

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 9:00 a.m.**

- Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth
Randy Alvarez
Scott Anderson
Myra Olsen
Alvin Pedersen
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon
Christina Salmon
Marisa Olsen, Student Representative, Port Alsworth AK
- Staff: Ranya Aboras, Community Development Coordinator
Kate Conley, Clerk
Susan Edwards, Finance Director
Nathan Hill, Borough Manager
- Guests: Sam Cotten, Commissioner, Alaska Dept of Fish and Game
Scott Kelley, Director of Commercial Fisheries, ADF&G
Heather Harris, Lead Capacity Builder, Foraker Group
Jonella White, Lead Capacity Builder, Foraker Group
Eric Hansen, Program Manager, Rural Energy Initiative, ANTHC
Gavin Dixon, Rural Energy Initiative, ANTHC
Jim Kallenberg, Administrator, Levelock Village Council
Lamar Cotten, Consultant to the Borough
Chuck McCallum, Consultant to the Borough
Bob Loeffler, Consultant to the Borough
Mark Hickey, Lobbyist to the Borough
Ty Mase, Superintendent, Lake and Peninsula School District
Adrienne Christensen, Planning Commissioner, Port Heiden AK
Alexander Tallekpalek, Planning Commissioner, Levelock AK
Lary Hill, Planning Commissioner, Iliamna AK
Art Woinowsky, Planning Commissioner, Ugashik AK
Don Bumpus, Planning Commissioner, Chignik Lagoon AK
George Jacko, Pedro Bay AK
Dave Bendinger, KDLG, Dillingham AK

PRESENTATION – The Foraker Group

11/16/2016 – 1:10 pm

Heather Harris, Lead Capacity Builder for Foraker Group, explained that when Anglo-American pulled out of the Pebble Partnership, it left the Foraker Group with nearly \$3 million. A portion was to be used for wellness in the Bristol Bay Borough, and a portion for business development. For business development, the Foraker Group held a business plan contest. The contest began with contestants submitting a business idea and from those a portion attended a boot camp on how to do a business plan. They submitted their business plans and a task force reviewed them in July. Nine businesses were chosen to be funded. The businesses funded ranged from small start-ups to larger, established businesses. Foraker will be working with the business owners. In addition, Foraker will invest in an outside evaluator and will develop a best practices for future business plan competitions. The evaluation of the process will be completed by spring. There were seven communities represented in the competition and contestants from five communities were funded. All of the funding for business development has been budgeted and decision have been made to spend thru June, at which time all the funds will be spent. It is possible that some of the businesses will not need all the funds awarded, in

which case new plans will have to be made. Some businesses are start-ups and it could take several years for them to produce a final product; however, some businesses will be able to hire right away had have already hired. Of course, many are seasonal businesses and will see a spike of employment in the spring in summer. The businesses are allowed up to three years to see a profit. Foraker will do an evaluation in a few years to see how the businesses are faring.

Unfunded business ideas are confidential, but they did see some trends. Several ideas centered around fishing, and many on processing. There were some rock quarry type businesses and some framing and lodging businesses proposed. Sustainability was a large determining component for the competition. The evaluators asked if this business could still be around in five to ten years.

It was asked what was learned and how could it have been done better. Ms. Harris explained that the donor had specified that the funds be spent on a competition. During the boot camp, a collaborative discussion and atmosphere came about instead of a competition. There are a lot of creative ideas, and it became obvious that more business training is needed to move ideas into reality. Ms. White added that the timeframe was hurried to get the fund out to the community. Foraker needs to understand the communities better by spending quality time building relationships with entrepreneurs.

Anglo American also gave Foraker \$600,000 to help government bodies and to strengthen nonprofits. They will be offering educational opportunities for leadership. This fund could be used for projects such as strategic planning, fundraising plans or business plans. Foraker will be doing a trip to Naknek next month to begin the process. Questions were asked about the capacity building, what need Foraker foresees fulfilling or what goal is to be accomplished. Ms. Harris explained that the first priority is to support the villages. She encouraged phone calls to inquire about needs and Foraker would then provide one on one consultation or group training. She said the conversation needs to be started about the community's needs.

It was asked how the wellness funds have been spent and how much longer the program will continue. Ms. Harris explained that the wellness project has gone well in Bristol Bay Borough. Nava Sarracino has done most of the work. She is working directly with the school and community. There is also so one on one counseling and working with community members. There is still a couple hundred thousand left for the program.

PRESENTATION - ANTHC

11/16/2015 - 2:07 pm

Mr. Eric Hansen, from the division of environmental health and engineering at Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium spoke to the Assembly about the Rural Health initiative. The initiative does energy audits in rural communities. Having an efficient public services saves communities energy and money to keep systems sustainable. The energy work done by ANTHC is multifaceted, but starts with the audit. This allows the decision makers to realize where the opportunity for savings is. With audit, an entity can get funding for efficiency retrofits, or training to lower the cost of running. The audit also identifies alternative energy opportunities and energy efficiencies. The Rural Initiative has conducted audits in 60 communities. It is funded thru Denali, the State of Alaska and USDA. In Lake and Peninsula Borough, Nondalton is the only completed audit, and Igiugig will be audited next year. Mr. Hansen said the Rural Initiative wants to do more work in Lake and Peninsula Borough. Each audit costs \$10,000. For this, the entity gets a comprehensive energy audit report. The efficiencies are ranked and recommended for the best return on investment. Handed out Nondalton report. With Nondalton, the opportunities recommended are dependent on type of system the village chooses. There are several kinds of water and sewer systems in LPB. There are buried circulating systems and some are pressurized systems. Buried circulating systems consume more energy. Mr. Hansen handed out a list of communities and the estimates of costs to upgrade and make each more efficient. Most villages ANTHC has worked on are the coldest communities, and in Lake and Peninsula Borough, the overall payback is projected to be five to seven years. It was asked what a community can do if they have a scattered sites set up? Scattered sites are wells and septic; decentralized systems are the most

efficient and are less expensive than large centralized systems. There was a discussion of Port Alsworth's sewer situation.

Mr. Hansen explained that it is the mission of his department of ANTHC to reduce cost of energy for sanitation and water systems. ANTHC has a relationship with AEA, but they are not working on energy systems. One third of the cost of providing utilities is attributable to water and sewer system in a community. As far as preventative maintenance, ANTHC has a worker that circulates to communities, and preventative maintenance is part of the audit projections. A huge side benefit is that upgrades are efficient. Training and upgrading the operators is valuable guidance. ANTHC focuses on training, both in the auditing phase, and in the upgrade. They have developed an energy curriculum that is presented at AVTEC that operators are required to complete. Mr. Hansen was asked if he is seeing villages go to individual systems as the village population shrinks? He replied that once the infrastructure is in place for a community wide system, it is hard to go back to individual. He explained that there are four types of retrofits: 1) local retrofits, 2) operator retrofits, 3) minor projects, and 4) major projects. Mr. Hansen was asked if there are ideas for how to pay for these audits. He suggested funding from Denali and other sources.

PRESENTATION – State Budget by Bob Loeffler

11/16/2015 – 3:15 pm

Mr. Loeffler presented a number of blocks indicating different funds and revenue and a large scale to balance the two sides. It became clear that there is not enough revenue to balance the expenditures. Scenarios were suggested to cut spending, but none were sufficient without serious hardship to the citizens. Scenarios were then suggested to increase revenue. For example, an income tax would provide only a small portion of the need. The only large pool of untapped resources was the permanent fund. It was obvious that despite cuts and even new taxes, the permanent fund would need to be utilized to balance the budget.

PRESENTATION – Discussion with Commissioner Cotten

11/17/2015 - 8:00 am

Mr. Sam Cotten, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, addressed the Assembly and Commission. He introduced Mr. Scott Kelly, Director of Commercial Fisheries, who joined him in the discussion. Commissioner Cotten began by explained that he had received a petition from a group of Chignik fishermen about the management of the area fishery. He said this is not a new expression of concern. He has recommended his staff meet with the fishermen to air all the issues. This meeting is scheduled for January 21st in Anchorage.

Commissioner Cotten said he spent yesterday with Governor Walker working on the budget. The Governor will be meeting with each of the Commissioners to review department budgets. He said he recognizes there are a lot of demands to reduce the cost of government and he is trying to reduce expenditures. He added that it is reasonable to expect the legislature to add to the Governor's budget. The Commercial Fisheries Commission was reintroduced this year. There was a proposal to do away with the commission, but instead it was reorganized to allow for faster response to requests. Some efficiencies could be achieved if the administrative functions were streamlined, but Commissioner Cotten said he does not want to disrupt the permit approval or transfer.

There was a question about a petition by the Bristol Bay area fishermen regarding the price of fish this past year. Commissioner Cotten said that fish prices can't really be influenced by ADF&G. He can, however, help mediate and expose the truth of the numbers. Assembly member Alvarez agreed that the department does not have much control over the price of fish, but the Bristol Bay permit holders want ADF&G to mediate.

Assembly member Randy Alvarez discussed cost recovery to fund management of the fisheries. He explained that for the past 10 years, this has been done in Bristol Bay. One year the department was looking for \$250,000 for management and that year the bidder who won the contract was for 10 cents a pound. It took a lot of fish to achieve \$250,000 at 10 cents a pound. He said the bidder got \$1.00 per pound two years ago. He said that he does not like cost recovery because few people bid on the cost recovery work. He said that the test fishing should be operated the same way – where half goes to

the fisherman and half to the department. I there are no bids, or if the bidding prices are too low, the processor is the only one who benefits from the bid.

Assembly member Alvarez then said that the fish in Bristol Bay were small last year and they are getting smaller. One report proposed that the ocean is at capacity for rearing salmon. The report suggested that there are too many hatchery fish in the ocean and they are effecting the world stock. The wild stock needs to be protected and should have priority over hatchery fish.

Commissioner Cotten said that Mr. Scott Kelly will make a lot of decision on the test fishing and cost recovery. The processors appreciate the test fishery. Mr. Kelly said that he is not as familiar with Bristol Bay as he is with Southeast Alaska fishing. He said there are two types of cost recovery. One is to generate revenue and the other is blended with test fishery for data. In Bristol Bay both revenue and data are needed. The Commercial Fishery division will need \$8000 in receipt authority.

Throughout Alaska, the test fishery is projected to be \$3.7 million and \$200,000 in Bristol Bay. In a perfect world, there would be a large number of fishermen who want to fish and bid for the test fishery. Assembly member Myra Olsen said this it isn't worthwhile for the fishermen to do the cost recovery, because the processors get most of the benefit. Mr. Kelly said there are several ways to bid. Test fisheries cannot cost ADF&G money. Assembly member Alvarez said that the fishermen would be satisfied with 50% of the profit. Mr. Kelly said his preference would be to never test fish for money and for the legislature to fund the activity, but that is not reality.

Mayor Glen Alsworth, Sr. asked how the test fishery, versus cost recovery, effects local fish tax. He explained that local government is paid per pound. If half is going to the State department, how does the tax work? When a half million pounds are taken out of the fishery at 10 cents a pound, how does that relate? Mr. Kelly said he doesn't know how that works.

Commissioner Art Woinowsky said all test fisheries should be on the river of origin. Port Heiden and Cinder River fisheries have been in mixed management and said he would like to see it managed by Bristol Bay. This change would stop the confusion of two managers. He added that at board of fish meeting it is argued and if area M is back to Stroganoff, then Cinder River goes back to Bristol Bay. Mr. Kelly said there are proposals at the upcoming board of fish meeting for that change.

Assembly member Alvin Pedersen addressed the petition from the Chignik fishermen. He said the problem is the management plan, not where the office is located. ADF&G always allows the other areas to get ahead of the quota and then Chignik has to play catch up. Pedersen asked if ADF&G had thought of ways to remedy management the plan. Mr. Kelly said he hopes to discuss some remedies on January 21st. The plan has to be vetted by the board. Assembly member Pedersen agreed this should be discussed with all involved, including Kodiak. Mr. Kelly said that if all come up with a solution that is agreed to, then the board of fish will likely sign off on the policy change. Commissioner Cotten said he used to work for Area M fishery and he will find people who fish area M to join the discussion.

Assembly member Alvarez asked about the smaller fish which were returned this year in Bristol Bay. Commissioner Cotten said they are getting a better picture of the by-catch in the Bering Sea. Most are hatchery fish from Russia and Japan. Genetic work shows 90% of by catch is to Alaska fish. In Prince William Sound, it was a record year. Scientist will listen to smaller fish, etc. will all say it is dependent on ocean conditions – which means they don't really know what the problem is. One of the concerns is if hatchery and wild fish mingle, they could create a lesser strain of fish. Some genetic information is better, but can the ocean support the number of fish out there, we just don't know. Glen – Fish biologist said could be there is a lot of feed and when salmon hit the threshold of food is met in two years, not in three. When food is abundant, fish will return when fish hit threshold of food. Sam – the water is warmer, which may also have an effect on the salmon.

Chuck McCallum asked what goals Commissioner Cotten has for his tenure and what he wants to achieve as commissioner. Commissioner Cotten said he has been inspired by the Walker/Maillot team and their Alaska first philosophy. ADF&G is a great place to work as many employees are career

people who are proud of their skills and good at what they do. This makes ADF&G a positive place to work. At the council level, there are a lot of interest. Too often there is an interest by the “distant water fleet” and hate to see Alaska at a disadvantage to compete in the fisheries. There is a recent effort by the trawl fleet in Kodiak to issue quotas by their history. There is a lot of power involved in shifting from an administrative system to a quota system. The fishermen need to have control without transferring owners. There is not enough revenue to go around if you give a big chunk to communities. Local fishermen should not be put at a disadvantage when competing with the distance water fleet, Commissioner Cotten said. He added that some think the Board of Fish moves too fast, and Council moves too slowly.

Adrienne Christensen, Port Heiden AK, asked if the Bristol Bay fishermen strike, what would ADF&G do. Scott Kelly said that ADF&G would still monitor escapement and provide openings. He said he hopes it doesn't happen, but the department's role would not change. Commissioner Cotten said if there are too many fish going up the waterways, they could cause harm. Mr. Kelly said he can't make people go fish. Commissioner Cotten said it would be a good opportunity for test fishing. Ms. Christensen asked if the Dept of Labor be involved. Commissioner Cotten replied that the current role of the Dept of Fish and Game is very limited and they would mostly act as a mediator. He said he is not aware of any power he has to insist on any action on the part of the processors; nor can the department require processors to pay a certain amount.

Assembly member Alvin Pedersen, Chignik Lagoon, asked Commissioner Cotten what his response to the Chignik fishermen will be. Commissioner Cotten said he will ask the fishermen to have a meeting with staff. He said there have been suggestions about bias but he is not convinced there is a bias. Mr. Kelley said that cost is not the primary reason to take action on a historical fishery and he hasn't yet heard a compelling argument to change the management.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly was called to order by Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Embassy Suites, 600 E Benson Blvd, Anchorage AK. The meeting was broadcast via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. and Assembly members Randy Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Myra Olsen, Alvin Pedersen, Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon, and Christina Salmon were present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

A motion was made by Assembly member Olsen and seconded by Assembly member Salmon to approve the agenda for the November 17, 2015 regular meeting with the omission of item G. 1. Ordinance 16-01. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. October 19, 2015** Motion was made by Assembly member Pedersen to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015, as presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. The mayor called for any scrivener's errors. None were noted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 2. Canvass Committee October 19, 2015** Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the Canvass Committee minutes of October 19, 2015, as presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. The mayor called for any scrivener's errors. None were noted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 3. Special Assembly October 31, 2015** Motion was made by Assembly member Pedersen to approve the Special Assembly Meeting minutes of October 31, 2015, as presented. Motion

was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. The mayor called for any scrivener's errors. None were noted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. MANAGER'S & STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Introduction of Guests** – The mayor invited each person in the room and on the teleconference to introduce themselves.
- 2. Manager's Report** – Mr. Hill said he had three main projects this month: Chignik dock, Iliamna dock and the Kokhanok wind project. He added that it is getting close to the start of a new legislative session, so he will be in touch more with Mark Hickey. He has been working on CIP with Rayna & the budget with Susan. He has set a goal to get the budget to the Assembly earlier this year. There were no questions for the manager.

- 3. Consultant's Report** – Cotten

Mr. Cotten said that Mark Hickey has taken lead in Juneau on the Chignik Dock project. The project went out to bid today. PND said they have had interest from three contractors. The dock will be owned by the Borough and then the Borough can sublease all or a portion of the dock. The plans for the dock has been discussed with fishermen in Chignik and all four communities and they should continue to be included in the conversation. There is only one processor in Chignik; however, additional processors would change the dynamic. This coming year, the Assembly will be considering who will lease spaces at and around the dock.

Mr. Cotten emphasized that money is going to be harder to access with the current state budget. The Denali Commission has little money. The Borough will need to work with federal agencies, and the process is often longer.

Assembly member Myra Olsen asked what impact the proposed scaling back the ferry system will have. Mark Hickey said the State is proposing eight trips down the chain, instead of ten. That is based on the budget they intend to submit, but legislature could try to cut more. They don't want to cut from communities receiving minimal service. Mr. Hickey noted that there are no legislators in key positions that are from ferry communities; they are all rail belt communities. Marine Highways is going to have to reinvent itself. The Borough needs to be sure they have a seat at the table, because we have an interest in keeping the service running but not as many communities on the western side of the State. SWAMC and Aleutians East would also have an interest in this. The administration is considering splitting the marine highway into smaller systems. The director has suggested the Southwest take the Tustumena as a separate service system. The Mayor commented that it seems like the marine system is designed not to be economically viable. The ferry needs to pay its own way. If ferry tickets are priced without subsidy, then people may not want it. Currently the revenue from fares only pays for 30% of running the system, and the cost has tripled in the last few years. The legislature usually does the easiest thing today and puts off the hard decision for future generations.

- 3. Consultant's Report** – Loeffler

Mr. Loeffler passed out two memos: one on Millrock's Chignik project and one on Pebble. The Millrock project is a 12 man process. They are looking for copper and/or gold on BBNC lands. They will drill test holes and then an assay lab will analyze the samples. The company will employ two local people. Millrock has spent \$140,000 in the Chignik area and \$1.5 million in Alaska. Millrock is financed by First Quantum. It is unknown, until early to late winter, if they will be back for more testing or will launch an actual project. Ms. Aboras asked if Millrock looking at new sites? Mr. Loeffler said he can speculate that if they hit something good, they will go in the same general area and if they hit something bad or mediocre, the company could leave. Additionally, if the science shows other hot sites, Millrock could chose to test those sites, as well.

Pebble hired the Kohn group to investigate the process the EPA used for the 401c exemption. The EPA did not cooperate with the investigation. Kohn released their report and the conclusion was the MEPA process would have been a better option. Two court cases are continuing: the EPA process and the Pebble Freedom of information. Both are in the phase of discovery. Nunumta and other anti-Pebble groups sent a petition to DNR requesting to comprehensively know what happened to the 1300 test drills Pebble made. The request was timed and released the day of the Capitol Hill hearings

4. Community Development Coordinator's Report –

Ms. Ranya Aboras, Community Development Coordinator (CDC) reported that the writing of a grant for a CDBG for Chignik is going well. The Scrap haul-out contracts should be complete, borough-wide by the end of December. All villages who are interested should have signed contracts. She has been working on CIP lists with the villages and CAPSIS requests with the Borough Manager, Mr. Cotten, and Mr. Hickey. This year villages will be asked to break down their CIP list into short term and long term projects. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the proposed changes to Title 9 and the ordinance should be before the Assembly in January. She has also been working on creating a rubric for project selection. The CIP Fund process will be changing to a reimbursement granting process. The Community Development Department has completed their website pages for the new website.

