

Dear Mayor Morphet and Borough Assembly,

Clearly, each of you have been elected due to dissatisfaction with previous Borough Assembly and Planning Commission member's decision making; these may include lack of transparency, biased interpretation, if not disregard, of statute and code, indifference to community member's concerns in favor of businesses and industry that could negatively impact quality of life, social, economic and environmental welfare far into the future.

I sympathize with you having immediately been thrust into, and having to navigate, such obscure trails of activity that seem to even challenging those who have orchestrated the process.

The Lutak dock project, the Porcupine Road and the associated chaotic mismanagement of both, have added an undue burden to your already enormous task of guiding our Borough forward.

Recent revelations regarding the mismanagement of the FEMA contract to repair the Porcupine Rd., potentially obligating the citizens of this borough to foot the 1.4 million dollar bill with funds we do not have, is unacceptable.

And now, more than a month after the Borough Manager was made aware of the Lutak dock's contractor, TurnAgain Marine's ordering of 10 million dollars worth of steel for a dock that has not yet been approved, this Assembly, Mayor and the public, are finally made aware, and are potentially facing costly litigation or bankruptcy.

If one were cynical, it wouldn't be a stretch to consider the lack of communication as an intentional effort to move the development of the proposed dock project closer to a no-turning-back timeline, forcing an enormously controversial "non-ore terminal" plan design, replete with it's 2000 lb (1 ton!) per square foot load bearing capacity - unlike ANY municipal dock's necessary capacity - into the final stages of development.

In fact, TurnAgain's self-serving public pleads for the simplest of solutions by proceeding with the dock as planned, mitigates any liability on their part, while potentially imposing the unacceptable, and unnecessary, financial burden of millions of dollars in maintenance costs upon future generations of Haines resident, and driving future decision about what industries we might find acceptable out of economic desperation.

It is imperative that the Assembly and public are presented with the full disclosure of the timeline, activities, decisions, and by whom, that has imperiled the solvency of our Borough before any decisions can be made regarding an acceptable Lutak Dock design plan.

To that end, it is ESSENTIAL that this Assembly and Mayor have FULL, UNQUESTIONABLE FAITH, in the manager's transparency, willingness to follow legal protocols to keep the Borough out of legal and financial jeopardy, keep you abreast of ALL relevant issues in a timely manner while executing your directives, directives that reflect the will of the majority of community members who you were elected to represent.

I will support whatever decision(s) you collectively make to ensure that our entire administration is composed of individuals who follow the oath of office and operate with full transparency in the interest of all residents.

Thank you for your time and service, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kip Kermoian