

Haines Borough  
Borough Assembly Meeting #481  
February 13, 2024  
MINUTES

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

**Present:** Mayor Thomas **MORPHET**, Assembly Members Gabe **THOMAS** (arrived at 7:10 pm), Debra **SCHNABEL**, Kevin **FORSTER**, Craig **LOOMIS**, Natalie **DAWSON** and Ben **AULTMAN-MOORE**.

**Staff Present:** Annette **KREITZER**/Manager, Alekka **FULLERTON**/Clerk, Kiersten **LONG**/Deputy Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Dave **LONG**/Public Facilities Tech

**Visitors Present:** Haynes **TORMEY**, Don **TURNER**, Blythe **CARTER**, Kim **ROSADO**, Glenda **GILBERT**, Jennifer **CANFIELD**, Craig **FRANKE**, Jessica **PLACHTA**, Eben **SARGENT**, Tony **MALONE**, Thom **ELY**, Nancy **BERLAND**, Burl **SHELDON**, Cindy **JONES**, Paul **ROGERS**, Kim **ROSADO**, Emma **BEGLEY**, Patty **KERMOIAN**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Lori **SMITH**, Eric **HOLLE**, Bill **BROSTE**, Diana **LAPHAM**, Kathleen **MENKE**, Patty **KERMOIAN** and others on zoom.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** **FORSTER** moved to "approve the agenda and the consent agenda" and the motion carried unanimously.

\*3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - Approve the following Minutes

A. 1/23/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

*Note: The Minutes were approved by approval of the consent agenda: "Approve minutes from 1/23/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes".*

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**TORMEY**- Worried about removal of engine brakes in the townsite

**CANFIELD** – Spoke regarding 3 minute time limit

**TURNER** – Citing inconsistencies in the mayor and assembly member's comments

**FRANKE**- Worried about not letting citizens comment at meetings

**LAPHAM** – Worried about overburdening staff with Manager's report template

**ROSADO** – What the First Amendment means to her

**BEGLEY** – Waiting to hear regarding to State's property tax audit

**ELY** – Wants the Lutak Dock design to be revisited

**SHELDON** – Citizens have a right to contact public officials

**MENKE** – Give the community the time they need to get projects done right

**KERMOIAN** – I support the assembly

5. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

**FORSTER** – Manager's report template will be on the GASC agenda again

**LOOMIS** – Supporting Jake Brake law

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT and COMMENTS:**

Discussed Assembly Planning Retreat; two serious chimney fires this week- need more volunteer firefighters and EMTs; Winterfest coming up next weekend- come out; his meeting with the Chilkat Indian Village.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

- A. Borough Manager Report – February 8, 2024**
- B. Finance Director Report – FY24 Second quarter Financial Report**
- C. Clerk's Report re Census**
- D. Borough Attorney Status Update**

**9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & APPROVED MINUTES –**

- A. Assembly Standing Committee Referred Topics**
- B. Port and Harbor Advisory Committee – 12/28/23 Minutes**
- C. Tourism Advisory Board – 11/9/23 Minutes**
- D. Chilkat Center Advisory Board – 1/12/24**
- E. Property Tax Assessment Ad Hoc Advisory Board – 1/3/24 Minutes**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolutions**

**\*1. Resolution 24-02-1088**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly accepting the 2023 Independent Auditor's Report and Report on Financial Statements and Auditor's Letter submitted by the Borough Independent Auditor, Max Mertz of Mertz CPA & Advisors.**

*Note: The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1088".*

**\*2. Resolution 24-02-1089**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly approving certain unincorporated communities and their respective nonprofit entity for participation in the FY25 Community Assistance Program.**

*Note: The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1089".*

**\*3. Resolution 24-02-1090**

**A Resolution of the Haines borough Assembly Supporting the Passage of House Bill 201: An Act Changing the Residency Requirements for Hunting, Trapping, and Sport Fishing Privileges.**

*Note: The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1090".*

**4. Resolution 24-02-1091**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly delegating to an appointed Board of Equalization for the 2024 per HBC 3.72.110.**

**Motion: SCHNABEL** moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1091"

**Primary Amendment: SCHNABEL** moved to "Replace the third whereas with the PTAAHAB recommends appointment of a BOE distinct from the Assembly," and the amended motion carried unanimously.

And the Resolution, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolutions - *Continued***

#### **5. Resolution 24-02-1092**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute an engineering contract with Reid Middleton for the Portage Cove (Cruise Ship) Floating Dock Concept Project for an amount not to exceed \$29,500.**

**Motion:** THOMAS moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1092" and the motion carried 5-1 with LOOMIS in opposition.

