

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH  
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING  
Monday, October 19, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth  
Randy Alvarez - excused  
Scott Anderson – via teleconference  
Myra Olsen  
Alvin Pedersen  
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon  
Christina Salmon

Staff: Ranya Aboras, Community Development Coordinator  
Kate Conley, Clerk  
Susan Edwards, Finance Director  
Nathan Hill, Borough Manager  
Nikki Reed, Assistant Finance Officer

Guests: Susan Alexander, Fish and Wildlife  
Dave Bendinger, KDLG Radio  
Lamar Cotten, Consultant to the Borough

**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 Monday October 19, 2015 at 3:15 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lake and Peninsula School District, King Salmon, Alaska. The meeting was broadcast via teleconference.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -**

A motion was made by Assembly member Olsen and seconded by Assembly member Pedersen to approve the agenda for the October 19, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the minutes of September 24, 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** – Nathan Hill passed out his report and apologized for it being in late. He said he had a good excuse. Lamar Cotten called in to discuss capital improvements. Mr. Hill said he had a call from the Borough's Lobbyist, Mark Hickey who said there is a strong likelihood that the state will be taking out a geo-bond to fund capital projects. If that is the case the Borough will have a list of projects to propose. The Good news is the capital projects are getting finished up or getting ready to move forward. The Chignik Lagoon hydro project is running well. The Chignik Dock will be out to bid by the end of the month. All the permits are lined up and the project should be completed in a year. He said he reached out to the four communities affected by the Chignik dock project for consensus and ideas for utilization of the facility.

In other news, the Kokhanok wind project has a new hitch, but there is conversation to consider looking for other grant funding from DOE. There will be a change in contractor, and Marsh Creek will be ending their relationship with the project and ABB will be starting work. This will match remaining grant money to procure an off-the-shelf inverter. In talking with Marsh Creek and UAF, it was decided a new approach is needed and to go after federal grant money and something that is tried and true. It may or may not be something that is operational. There may not be a lot of support when done. It is a very complicated mix of events with a whole different approach.

In not so good news, another check came in today for fish tax and it brings us up to about 50% of the money from last year. Tax dollars are not rolling in the way we would want. The Borough has the responsibility to fund education. There is funding we are obligated to and some are discretionary. There are examples of discretionary funding, such as SAVEC funding. The Borough gives SAVEC \$25,000. The Borough also gives out \$175,000 to all communities. The administration recommends lowering the amount given to SAVEC in the interest of keeping our own education costs low. Mr. Hill added that CIP Funding has been given without consideration for sustainability and accountability. Ranya Aboras is working on the CIP fund to develop language and framework. Mr. Hill requested feedback from the Assembly about discretionary funding.

Capital projects fall into two categories: use and application. Use would be multi-village use and application is for villages that have projects that are ready for application. Mark Hickey recommended a range of projects in price and value.

- Chignik Bay Boatlift – This has potential for economic generation and could service multiple villages
- Taziminia – There is some funding available to increase capacity and funding. The facility needs to expand and direct more water toward the generators
- Williamsport-Pile Bay Road – Five years ago, the Corps of Engineers met with the Assembly in Anchorage. They proposed \$800,000 for dredging. This will benefit all the lake villages.

Mr. Hill requested the Assembly narrow down the projects by January. Additional projects could include:

- BioMass
- Barge Landings
- ANTHC Water and Sewer Audits – Many villages have aging infrastructure. ANTHC will assess the systems in the villages for \$10,000. The audits get the villages ready to apply for federal money. The infrastructure is 30 years old and a lot of money is spent keeping them running and repaired.

Mr. Hill noted that six villages have shifted from BBAHC to ANTHC. He said he was lucky to attend some of these meetings. During the fishing season, Maillot was in Bristol Bay Borough and mentioned he will be forming an advisory group

Mayor Alsworth said that the Borough needs to get a comprehensive approach to finance. He requested a list of discretionary expenses. He said we need to consider where we are getting the most bang for our buck and for our students. He said we also need to solicit projects from the communities for regional projects. Whenever we get to the point we have to narrow the project down to a single one, we need to create a criteria and not be emotional about the benefits of a project. The real work is developing criteria and it will help us to have a more subjective approach. This will give clarity on what and how much we can fund and then take this to our villages. Twenty years ago we were focused 100% on education. Our communities have come to depend on the money we pass along because we have been dependable. Mr. Hill said it will be a continuing discussion. The Borough has been diligent about looking at the

budget. Assembly member Pedersen asked if the Capital Improvement Project fund is still in place. Mr. Hill said yes. Mayor Alsworth said the best way to find out what the villages are spending their money on is to stop paying it. Mr. Cotten said that the Borough should review what the priorities are. We should try to leverage state and federal funding. The Borough has a good reputation for finishing projects.

Mr. Hill told the Assembly that he took a two day ANCSA class. It was informational and helpful to understand how tribes, state and fed work together.

Assembly member Olsen asked how far along Port Heiden is with the CAF system. Mr. Hill said that the freezer building is built and they borrowed the scrap-haul-out generators to do some of the construction. Assembly member Anderson said that an electrical engineer is need to determine the system needs. The Assembly requested an update for the November Meeting. Assembly member Anderson added that the tank farm relocation is going well. The tanks have been moved a half mile further from the shore. There was some trouble with the concrete and the rain, but the project will be finished the middle of November. He added that Ranya Aboras was helpful in convincing AEA the project needed to be done immediately. Assembly member Anderson added that they are beginning to work with Cap Stone Solutions on a solar array and panels. Cap Stone will install the solar system and the City would be purchasing the power from this company for five to seven years. They will set up and maintain the system. Additionally, a power line is needed to be stretched out to the freezer plant. He explained that he is participating via teleconference because he is in Washington DC to discuss the marine debris program. He will discuss some of the issues with collecting the debris, but most importantly, what to do with the debris after it is collected. Should it be buried or hauled out.

Nathan Hill said he spoke with Gerald Kosbruk from Perryville and work has begun on their new powerhouse. The boat ramp and lift is complete in Perryville, as well.

Assembly member Ravenmoon said he missed the last meeting, but asked about the letter that was sent to the Assembly members from Nick Anelon about hiring local on the Newhalen school remodel project. She said that hiring local should be part of the written criteria for all Borough projects to create jobs. Mr. Hill said that the response to the letter was that it was well written with a lot of good point. The Borough promotes local hire, but there is funding that limits our ability to influence who is employed by the winning contractor. Everyone agrees that encouraging local hire is a good thing. Mayor Alsworth added that the money received for the schools prevented the Borough from requiring local hire.

The Assembly meeting was recessed at 3:40 pm

The Assembly meeting was reconvened at 6:55 pm

**3. Consultant's Report** – No discussion.

**4. Community Development Coordinator's Report** –

Ms. Ranya Aboras said the scrap project is going strong. The equipment went to Ugashik and to the Lagoon and is now ready to be shipped back to King Salmon. She told the Assembly that she attended a backhaul meeting and learned about an idea proposed by Senator Lisa Murkowski for adopt-a-barge, where each village could purchase a stop from a barge to backhaul waste. NRCS is working with Port Heiden on their erosion issues. NRCS also visited Chignik Lagoon and Levelock. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready for review and sample resolutions were sent to the communities. Once all the communities pass resolution, the Borough can approve and finally adopt the plan. Chignik City Council has requested the Borough's help with applying for a CDBG to access their dam site. Ms. Aboras attended a CDBG training and will be contacting other villages for interest in CDBG funding.

