

**Haines Borough**  
**Borough Assembly Special Meeting**  
**September 9, 2010**  
**MINUTES**      **Approved**

**THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD SOLELY FOR CONSIDERING THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA. NO ADDITIONAL ISSUES WERE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Mayor **HILL** called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in the Assembly Chambers of the Public Safety Building and led the pledge to the flag.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Jan **HILL** and Assembly Members Norm **SMITH**, Scott **ROSSMAN** (joined at 5:03), Steve **VICK**, Jerry **LAPP**, Joanne **WATERMAN** (joined at 5:07), and Daymond **HOFFMAN**.

**Staff Present:** Mark **EARNEST**/ Borough Manager, Brad **MAYNARD**/Director of Public Facilities, Debra **SCHNABEL**/Contract Project Clerk, and Jamie **HEINZ**/Deputy Clerk.

**Visitors Present:** Tom **MORPHET**/CVN, Bill & Libby **KURZ**, Janet **KURZ**, Fred **EINSPRUCH** and others.

**3. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Add Item 3A – Public Comments

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to “approve the special meeting agenda as amended,” and the motion carried unanimously.

**3A. PUBLIC COMMENTS – KURZ** spoke about the benefits of starting a new building from scratch and asked if there was going to be any grading work done on the old school properties to alleviate the drainage problem on the current school property.

**4. BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 10-09-229**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the manager to execute a contract change order with Carson Dorn to include an upgrade to the water treatment plant control system to more reliably control water flows from Lily Lake and management of the water treatment and distribution system for an amount not to exceed \$89,000.**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to “adopt Resolution 10-09-229,” and the motion carried unanimously.

During discussion **EARNEST** explained that the project was budgeted in anticipation of costly unknown construction conditions and because the construction conditions have been favorable, there will be leftover funds. **MAYNARD** explained that the controls are 30 years old, that replacement is imminent, and the work can be added to the scope of this project. He also explained that with the upgraded controls, the system will be able to track all of the tanks and water flow in the different areas.

**B. Resolution 10-09-230**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a construction agreement with Dawson Construction for the Haines School Demolition Project for an amount not to exceed \$564,000.00.**

**Motion:** **ROSSMAN** moved to “adopt Resolution 10-09-230,” and the motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment Motion:** **ROSSMAN** moved to “add all the buildings,” the amendment motion failed with **SMITH**, **WATERMAN**, **HOFFMAN** and **VICK** opposed.

There was a lengthy discussion with several different options for the gymnasium portion of the elementary school including renovation into a recreation center, creating additional gymnasium space for the school district and converting the space to borough offices with a preschool attached.

There was also lengthy discussion regarding costs to renovate versus costs to rebuild including waiting a year, possible partnerships and different avenues for grant funding.

**EARNEST** explained that a budget amendment has been drafted to cover the unfunded portion of the local match.

**C. Resolution 10-09-231**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly endorsing a list of Haines projects for the FY11 STIP project nomination process, and for related purposes.**

**Motion:** **VICK** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-09-231," and the motion carried unanimously.

During discussion **EARNEST** gave an overview of his memo regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process, nomination process, current Haines Borough projects in the STIP and current Haines Borough projects on the needs list. **VICK** asked if roads coming out of Phase II and Phase III road improvements project going into the STIP get done at a different time. **EARNEST** explained that the borough is also pursuing funding for these through legislative grants and pointed out that there is support in the legislature. He also explained that there are transportation funding programs through the Denali Commission. He said that it is important to demonstrate that borough isn't relying on one source of funding and if funding through the legislature doesn't come through, the STIP would be a backup plan. **HOFFMAN** pointed out that this would cost the borough \$150,000 in local matching funds if these projects are approved. **EARNEST** explained that local funds means non-federal so it could also come from state grants and that if funding needed to be budgeted by the borough, it would be pulled from other funds. He also thanked **MAYNARD** and **SCHNABEL** for their work on the process.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

**MAYNARD** said his office is also working on Alaska Energy Authority grant funding for a reconnaissance study for a hydro-electric plant in Excursion Inlet.

**ROSSMAN** asked when the borough is tearing down the Human Resources Building.

**SCHNABEL** pointed out that it's been a three year process to demolish the elementary and primary school buildings as the Assembly and School Board have struggled with decisions. She said that she would like to see the Assembly task a group to specifically analyze the issues and deal with the questions because Assembly members leave office and nothing happens without initiative.

**EINSPRUCH** pointed to a picture taken from picture point and asked that the borough attorney be tasked with looking into easements created and owned by the public so that they may be retained. He also suggested that the possibility of the property being donated to the borough should be looked into. He said he would like to salvage the glass from the school buildings so he could build a greenhouse. He also expressed concern that on the special meeting agendas the public comment period is at end of the meeting, and the number of special meetings and executive sessions lately is not in the public's interest and is confusing.

**KURZ** agreed with everyone's comments and different uses regarding the gymnasium portion of the school and suggested that a municipal complex would be the best use.

**SCHNABEL** pointed out that it is stated in the comprehensive plan that Nukdik Point is something that the borough would want to acquire for public use.

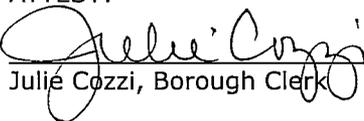
**VICK** asked if the preschool and headstart could salvage items out of the school buildings. **EARNEST** said the buildings been scavenged, but **MAYNARD** would give tour if people wanted specific things.

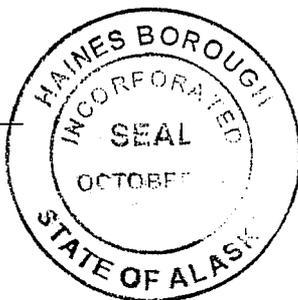
**LAPP** pointed out that the section of the school that is going to remain will still be a hazard because it has broken windows and graffiti on it and suggested it be cleaned up.

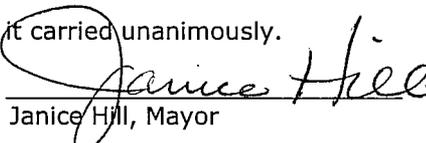
**6. ADJOURNMENT – 6:10 pm**

**Motion:** **WATERMAN** moved to adjourn the meeting, and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk



  
Janice Hill, Mayor