#### **6. Resolution 24-02-1093**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a construction contract with Bore Tide Construction for the School Roof Replacement Phase II and Phase III project for an amount not to exceed \$579,900.00.**

**Motion:** AULTMAN-MOORE moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1093" and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **7. Resolution 24-02-1094**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly adopting FY2025 Alaska Capital Project Submission and Information System (CAPSIS) priorities, additional Haines Borough capital project priorities, and State funding priorities.**

**Motion:** THOMAS moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1094"

**Primary Amendment:** DAWSON moved to add Letnikof Float as item #7," and the amendment carried unanimously.

And the Resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

#### **8. Resolution 24-02-1095**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the Continuation of the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council.**

**Motion:** AULTMAN-MOORE moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1095" and the motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Ordinances for Introduction –**

#### **\*1. Ordinance 24-02-664**

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 10.09.090 Prohibiting the Use of Jake Brakes in the Townsite.**

**Note:** The Ordinance was introduced and scheduled for its first public hearing 2/27/24 and its second public hearing 3/12/24 by approval of the consent agenda.

#### **2. Ordinance 24-02-665**

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough, Providing for the Addition or Amendment of Specific Line Items to the FY24 Budget.**

*This Ordinance is being introduced by the Mayor.*

**Motion:** SCHNABEL moved to "Introduce Ordinance 24-02-665 and set a first public hearing for 2/27/24 and a second public hearing for 3/12/24" and the motion carried unanimously.

**11. NEW BUSINESS -Continued**

**C. Other New Business**

**\*1. Alcohol License Renewal – Outfitter Liquor Store**

*The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) has notified the borough of a pending alcohol license renewal for a package store for the Outfitter Liquor Store. AMCO, prior to its final renewal approval, is giving the local government an opportunity to make a statement, if desired. The Haines Borough Police Department has no objection to the reissuance of the license.*

*Note: The following motion was approved by approval of the consent agenda: “The Haines Borough has no objection to the renewal of the Alcohol License Renewal for Outfitter Liquor Store”.*

**2. Discussion and proposed comment to BLM Public Land Order environmental impact statement – Comment deadline is February 14, 2024.**

**Motion: AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to “Support alternative A which is no change” and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Reconsideration of Resolution 24-01-1087  
**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing the Borough Manager to Enter into a Contract with Reid Harris, Harris Advocacy to Provide State Lobbying Services for \$36,000.****

**Motion: FORSTER** moved to “Reconsider Resolution 24-01-1087” and the motion carried unanimously.

**Motion: FORSTER** moved to “Adopt Resolution 24-01-1087” and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Property Tax Assessments Ad Hoc Advisory Board Requests:**

**Motion: SCHNABEL** moved to “Refer items 11C4 to a Committee of the Whole meeting on February 20 at 6:30 pm with the Commerce Committee meeting moved to 5:30 pm,” and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Membership and Duties HBC 3.72.110**
- B. Assessment Notices**
- C. BOE Procedures**
- D. Exchange of Information**
- E. Full and True Value**

**5. Lutak Dock Replacement Update – Verbal**

**6. Request for Assembly Action – LCC Presentation**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter to Jesse Kiehl re Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council**
- B. Southeast Conference Energy Shed**
- C. Comprehensive Plan Update flyer- Upcoming Meetings**

**13. SET MEETING DATES**

- A. Joint School Board Meeting Wednesday, March 6 at School Library – meeting will be postponed.**
- B. Property Tax Assessments Committee-of-the-Whole – Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- TURNER** – Maintenance on the wave barrier is low.
- ROGERS** – Proposed changes in state law regarding property tax assessments
- ELY** – Lutak Dock is tracking just like the boat harbor project was
- JONES** – Wants something to compare LCC's presentation to
- ROSADO** – Worried about the Borough backing out of their commitments
- BEGLEY** – Thank you for scheduling the COW for the Property Tax Assessments
- JOSEPHSON** – Thank you for Resolution for BOE – feels like recommendations are going slow – supporting the Lutak Dock design
- HOLLE** – Prohibition on Ore across Lutak Dock- get legal advice before going to voters

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION TO OFFICERS**

- DAWSON** – Apprised the public of hearings being held tomorrow
- SCHNABEL** – Assembly Members attendance at AML

**16. ADJOURNMENT 9:43 pm**

ATTEST:

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Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

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Aleka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk