," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 10-08-236

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 3 Section 3.70.040 to provide a hardship exemption from real property taxation for qualified senior citizens and disabled veterans.

Motion: LAPP moved to "introduce 10-08-236 and set a first public hearing for 9/14/10," and the motion carried 5-1 with **ROSSMAN** opposed.

C. Other New Business -

1. Request to buy borough property - Discussion Item

THOMAS presented the New Hope Fellowship proposal to buy a portion of the borough's newly-acquired "Emerson Field" property on Haines Highway at Mosquito Lake Road. They

would like to build a church building and take responsibility for maintaining the ball field for the borough. They are willing to negotiate terms of a purchase. **HILL** explained there is a code-mandated process for disposing of borough property. A first step in that process is to seek the Planning Commission's recommendation (HBC 14.20.040(A) and HBC 14.20.100(B)).

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "send the New Hope Fellowship proposal to purchase Borough property on to the Planning Commission for a recommendation," and it carried 5-1 with **WATERMAN** opposed.

Motion: **VICK** moved to "suspend the rules to move Item 14-- Public Comments ahead of the executive session," and the motion carried unanimously.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – to discuss the borough's contract with Dawson Construction for the Mosquito Lake Boiler Replacement project.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "move into executive session to discuss the borough's contract with Dawson Construction for the Mosquito Lake Boiler Replacement project, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough, as provided by Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c)(1)," and the motion carried unanimously.

Present: Mayor Hill; Assembly Members Lapp, Waterman, Vick, Rossman, Smith, Hoffman; Borough Manager Earnest; and Borough Clerk Cozzi. The executive session convened at 8:35pm and ended at 8:57pm.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "proceed with the contract with Dawson Construction for the Mosquito Lake Boiler Replacement project with the Borough paying the \$65K match," and the motion carried 5-1 in a roll call vote with **SMITH** opposed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE – No discussion

- A. Heliski Comments – Goll**
- B. Heliski Comments – Ely**
- C. Heliski Comments – McGuire**

13. SET MEETING DATES

The Government Affairs and Services Committee will meet soon at the call of the chair.

The mayor and manager will miss the 9/14 assembly meeting because they will attend the annual meeting of Southeast Conference in Petersburg. The deputy mayor will preside over the meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

KURZ said the school board will be visiting the Mosquito Lake School to review the boiler situation.

BYER said the school needs a good cost-effective heating system. That meeting will be on September 21st and he invited the assembly to join them.

GEISE wondered if the existing school boiler could be cleaned. **HILL** said that maintenance is a school district responsibility.

MORPHET thanked everyone for the community picnic and said there are additional photos on the Chilkat Valley News website. On a different note, he is concerned there are too many executive sessions. There is public interest in understanding policy issues.

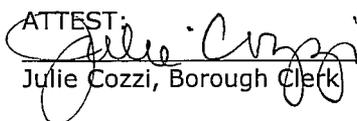
EINSBRUCH said the Chilkat State Park Road is the worst road in town and encouraged the assembly to adopt a resolution to ask the State to do something about it.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

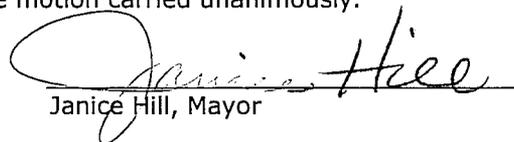
HOFFMAN believes the assembly should have more than one joint meeting annually with the school board. **VICK** would appreciate a quarterly permanent fund report. **WATERMAN** enjoyed the community picnic and photo and said it was good to see the elders in the front row.

16. ADJOURNMENT – 9:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor