

**Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Special Meeting
April 5, 2011**

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 5:15pm in the Community Room of the Haines Borough Public Library and led the pledge to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, and Jila **STUART**/Chief Fiscal Officer.

Visitors Present: Tom **MORPHET**/CVN, Tara **BICKNELL**/KHNS, Joe **PARNELL**, Heather **LENDE**, Patricia **BROWN**, Patricia **PETERS**, Jerrie **CLARKE**, and Tim **JUNE**.

3. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "approve the special meeting agenda," and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: **VICK** moved to "excuse Greg Goodman's absence," and the motion carried 4-1 with **LAPP** opposed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

PARNELL asked the assembly to consider paying the cost of using the school gym for community basketball on a Sunday: \$3,000. There are user fees that might cover a third to half of that amount.

JUNE suggested that the boundaries on the proposed redistricting map should be adjusted to include all of the Haines Borough geographic area including the population in Excursion Inlet. He believes Haines would be better served by joining with Sitka rather than the southern Southeast communities of Petersburg and Wrangell. Sitka is a stronger community with shared values, jobs, etc. It also has a significant native population like Haines. He acknowledged that there are fears with the idea of going in with the Juneau valley, and he has mixed feelings about it. One potential positive is that it could possibly give Haines more clout.

BROWN welcomed everyone to the Library. She shared several statistics and added that many of those have led to awards. The facility is well used. There were 81,540 visits to the library in 2010, and there were overall 674 programs with a total attendance of 7,000 people.

5. BUSINESS

A. Resolution 11-04-268

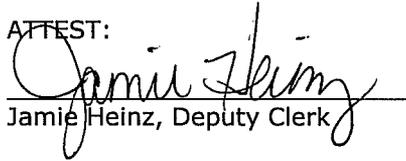
Motion: **LAPP** moved to "Adopt Resolution 11-04-268," and it was amended to remove the third *WHEREAS*. The motion carried 4-1 with **VICK** opposed.

During discussion, **ROSSMAN** agreed with the public comment about including the rest of the Haines Borough within the proposed boundaries. **HILL** assured that the map is not cast in stone and adjustments can be made. **EARNEST** explained the main point of the resolution is for Haines and Skagway to be grouped with similar rural communities, and this is consistent with the resolution adopted at the 3/22 assembly meeting. **HOFFMAN** wondered if the borough should come up with its own map. **EARNEST** responded that this is still very preliminary, and there will be more opportunity for public comment. **ROSSMAN** and **WATERMAN** expressed a desire to strike the third *Whereas* that references a specific map. **VICK** agreed that the assembly shouldn't tie itself to a preliminary map. He expressed concern about the rush to choose a proposal and feels uncomfortable with limited information and limited debate. He doesn't believe the proposed map is the best fit for this community. **HILL** explained that the redistricting process is moving along very quickly.

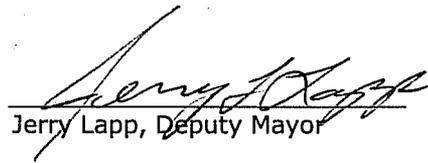
6. **ADJOURNMENT** - 5:41 pm

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

ATTEST:


Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk




Jerry Lapp, Deputy Mayor