5. Planning Commission Minutes – no discussion

- 6. Fishery Report–** Chuck McCallum, Fishery Advisor to the Assembly, said that one thing he wants to focus on is the price of salmon last year and what the dropping ratio of final versus wholesale. A report came out yesterday which gave a quick snapshot and showed that the base price is down as a ratio of the wholesale price. Wholesale prices are dropping. Assembly member Alvarez asked are numbers shown for head and gutted fish or for filleted fish. Mr. McCallum said it is hard to get data for all of the variables. The primary problem is confidentiality requirements. Assembly member Alvarez said he hopes this will show the processors, that for every 10 cents more per pound, the Borough should get \$300,000.

The Board of Fish meeting will be next week. Assembly member Alvarez said he has only found one other person from the North who wants to attend. Mr. McCallum said he knows of several people from Port Heiden who are interested in attending. The Assembly allowed a budget of \$25,000, but he hopes to save some of the money for the area M meeting.

- 7. Finance Report –** Ms. Susan Edwards, Finance Officer, stated that the Borough budget, like the State of Alaska's budget, faces similar challenges in the realm of falling revenue and rising expenses. The State is struggling with the precipitous drop in oil price, while the Borough is struggling with fish price. While the fish harvest this past season was large, the low .50¢ per pound price meant that revenue for the year was slightly below the historic median of \$1.045 million and \$500k below the budgeted amount of \$1.5 million. While revenue from bed tax and guide tax are currently projected to total an historic high of \$300k for the year, they will not cover the projected shortfall in revenue or expenditures.

As concerning expenses, Ms. Edwards proved a handout of discretionary and obligated expenses, as per questions last meeting, showing that obligated expenses; school appropriation, debt service, the Chignik dock and Iliamna barge construction, were reflected in the need for large transfer from General Fund reserves. Ms. Edwards explained that even with taking into consideration the one-time expenses of the dock and barge landing expenses, which all things being equal, the borough would still be in a deficit situation. With the given projections for a continuation of low fish prices, the very real possibility of a cutback in State revenue sharing and cuts to school support, Ms. Edwards said that she doesn't see much change in the next few years.

Manager Nathan Hill said he has thought about cost recovery for fish & game and has been wondering if one could do cost recovery for oil or natural gas. Mr. Loeffler reminded Mr. Hill that there was a time when a sockeye salmon was worth more than a barrel of oil.

Assembly member Salmon asked about the SAVEC donation. She suggested giving less. Assembly member Alvarez said he is on the board and of all the agencies that donate to SAVEC, Lake and Peninsula Borough donates the most. It was asked if LPSD uses SAVEC much anymore. Mr. Mase said the district did not because SAVEC's emphasis was post-secondary education. Assembly member Salmon said that SAVEC classes were not free for residents who are not living in a CDQ community. She said the donation should be cut in half.

Mr. Hill said that as we try to paint a clearer picture of finances, he wants to keep in closer touch with the Assembly and communicate more about the decisions to be made. He thanked the Assembly for their time and patience. The Mayor requested an all day workshop to work on the budget.

8. Lobbyist's Report – no discussion.

9. Clerk's Report

Ms. Conley said she will be working to schedule a day long workshop on budget. The Mayor thanked Ms. Conley for organizing the reception at the Captain Cook last night and said the series of meetings this month has been good.

10. School Superintendent's Report

Ty Mase said his report this month focuses on Small Schools Matter. He said he does not believe the proposed bill will pass, but the school districts are working to crush the idea before the bill is proposed. Senator Gattis said that small villages are too tied to their schools. LPSD have gone on record to invite Gattis and Dunleavy to visit Igiugig, but the invitation has received no response. Ten LPSD schools could be closed if the increase were to pass. Currently, Chignik Bay School and Chignik Lake are both barely making the minimum count to stay open.

Mr. Mase promised the district will do better with the budget this year and get the numbers to the borough earlier. LPSD IS looking at regional options and working with Bristol Bay Borough School District more. For each expense, the district asks if it will save money. If it will, the District will do it for the kids.

Regarding SAVEC, Mr. Mase said that BBBSD and LPSD have come under scrutiny for building dorms. Building the dorms is a financial decision. CTE classes are staying at five star lodges cheaper than at SAVEC. New dorms will be even cheaper. Nathan clarified that SAVEC is for post-secondary, but LPSD only does K-12.

The Port Alsworth school construction is wrapped up. The final outcome was a big building in Port Alsworth for 65 kids. Newhalen construction is going smoothly and should be completed by the end of 2015. Overall, the district enrollment is down, but there are twelve preschools. Finally, Mr. Mase said that he is glad the district was able to be reimbursed for the construction bond money because the State has done away with the program for future construction projects.

11. Student Representative Report

Marisa Olsen, Student Body President, Port Alsworth AK, said she just finished attending a Volleyball tournament and was able to spend two hours during the event in student government meetings. The Student Council has \$12,000 in their budget. With the money they would like to send more students to AASG. The council will also be writing a resolution

regarding the minimum school enrollment legislation proposed by Senator Gattis. Superintendent Mase was enthusiastic about the resolution. He said to make sure it is the students' own, and not a parrot of adults. He thanked the council for taking a role in the fight for small schools. Ms. Olsen said the council also wants to change the bylaws to add student information and for more students to attend meetings. In addition, some students want more college readiness training. The Mayor thanked her for her participation and involvement in the council and in the Assembly meeting. Assembly member Olsen said she is grateful someone as busy as Marisa found the time to attend the Assembly meeting. She added that there has been a good caliber of students attending in the last year. Mr. Hill said he was impressed that Ms. Olsen's reaction to yesterday's workshop on the budget game was to make an app to apply it to other budgets.

F. CONSENT AGENDA - none

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 16-01 Title 9 Changes – Introduction

Removed from agenda

2. Resolution 15-18 – Authorizing Volunteers to Provide Fire Fighting Services

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve Resolution 15-18. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. Ms. Conley explained that this is simply a ratification of resolution 05-10, as requested by the Director's office at the Alaska Division of Fire and Life Safety. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Appointments to Planning Commission

Mayor Alsworth recommended reappointments of Lary Hill and Don Bumpus to the Planning Commission. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to accept the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Lary Hill and Don Bumpus to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Alsworth said we have great representation from Igiugig and from Iliamna, but no one from Nondalton. Mayor Alsworth recommended Fawn Silas be appointed to the Planning Commission. Motion was made by Assembly member Anderson to accept the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Fawn Silas to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Assembly member Alvarez noted that Karl Hill is very busy. Borough Manager, Mr. Hill said that all the candidates are very busy people. He added that Fawn has proven to be proactive and is a good representative of the community. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting, November 16-17, 2015 – Anchorage AK

The next Assembly meeting will be in January, date to be determined, in King Salmon AK

J. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS –

Don Bumpus – Mr. Bumpus said there was a flood in Chignik Lagoon that did damage to the hydropower system. Workers will be able to fix the erosion at the dam, but the erosion at the bridge has not been repaired. He said the village needs a bit of encouragement to fix. Mr. Cotten said he checked

into whether it is a design flaw. It was decided it was caused by unusual weather and it is a maintenance issue and the responsibility of the village. Mr. Hill said the village should ask not how much it will cost to fix, but how much it will cost not to fix it. Assembly member Pedersen said it may be resolved by now. Mr. Bumpus said he would rather have constructive criticism than total failure.

Lary Hill – Mr. Hill said he is glad the Assembly picked someone from Nondalton to join the Planning Commission. Some representation from that area is needed. The Mayor agreed and said Ms. Silas will be a quality commissioner. She is quiet but when she speaks there is thoughtfulness there.

K. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS - none

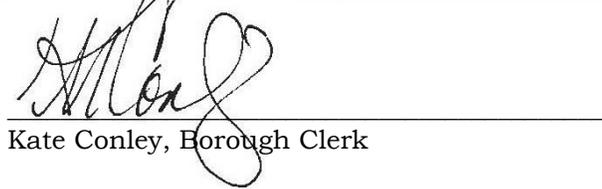
L. MAYOR’S COMMENTS – The Mayor said this month was a series of good meetings. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Assembly member Andersen to adjourn the Assembly meeting. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 pm



Glen R. Alsworth, Sr., Mayor



Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

1-26-2016

Date