

**Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #326
November 8, 2016
MINUTES**

Approved

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

Present: Mayor Jan **HILL**, and Assembly Members Tresham **GREGG**, Ron **JACKSON**, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**, Mike **CASE**, Tom **MORPHET**, and Heather **LENDE**.

Staff Present: Bill **SEWARD**/Borough Manager, Brad **RYAN**/Director of Public Facilities, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Shawn **BELL**/Harbormaster, Helen **ALTEN**/Museum Director, and Gabe **THOMAS**/Assistant Harbormaster.

Visitors Present: John **STANG**/CVN, Bill **THOMAS**/Borough Lobbyist, Don **TURNER Jr.**, Diana **LAPHAM**, Haynes **TORMEY**, Mike **DENKER**, Jerry **ERNY**, Bill **MCCORD**, Andrew **GRAY**, Norman **HUGHES**, Sean **GAFFNEY**, Dave **LONG**, Paul **NELSON**, Karen **GARCIA**, Jeremy **STEPHENS**, Eric **HOLLE**, Bill **ROSTAD**, Bill **BROSTE**, Douglas **OLERUD**, Fred **GRAY**, Brad **BADGER**, Evelyn **VIGNOLA**, Dan **NORTHRUP**, and others.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Items were on the published consent agenda indicated by an asterisk (*):

- 3 – Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes
- 8B – Accept Finance Director's Report
- 8C – Accept Museum Director's Report
- 9A – Accept Library Advisory Board Minutes
- 11A1 – Adopt Resolution 16-11-691

Motion: **CASE** moved to "approve the agenda/consent agenda," and it was amended to move Item 11A2 up in the agenda to follow Item 6 Mayor's Report and to remove approval of the minutes from the consent agenda. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 10/25/16 Regular and 11/1/16 Special

Motion: **LENDE** moved to "approve the minutes of the 10/25/16 regular and 11/1/16 special borough assembly meetings."

LENDE asked that the 10/25/16 minutes reflect the procedure for members to call for a special meeting and, also, under Assembly Comments, include a statement that she expressed concern about the rise of some serious drug issues in Haines. In the 11/1/16 minutes, **LENDE** wanted it to say the mayor asked Mr. Somerville to talk about the harbor expansion and a Q&A followed. Additionally, she requested an adjustment to the way Mr. Broste's public comments were worded. She would like more detail in the minutes. **CASE** said usually it is better for an assembly member to bring proposed wording when asking for corrections to the minutes, such as "it now says ____ and I would like it to say ____." **MORPHET** noted the minutes cannot reflect things that weren't said. No motion was made to amend the minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes, as presented, carried unanimously.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

TURNER Jr. – Explained he paid for the recent harbor-related display newspaper ad, and he asked the assembly to award the harbor contract.

HOLLE – Said there is controversy about the makeup of the Heliski Map Committee (HBC 2.62.040(A)). He also believes the Tourism Advisory Committee is not an appropriate group to work on the composition of the heliski map committee (HBC 2.56.030(A)). He is not in favor of dissolving the current map committee, because in spite of the imbalance, it is rolling along.

NELSON – Spoke against Resolution 16-11-692. He believes the project does not have a land use permit.

DENKER – Said he has concerns about the harbor display ad. It appears the Port & Harbor Advisory Committee placed the ad. Advisory committees advise the assembly and don't have the authority to make decisions like this. He provided the clerk with a memo he wrote expressing his concerns.

B.THOMAS – Said the expanded harbor will not only impact the fishing industry but the community as a whole. If the schools are to survive, this project is needed.

LONG – Spoke in support of Resolution 16-11-692, and he expressed support for the process of people volunteering for committees and boards.

TORMEY – Said he is in favor of Resolution 16-11-692. He asked them assembly to award the contract to the low bidder. He noted there are about 84 people on the waitlist.

GAFFNEY – Spoke in favor of the harbor expansion project moving forward at this time.

5. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

SEWARD – Clarified the Tourism Advisory Board did not influence the Heliski Map Committee. The manager followed the ordinance to the letter of the law.

CASE – Noted Veteran's Day is coming up, and it is also an opportunity not only to honor veterans but widows and orphans of those who lost their lives.

JACKSON – Explained the Tourism Advisory Board recommended the original map committee ordinance.

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

Mayor **HILL** said the 11/29/16 assembly meeting agenda will include assembly committee appointments. She, too, honored veterans in attendance and also thanked the public for voting in this Election.

Note: The following item was moved to this location during approval of the agenda:

11A2. **Resolution 16-11-692**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Pacific Pile & Marine for the Portage Cove Harbor Expansion project for an amount not to exceed \$13,202,938.

LAPHAM – Read aloud an email from Cynthia Adams in support of the resolution.

HUGHES – Stated the Port & Harbor Advisory Committee unanimously recommends the assembly award the contract to the low bidder, Pacific Pile and Marine.

VIGNOLA – Said she would support the resolution if the project had a good design.

NORTHRUP – Believes this has gone on too long and would like to see it move ahead. It is a good, well-designed project.

Motion: **CASE** moved to "adopt Resolution 16-11-692," and it was amended to delete Add Alternate C from the contract." The main motion, as amended, carried 5-1 in a roll call vote with **LENDE** opposed.

During debate, **MORPHET** read aloud a written statement about the harbor and some concerns he has about advisory committees. **LENDE** also read a statement about the harbor. These documents have been added to the meeting record.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **Ordinance 16-10-446** – First Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 18 Subsection 18.30.040(L) to adjust the comprehensive plan review frequency.

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing; there were no public comments.

Note: Since the assembly already scheduled the second hearing for 11/29/16, no motion was needed now unless the second hearing date needed to change or some other action was desired.

8. **STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

A. **Borough Manager – 11/8/16 Report**

The manager summarized his written report and responded to a few questions from the assembly.

Motion: **LENDE** moved that "hard copies relating to the execution of official duties be provided to assembly members upon request [*she is more comfortable with paper*]," and the motion carried 5-1 with **FRIEDENAUER** opposed.

Motion: **MORPHET** moved to "direct the manager to draft a letter asking the state to maintain a trooper presence in Haines [*both blue shirt and brown shirt*]," the motion **FAILED** 2-4 with **CASE, JACKSON, FRIEDENAUER,** and **GREGG** opposed. *Note: there was concern the timing was not right.*

*B. **Finance Director** – FY17 General Fund First Quarter Summary

*C. **Museum Director** – Report for July-October 2016

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & APPROVED MINUTES

*A. **Library Advisory Board** – Minutes of 8/17/16 Meeting

B. Assembly Board Liaison Reports

FRIEDENAUER – Liaison for the Port & Harbor Advisory Committee (PHAC) addressed the display ad that was placed in the recent newspaper encouraging harbor support. There may have been confusion, but the PHAC should not be accused of anything nefarious. **SEWARD** explained he is already drafting a policy regarding appropriate committee actions.

Motion: CASE moved to “refer the matter of funding actions by committees to the Government Affairs & Services Committee,” and it was amended to say ‘committee authority’ rather than ‘funding actions by committees.’” The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

JACKSON – Chair of the Heliski Map Committee said seven of the fourteen areas have been covered, thus far.

C. **Assembly Standing Committee Reports** - None

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

*1. **Resolution 16-11-691**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly appointing election officials for the Regular Election to be held October 4, 2016, and establishing the wages.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: “Adopt Resolution 16-11-691.”

2. **Resolution 16-11-692**

This item was moved up to follow the mayor’s report during agenda approval.

3. **Resolution 16-11-693**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a contract with Corvus Design for the Portage Cove Interpretive Trail and Harbor Park Conceptual Designs project for an amount not to exceed \$39,341.

There were no public comments.

Motion: CASE moved to “adopt Resolution 16-11-693,” and the motion carried 5-1 in a roll call vote with **CASE** opposed.

At 9:25pm, in compliance with HBC 2.10.010, **JACKSON** made the following **motion**: “continue the meeting to complete the agenda,” and the motion carried 5-1 with **CASE** opposed.

B. **Ordinances for Introduction** - None

C. **Other New Business** - None

12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS

13. SET MEETING DATES

A. **Mandatory Field Trip to the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Tuesday, 11/29, 2:00pm

B. **Assembly Strategic Planning Retreat** – Sunday, 12/11, 1-5pm, Location TBD.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

LAPHAM – Thanked the assembly for voting to award the harbor contract. Regarding committees, she said there are no people more giving and selfless than those serving on the advisory boards.

SCOTT – Explained there is no means for staff to sit down with the assembly in a public setting and share certain public safety information without either eroding the public’s sense of security or violating confidentiality laws.

BROSTE – Apologized to the mayor and clerk for any difficulty he caused by his out-of-the-box request during the 11/1/16 assembly meeting to offer his comment time to Bill Thomas. He also suggested the assembly members periodically switch their seating during the meetings.

ALTEN – Announced there are now three vacancies on the Museum Board and soon a fourth.

STEPHENS – Said the assembly is doing a disservice to the harbor by eliminating Add Alternate C. The borough will not get this opportunity again. He asked the assembly to please understand what the elimination means.

HUGHES – Thanked the assembly for voting for the harbor contract. He doesn't understand why Add Alternate C was removed, since the manager and the Port & Harbor Advisory Committee both recommended it for spacing, maneuverability and safety reasons.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

LENDE – Explained she did not vote for the harbor but promises to do everything she can to make it be as successful, as possible.

MORPHET – Said he harbors no ill will toward the mayor and his fellow assembly members. He would be happy to change seats every meeting. He added this is a new assembly so things have to be worked through.

GREGG – Said he wants to maintain his same seat at the dais. It's comfortable knowing where you belong.

JACKSON – Said the Borough Planner's expertise has helped the Heliski Map Committee discussions work well.

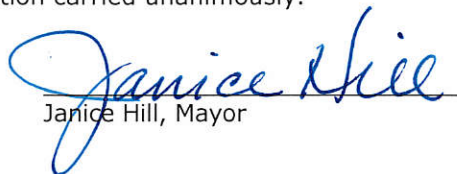
16. ADJOURNMENT – 9.57 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor