

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #234
October 23, 2012
MINUTES

Approved

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL:** Mayor **SCOTT** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.

Present: Mayor Stephanie **SCOTT**, and Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Joanne **WATERMAN**, Norman **SMITH**, Steve **VICK**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, and Daymond **HOFFMAN**.

Staff Present: Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Chief Fiscal Officer, Michelle **WEBB**/Deputy Clerk, Gary **LOWE**/Chief Of Police, Carlos **JIMENEZ**/Director Of Public Facilities, Xi **CUI**/Planning & Zoning Technician, and Darsie **CULBECK**/Assistant to the Manager.

Visitors Present: Tom **MORPHET**/CVN, Karen **GARCIA**/CVN, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**/KHNS, Bill and Libby **KURZ**, Kelly **LOWE**, Scott **SUNDBERG**, Thom **ELY**, Pam **RANGLES**, Dave **KAMMERER**, Terry **PARDEE**, Bill **Rostad**, Bob **MUSSEMAN**, Bob **GRANT**, Tim **ACKERMAN**, Patrick **PHILPOTT**, Eric **HOLLE**, Heidi **ROBICHAUD**, Scott **CAREY**, George **FIGDOR**, Mark **ALLEN**, Richard **BUCK**, Forrest **BOWERS**/ADF&G, Bob **DUIS**, Carol **TUYMAN**, Sean **GAFFNEY**, Stan **JONES**, Dave **SUNDNAS**, Ben **ANDERSON**, Amy **GULICK**, and others.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Items were on the published consent agenda:

- 3 – Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes
- 8B – Fire Department Report
- 9A – Tourism Advisory Board Minutes and Request
- 9B – Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
- 11A1 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-409
- 11A2 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-410
- 11A3 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-411
- 11A4 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-412
- 11A6 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-414
- 11A7 – Adopt Resolution 12-10-415
- 11B1 – Introduce Ordinance 12-10-307
- 11B2 – Introduce Ordinance 12-10-308
- 11C1 – Confirm Hire – Director of Public Facilities

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

SCHNABEL asked for removal of item 11B1 from the Consent Agenda, and **SMITH** requested item 11B2 be removed, as well. **WATERMAN** asked to move item 6A before public comments to provide those in attendance with an opportunity to comment on the Dungeness crab presentation. There were no objections to the agenda changes.

- * **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 10/9/12 Regular Meeting; 10/9/12 Election Canvass

6A. Discussion of Local Dungeness Subsistence and Commercial Crab Fishery

This item was moved to this place in the meeting during approval of the agenda. Forrest Bowers, Marine Fisheries Supervisor, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, made a PowerPoint presentation.

BOWERS explained Assembly Member **SMITH** contacted him earlier this fall with a number of questions and it seemed it might be beneficial to come to Haines to make a presentation to the assembly. He said he will make the PowerPoint presentation available to borough staff.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

PHILPOTT said he is appalled at the large number of commercial pots in the bay this summer. He's always been able to get his food supply but after ten days, he only got one crab.

BUCK said about two weeks ago, he counted more than 60 pots in front of his house in Lutak Inlet. It has shut out all subsistence and sport-fishing. He asked if there can be an exclusive zone set up for subsistence fishing. **BOWERS** responded there is an area in Mud Bay that is closed to commercial fishing. There are about 14 such areas in Southeast Alaska.

PARDEE said he is a commercial crab fisherman. A natural decline in crab numbers down south and

higher prices brought crabbers up to this area who would ordinarily fish elsewhere. The numbers were alarming this year and are not sustainable. Just a year or so ago, the first pick was 10-15 per pot, and this year it was ½ crab per pot. He doesn't want this to happen. He's always tried to fish away from town himself. He doesn't want to see the commercial fishermen demonized, but he is not sure what the answer is. A 75-pot permit holder cannot make it work now. He's not optimistic for next spring. It's about as lean as he's ever seen it, and he's been fishing since 1970. He's afraid the stock is going to be so depleted it will take 5-6 years for the biomass to recover.

ACKERMAN is a member of the Southeast Subsistence Advisory Council. It's been lean for halibut and now the crab. The resource belongs to everyone here. Under AS 44.62.270, it's an emergency. In this case, it would be up to the state to declare a disaster, since it is state-managed water. It's a problem on the entire west coast.

GRANT said many residents subsistence and sport fish. It was unbelievable this year. A person could almost jump from buoy to buoy. There is a sea otter problem south of here, and they eat crabs and clams. That could be one of the reasons more commercial crabbers came here this year.

SCHNABEL recalled the assembly's Commerce Committee hosted a meeting with Alaska Fish & Game (ADF&G) during the summer regarding salmon. She asked **BOWERS** if he recognizes a management issue. **BOWERS** said the policies are set by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. They take up potential regulatory changes either at the request of the public or ADF&G. Any fundamental changes would have to go through that Board. ADF&G can close an area, but he doesn't see anything right now that tells him the long-term population is in jeopardy. However, he does believe there is a user group conflict. **SCOTT** said Haines is interested in making a case to the managers. **SMITH** thanked **BOWERS** for coming to Haines. He has been impacted this year. This is his first year with no crab and he's been here his whole life. He asked if pre-season thresholds can be changed and when they are determined. **BOWERS** said the thresholds themselves don't change because they are set in regulation. Region-wide harvest projections are made each year that determine season lengths. It's not really "pre-season," because it actually takes place in the first week of the season. Their projections have been very accurate. **SCOTT** asked **BOWERS** if he would consider returning, and he said he would consider it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS continued for other topics:

ELY asked if Resolution 12-10-413 involves the replacement of existing street lights. [Yes]

RANDLES, representing the Bear Foundation, asked the assembly to consider an ordinance to amend Title 8 to strike "certified landfill material" from the list of items exempt from the bear attraction nuisance code. Some deterrent is needed at the landfill. There was recently a meeting involving Community Waste Solutions, and they agree with the amendment.

GULICK, author of "Salmon in the Trees" said she has enjoyed her visit to Haines, and this is a fantastic community. She presented a copy of her book to the mayor for the community. **SCOTT** said this is a great intersect of science and art.

B.KURZ said he gave the mayor a copy of a letter from the Port Development Council and copies are in the assembly's blue folders.

MORPHET introduced **GARCIA**, a new reporter for the Chilkat Valley News.

5. 2012 BOROUGH ELECTION – Certification of Results

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "declare the October 2, 2012 Borough Election valid and certify the election results," and the motion carried unanimously.

COZZI announced that no notice of election contest was received by the 5:00 p.m. deadline, so certification may take place. There was no discussion.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

The mayor summarized her written report dated 10/15/12 that was included in the meeting packet.

A. Discussion of Local Dungeness Subsistence and Commercial Crab Fishery

This item was moved ahead of Item 4 during approval of the agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 12-08-302 – Second Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly amending Haines Borough Code Title 16, Sections 16.28.010 and 16.28.030 to prohibit verbal abuse, physical assault and threats against borough and harbor staff, physical assault and threats against members of the

public while within the harbor, and refusing to comply with lawful directives by the harbor master, and giving the harbor master the authority to suspend or revoke the privilege of using borough port and harbor facilities.

Mayor **SCOTT** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:40pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **WATERMAN** moved to "adopt Ordinance 12-08-302," and it was seconded.

Primary Amendment #1: **WATERMAN** moved to "amend the ordinance draft by replacing it in its entirety with the substitute ordinance recommended by the Port and Harbor Advisory Committee," and it was seconded.

During the discussion, **SCHNABEL** moved to amend Prohibited Acts, item S by replacing the word *violent* with the word *emotional*, and it was seconded by **SMITH**. She does not want to provide language that implies violence is ever reasonable. **WATERMAN** said this is part of the definition under Alaska law. **EARNEST** said this language was carefully worded by the borough attorney. There was a balance struck to have an ordinance that did not violate first amendment rights. If there is assembly support for this amendment, he would like to present that to the borough attorney. **VICK** does not favor the amendment. He believes it is more about the person who is speaking the words as opposed to the recipient. The term "emotional" is too broad and could mean anything. **SMITH** said the average reasonable listener can be provoked by an abusive comment. He agrees with **EARNEST** that the attorney should be consulted prior to going any further. **WATERMAN** agreed it is always hoped any reasonable listener would not become violent. She would not be opposed to holding it over to another public hearing so the attorney can weigh in. **SCHNABEL** said there is a tremendous amount of effort the borough is trying to put into place to manage behavior. Though people can be violent, it is not the kind of response we would ever want to engender. **SCOTT** agreed that the use of the word emotional is too broad. The amendment motion failed 1-5 with on **SCHNABEL** voting in the affirmative.

SCHNABEL moved to amend 16.28.030 paragraph C to require the manager to actually convene a hearing within 14 business days as opposed to just calling for a hearing within that timeframe, and it was seconded by **SMITH**. **EARNEST** said it may be a problem at times due to fishing season, public notice requirements, etc. He wondered what happens in those situations when a quorum is not available. **SCHNABEL** said if it's the borough's intent to take care of business within 14 days, the wording currently says the manager could call a meeting on the 14th day. **VICK** agreed with the manager---what happens if it can't happen within 14 business days? The motion was withdrawn; there was no objection from the group.

Motion to Postpone: **VICK** moved to "postpone the matter to the 11/6/12 assembly meeting," and it carried 5-1 with **LAPP** opposed.

VICK said this postponement would allow time to work on the wording in question.

B. Ordinance 12-09-304 – Second Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly amending Haines Borough Code Title 3, Section 3.70.040(D) to remove from the list of community purpose-exempted properties the parcels owned by Lynn Canal Human Resources, Inc.

Mayor **SCOTT** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:59pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "adopt Ordinance 12-09-304," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

C. Ordinance 12-10-305 – First Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly amending Haines Borough Code Title 3, Chapter 3.25 to clarify the purpose of the Medical Services Fund.

Mayor **SCOTT** opened and closed the public hearing at 8:01pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **WATERMAN** moved to "advance Ordinance 12-10-305 to a second public hearing on 11/6/12," and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Ordinance 12-10-306 – First Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly amending Haines Borough Code Title 5 to increase the fine for violations of business permits up to \$1,000 per violation per day, to amend the approved commercial ski tour area map and to adopt a fee for allocated skier days.

Mayor **SCOTT** opened the public hearing at 8:02pm.

HOLLE reminded he proposed that any heliskiing map changes should be run by ADF&G, especially

regarding mountain goats. This would not require the borough to cede authority to that agency. It would simply get more information to the assembly to make the best decisions possible. His concern is that this should happen and if it's not part of an ordinance it probably won't. He hopes the assembly will consider his proposal.

ELY said it's nice to see the assembly taking some action to add penalties that might actually mean something. He supports the fine and the user day fees, and he would like to see the fees implemented this season. Regarding the map, he was very disappointed with the map additions that were made during the Heliskiing Working Group meetings. Wildlife biologists were not consulted. He acknowledged the heliskiers should have some of the spots added that allow skiing down to the valley bottom, but he would like to see substantial areas removed, as well. He does not support the assembly amending the map by resolution because the public should be able to comment on proposed changes.

FIGDOR said these are public lands and a slight user fee is appropriate for a business making money off of those lands. The current mapping system identifies only areas for commercial skiing. It should be expanded to include other multi-uses, including backcountry skiing and residential areas. More and more people are coming to Haines as independent tourists to ski in the backcountry and they should be considered, as well.

SUNDNAS, guide with SEABA, is a resident of Haines, owns property and pays his taxes. A \$1,000 fine is pretty steep. The map needs to be revised a little for pickups and drop-offs. If he's going to be liable for a \$1,000 fine, the boundaries need to make sense. With more regulation, they will be pigeon-holed into potentially unsafe areas. Safety is a big concern for him.

SUNDBERG said SEABA does not recommend any amendments to the current code. They would, however, like some map revisions. He would appreciate a committee-of-the-whole to give the assembly an opportunity to understand the issues. He agrees there are other user groups in those areas. SEABA is prepared to take as much time as necessary to deal with the map, especially in light of large fines. Safety is also a huge consideration. He's a guide and has been for 16 years. SEABA is working with the commissioner of ADNR on jurisdiction issues related to wildlife. The goats are fine. They have seen heavy increases in the population since they began heliskiing. He looks forward to working with the assembly.

GAFFNEY, of Alaska Mountain Guides, asked if the proposed code changes regarding the map would allow for public input. **SCOTT** said the assembly could require that.

ANDERSON is a new resident of Haines and last year was his first working with SEABA. Safety is the biggest concern. Snow quality changes between glaciated and non-glaciated terrain. He doesn't understand the user fees. As for the fines, the guides don't make much money. A lot of money goes in and out of the industry but the guides don't make much. It doesn't seem like any amendments are needed except for the mapping.

CAREY supports **HOLLE's** idea of requiring the assembly to consult with ADF&G before making any map changes. Also, map changes need to have public input and hearings. It's a good idea to delineate nonmotorized and motorized use on the map.

Hearing no further public comments, the mayor closed the public hearing at 8:28pm.

Motion: WATERMAN moved to "advance Ordinance 12-10-306 to a second public hearing on 11/6/12," and it was amended to replace it with the substitute ordinance proposed by the manager. The motion carried unanimously.

PRIMARY AMENDMENT #1: WATERMAN moved to "amend the ordinance draft by replacing it in its entirety with the substitute ordinance proposed by the manager," and it was amended to add the citizen complaint procedure requirement noted in the 9/3/12 manager memo that was approved by assembly motion on 9/11/12.

SCOTT clarified the fines would not be levied against the guides themselves but the heliski companies. **EARNEST** explained the complaint procedure requirement was inadvertently omitted from the draft ordinance.

VICK moved to amend the substitute ordinance to add a requirement that prior to amending the map, the ADF&G wildlife biologists shall be consulted to identify any possible areas of concern, and it was seconded. **HOFFMAN** asked if the borough can manage state land, and **SCOTT** said to a degree. **SCHNABEL** said the idea of consulting with ADF&G is a good idea, but she wondered who does the consulting. She likes the idea of codifying a map committee and can develop language if

the assembly is interested. **WATERMAN** asked if ADF&G was consulted on these proposed changes. **EARNEST** said yes. **WATERMAN** said it's being taken care of so she questions the need to put it in code. The administration did consult. **SMITH** said mountain goats don't stay in one place---they move around. ADF&G knows where the animals are. **HOFFMAN** agreed with **WATERMAN**. **SCOTT** said there has been consultation, and it is ongoing. **VICK** said there could be times when ADF&G does not have input. There's value for the borough and no risk in codifying it. The motion failed with **WATERMAN**, **HOFFMAN**, **SCHNABEL**, and **LAPP** opposed.

Primary Amendment #1, as amended, carried 5-1 with **LAPP** opposed.

Mayor **SCOTT** believes the assembly should address the heliskiing map as a committee of the whole. **LAPP** said he believes the borough has gone way overboard on the regulations. Expense is added every time new regulations are imposed. He noted the preamble to the Charter says the borough will not over-regulate.

The main motion, as amended, carried 5-1 with **LAPP** opposed.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS

A. Borough Manager - October 23, 2012

Attachments:

1. *Federal Involvement Priorities for the Haines Borough*
2. *Alaska Wood Heat Energy Conference Report from Darsie Culbeck*
3. *Draft Trip Report Policy*
4. *Prophecy Platinum Agreement with Kluane First Nation*

EARNEST announced the state has signed the Notice to Proceed on the grant agreement for the purchase of Picture Point, and the property owner is preparing a short plat.

SMITH asked the status of the Mosquito Lake School fire suppression system and also the idea of a similar system for the new public works building. **EARNEST** said he recently visited the school with the new director of public facilities. **JIMENEZ** said the plan is at the State Fire Marshal at present, and the estimated cost is about \$75,000. The project needs to be expedited and includes a replacement tank, sprinkler heads, and pump. **EARNEST** said the school district has committed the funds and the borough will manage the project. Regarding the public works shop, the borough has purchased some containers that will house flammables in order to segregate them. **SMITH** would like the borough to focus on putting a sprinkler system in the public works shop. Regarding the Sunshine-Piedad waterline improvements project, **WATERMAN** asked if there is a possibility a fire hydrant could be installed at the end of road where there isn't one, and **EARNEST** said he will look into that. **SCHNABEL** said she would like to see the new schedule of road projects. **EARNEST** is actively working on that list with the director of public facilities. **JIMENEZ** said the Chilkat Center Roof Repairs are almost substantially complete, and he believes there is some money remaining that will allow a bit more support to be added, as well. **EARNEST** said when the exterior shell was removed, there was not as much rot as was expected.

B. Fire Department - Activity Report for September 2012

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & MINUTES

- * **A. Tourism Advisory Board** - August 23, 2012 meeting and Mayor's response to request
- * **B. Planning Commission Minutes** - August 9, 2012 and September 13, 2012

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

* **1. Resolution 12-10-409**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Little Diggers to provide 2012-2013 snow removal services for Cathedral/Piedad Area & Riverview RMSA.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-409."

* **2. Resolution 12-10-410**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Alaska Marine Trucking to provide 2012-2013 snow removal services for the Lutak Dock.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-410."

* **3. Resolution 12-10-411**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Turner Construction to provide 2012-2013 snow removal services for Letnikof Estates RMSA & Tanani Bay Subdivision.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-411."

*** 4. Resolution 12-10-412**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Southeast Road Builders to provide 2012-2013 snow removal services for the Chilkat Center & Townsite Public Schools.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-412."

5. Resolution 12-10-413

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Alaska Power & Telephone to provide 16 new LED streetlights in the amount of \$ 12,246.2.

There were no public comments.

Motion: LAPP moved to "adopt Resolution 12-10-413," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

During a brief discussion, **SMITH** asked how the 16 lights were selected and why they aren't all being replaced. **SCOTT** explained this plan was put in place when the Energy Sustainability Commission existed. These particular lights are all borough-owned. The borough is not allowed to switch out the state-owned lights.

*** 6. Resolution 12-10-414**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with Roadrunner Fence Co. for installation of chain link security fencing and gates at Lutak Dock in the amount of \$128,500.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-414."

*** 7. Resolution 12-10-415**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into an agreement with PND Engineers, Inc. for the South Portage Cove Expansion Offshore Bathymetry and Onshore Topography Surveys in the amount of \$97,393.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 12-10-415."

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 12-10-307

An ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly amending the Port of Haines Terminal Tariff No. 3 to increase water rates at Haines port facilities, increase dockage rates at the Port Chilkoot Dock, and move text from one tariff page to another.

Motion: WATERMAN moved to "introduce Ordinance 12-10-307 and set a first public hearing for 11/6/12," and the motion carried unanimously.

During a brief discussion, **SCHNABEL** said she wants to better understand the approach being taken with the enterprise funds. They should pay for themselves rather than being subsidized. The Finance Committee should advance an ordinance dealing with tariffs.

Motion to Refer to Committee: SCHNABEL moved to "refer Ordinance 12-10-307 to the Finance Committee," and the motion carried unanimously.

WATERMAN asked that the Finance Committee also investigate why the advisory boards want to table the lightering float rate increases.

2. Ordinance 12-10-308

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 3 to Establish a Junk and Abandoned Vehicle Disposal Fund, to Levy a Motor Vehicle Registration Tax, and Exempt from Property Taxes All Vehicle Subject to the Registration Tax.

Motion: WATERMAN moved to "introduce Ordinance 12-10-308 and set a first public hearing for 11/6/12," and the motion carried 5-1 with **SMITH** opposed.

During the discussion, **SMITH** said there is already an ordinance that specifies a maximum number of non-functional vehicles allowed on property in the townsite. If this code was

properly enforced, the junk vehicle problem might not exist. He also does not like the idea of taxing the public yet again. This issue could be addressed by the police department if there is a stricter enforcement of state law. There are many people who drive their out-of-state vehicles into Haines for the summer season and then leave and they never register them in Alaska. He believes it is wrong to impose another tax on the public without enforcing the current ordinances. **SCOTT** explained the state would enforce the vehicle tax. **WATERMAN** said it's her understanding this has been discussed by both the finance and commerce committees. The fees need to be more reasonable. **EARNEST** said the numbers could be modified. **SCHNABEL** said the borough should decide what kind of program it needs and then determine how much money must be raised to pay for it. **CULBECK** explained there is a looming timeframe---the first of the year---to submit this to the state. Then the money isn't seen for a year. The proposed fees could raise \$40,000 a year. He said the borough currently has no way to tow abandoned vehicles or a place to put them. If a vehicle is involved in an accident, legally it is supposed to be kept in a secure area. The first phase of this is just to deal with junk vehicles on borough property. **EARNEST** said impounded vehicles are currently staged at the sewer treatment facility where they are unsecure. This violates the requirement to secure vehicles that may be evidence. In order for this to take effect in 2014, the ordinance has to be adopted, and the state has to be notified of the borough's intent to establish this fee. That doesn't mean the schedule can't be modified. **CULBECK** added it is legal to forward-spend the anticipated revenue. For example, a tow truck could be purchased next year even though the money wouldn't actually come until 2014. **EARNEST** said a special fund would be established.

C. Other New Business

* 1. Confirm Hire – Director of Public Facilities

Borough Charter 5.03(B) says all department head appointments are subject to assembly confirmation. The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "confirm the hire of Carlos Jimenez as the new Director of Public Facilities."

2. Disposition of the Federal Priorities Sub-Committee

On 8/28 the assembly established a 2013 Federal Priorities Steering Committee. The mayor was ready on 10/9 to appoint Allen Turner (chamber of commerce), Royal Henderson (school board), Robert Venables (planning commission), and Jerry Lapp (assembly) and sought assembly confirmation. The motion to confirm failed 3-2 with Waterman and Smith opposed (Schnabel left the meeting prior to that vote). The assembly met as a committee-of-the-whole at 6:00pm on 10/23 to discuss the situation of having a committee with no appointees.

Motion: **WATERMAN** moved to "discard formation of a federal priorities committee and assign tracking and development activities to the assembly itself sitting as a committee of the whole," and the motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS

A. Request for Assembly C.O.W. to Review Heliskiing Map – SEABA, Inc.

There were no comments.

13. SET MEETING DATES

A. Finance Committee – Tuesday, 10/30, 5:30pm - Purpose: Port Tariff Ordinance and look at the junk vehicle rates.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

B.KURZ suggested rather than the borough raising money to take care of problem vehicles, an RFP should be put out so that private enterprise will be encouraged.

ELY thanked **HOFFMAN** for his service on the assembly.

ALLEN believes the borough should tax people who don't register their cars, and leave everyone else alone. It's already not easy to make a living here.

CULBECK said he is very excited **JIMENEZ** has joined the team.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

VICK said the government affairs & services committee met about the police complaint policies. The committee recommends a review of the policies every five years. The police department has a very large policies and procedures manual, and if a resident wants to file a complaint, they might get lost. Perhaps a flowchart or a short form would be helpful. He thanked **HOFFMAN** for his service.

SCHNABEL thanked the mayor for investigating the assault charge against a harbor employee. To have the charge reduced concerned her because it's important to publicly demonstrate concern when employees are subjected to abusive behavior.

HOFFMAN said this was a very enjoyable term, and he appreciates the support he has received.

SCOTT responded to the public comment about putting out an RFP for vehicle impounding. She explained that the borough can do that but would still have to pay for it. Covering the cost is the purpose of the proposed motor vehicle tax.

LAPP thanked **HOFFMAN** for his service.

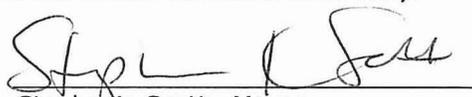
WATERMAN thanked **HOFFMAN**. She also said there is a lot going on in the borough, and she is excited about the new staff members.

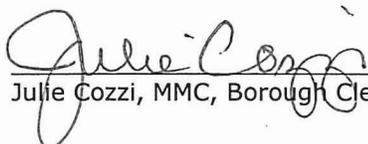
SMITH said in spite of the public sentiment that government works very slowly, he's impressed with the new roof and the new boiler at the Chilkat Center. Government does work if everyone participates. He thanked **HOFFMAN**, as well.

16. ADJOURNMENT - 9:46pm

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

ATTEST:


Stephanie Scott, Mayor


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