**5. Planning Commission Minutes** – no discussion

**6. Fishery Report**– Chuck McCallum’s report was distributed to the Assembly. He attended the North Pacific Fisheries meetings. There was mention of the budget for the upcoming board of fish meeting which will be discussed in new business later in the agenda. There was a discussion on the Chignik Management area. Mr. Hill gave an update and said he has arranged a meeting with Sam Cotten, the Commissioner for Fish and Game. Mayor Alsworth said there were assumptions about the efficiencies for service out of Kodiak instead of Anchorage and said he would be interested to see the actual cost of moving people from Kodiak versus Anchorage. Mr. Hill said he would have Mr. McCallum follow up on this. Mayor Alsworth asked if the additional \$4,000 mentioned in the report for board of fish expense budget was included in the \$25,000 asked for. Mr. Hill said it is part of the \$25,000 already in the budget.

**7. Finance Report** – Susan Edwards, Finance Officer, said she had good news. She received \$250,000 in fish tax today. The tax is based on 50 cents a pounds. Bonuses this year were paid up front. This is the final payment, and will bring the fish tax revenue to 1/3 of budgeted revenue. The Bed and Guide Tax collection is doing well; however, it will be a difficult year for revenue. All the bonded projects will be completed this year, including Newhalen gym, which should be done in December. This means that there will not be much interest once the funds are spent.

Expenses are good and under budget. The staff has been careful. There is another health care insurance choice. Along with the traditional plan, the School District will be offering a high deductible plan with a health savings account. The plans are mostly planned for people who do not need a lot of health service. The new plan does not work with co-insurance or with the native health care plan.

**8. Lobbyist’s Report** – no discussion.

**9. Clerk’s Report** – Ms. Conley said she did not have anything additional to her written report, but did remind the Assembly that the meetings in November will be in Anchorage on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Assembly member Ravenmoon noted that there were many ballots missing either a voter signature or identification or witness. She said the current envelope has a sentence that could be misinterpreted. Ms. Conley said she would have the envelope changed and reprinted before the next election.

**10. School Superintendent’s Report** – no discussion.

**11. Student Representative Report** – no student present.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA** - none

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance 15-26 Title 9 Changes – Hearing & Decision**

Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to open the public hearing for Ordinance 15-26 An Ordinance Amending Sections of Title 9 of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Municipal Code and Providing for an Effective Date. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. The public hearing was open at 7:22 pm. The Borough Clerk reported the ordinance was properly noticed since September 1, 2015 and no comments had been received via writing or telephone. The Mayor called for additional comments. There was no further discussion. Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to close the public hearing on Ordinance 15-26. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The Hearing was closed at 7:26 pm. Motion was made by Assembly member Salmon to adopt ordinance 15-26. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. Mayor Alsworth called for conflict of

interest. None was declared. The Mayor called for any discussion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2. Ordinance 15-27 Changes to 6.24.050 – Introduction**

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to introduce Ordinance 15-27. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. Mayor Alsworth called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance 15-24 – Lease for T. Veal – To be tabled**

Finance Officer, Susan Edwards, said that Mr. Veal wants a lease, but there is a dispute about the size. Ms. Edwards said the plan is to visit the land and measure the space. Once measured, then the administration can work out an agreement with Mr. Veal about the actual size of the space. Mayor Alsworth said that Mr. Veal will not be occupying this location until next summer. Motion to table Ordinance 15-24 indefinitely, was made by Assembly member Olsen. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Salmon. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**J. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Regular Meeting, October 19, 2015 – King Salmon AK**

The next Assembly meeting will be October 19, 2015 in King Salmon with Canvass Committee

**K. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - none**

**L. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

**Myra Olsen** – Assembly member Olsen said it was pleasant to watch the cross country meet earlier in the evening.

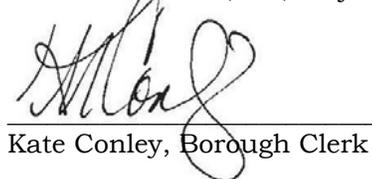
**M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS - none**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Assembly member Anderson to adjourn the Assembly meeting. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm



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Glen R. Alsworth, Sr., Mayor

  
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Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

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