

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP
Monday, March 19, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth
Randy Alvarez
Sue Anelon
Nana Kalmakoff, absent, excused
Myra Olsen
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon
Victor Seybert, absent, unexcused

Staff: Lamar Cotten, Borough Manager
Kate Conley, Borough Clerk
Jordan Keeler, Community Development Coordinator
Richard Wallace, Finance Director

Guests: Ken Taylor, Pebble Partnership, Vice-President, Environment
Richard Wilson, Naknek AK
Cheryl Wilson, Pebble Partnership, Regional Outreach Coordinator
Adam Sadoski, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, Attorney
Christina Salmon, Renewable Resources
Anders Gustafson, Renewable Resources
Glen R. Alsworth, Jr, Lake Clark Air,
Erika Danielle Salmon-Anelon, Igiugig AK
AlexAnna Salmon, Planning Commissioner, Igiugig AK
Lary Hill, Planning Commissioner, Iliamna AK
Art Woinowsky, Planning Commissioner, Ugashik AK
Alexander "Skipper" Tallekpalek, Planning Commissioner, Levelock AK
Donald Bumpus, Planning Commissioner, Chignik Lagoon, AK
Nathan Hill, Planning Commissioner, Kokhanok AK

Mr. Taylor passed out booklets entitled The Pebble Environment and presented a powerpoint of the scientific data collected. He explained the social, biological and physical data that cost more than \$120 million to collect.

After Mr. Taylor's presentation and discussion, the Assembly did not review the agenda items, but there was a discussion of what role LPB should have in the capital projects. Currently LPB is the project manager and when a project is complete, it is turned over to the community.

The Mayor gave a quick overview of the plan for Tuesday and the visit to Port Alsworth. He then told a story of his recent visit to Japan.

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 12:00 p.m.**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth
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Sue Anelon
Nana Kalmakoff, absent, excused
Myra Olsen
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon
Victor Seybert, absent, unexcused

Staff: Lamar Cotten, Borough Manager
Kate Conley, Borough Clerk
Jordan Keeler, Community Development Coordinator

Guests: Ty Mase, Lake and Peninsula School District Superintendent
Adam Sadoski, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, Attorney
Anders Gustafson, Renewable Resources
Andy Smith, Port Alsworth
CJ Miller, Port Alsworth
Carlton Voran, Port Alsworth
Jael Negaard, Port Alsworth
Ielya Alsworth, Port Alsworth
Sharon Mullins, Port Alsworth
Glen R. Alsworth, Jr., Port Alsworth
Bill Trefon, Sr., Port Alsworth
Mark McGee, Port Alsworth

Note: Prior to the meeting the Assembly and Staff met informally with the Tanalian School students. The Assembly and students asked and answered questions.

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, March 20, 2012 at 12:10 p.m. in the Fire Hall at Port Alsworth, Alaska. Most of the meeting was transmitted via telephone.

B. ROLL CALL

Prior to roll call Borough Clerk Kate Conley said an Assembly member is absent for a reason unknown. She asked if this was excusable by the Assembly. Consensus of the Assembly was that that is not an allowable reason to miss an assembly meeting and that member should be counted as absent, unexcused. Ms. Conley said that another Assembly member is absent because her baby granddaughter is seriously ill. Consensus of the Assembly was that that is an allowable reason to miss an assembly meeting and that member should be counted as absent, excused.

A quorum was established with Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. and Assembly members Randy Alvarez, Sue Anelon, Myra Olsen, and Michelle Ravenmoon present. Assembly members Nana Kalmakoff was absent, excused and Victor Seybert was absent, unexcused.

Borough staff participating in all or part of the meeting included: Lamar Cotten, Borough Manager; Kate Conley, Borough Clerk; and Jordan Keeler, Community Development Coordinator.

Guests for all or part of the meeting included: Ty Mase, Lake and Peninsula School District Superintendent, Anders Gustafson, Renewable Resource Coalition; Andy Smith, Port Alsworth;

CJ Miller, Port Alsworth; Carlon Voran, Port Alsworth; Jael Negaard, Port Alsworth; Ielya Alsworth, Port Alsworth; Sharon Mullins, Port Alsworth; Glen R Alsworth, Jr., Port Alsworth; Bill Trefon, Sr., Port Alsworth; Mark McGee, Port Alsworth; Adam Sadoski, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, Attorney, Alaskans for Bristol Bay.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

A motion was made by Assembly member Randy Alvarez and seconded by Assembly member Sue Anelon to approve the agenda for the March 20, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to approve the minutes of February 21, 2012. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. One scrivener's error was noted on page 30. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to remove the Levelock Capital Fund Request from the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Cotten said that the winter has been unexpectedly severe and long. As a result, Levelock may need to purchase fuel. Their council passed a resolution in preparation of a request to the Borough for the use of capital project fund money to purchase the fuel. Levelock has not completed the necessary grant paperwork, but will do so if they need to access the funds. Mr. Cotten pointed out that this is not a capital project and while the village has the money in their capital fund account, the Assembly would be making an exception in allowing this usage. In addition, there are at least two more communities with the same fuel shortages and may need to also access the capital fund money for fuel. The Mayor emphasized that these monies are for capital projects, and not for operating expenses. The Assembly has made loans to villages for fuel in the past as well as allowed the use of capital fund money for fuel. This is not a problem that will go away. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the request to use capital fund money for fuel, subject to receipt of completed paperwork. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

F. MANAGER'S & STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Introduction of Guests** – The Mayor invited each person in the room to introduce themselves.
- 2. Manager's Report** – Lamar Cotten told the Assembly that the wood boiler contracts were executed.

He attended a meeting about the hydro electric project in Chignik Lagoon with Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife - Habitat where they discussed the anadromous stream and the impact of the project on the fish. In June, traps will be set to determine what and how many fish are in the creek. The money for the hydro project should be available in the fall.

Mr. Cotten then explained to the audience that if a village has a project they may bring it to the Assembly for consideration. The Assembly may choose to advance the project and they often contribute funds to match grant dollars to "put skin in the game" and make the project more likely to be funded by agencies.

Mr. Cotten noted that another newsletter went out. The Borough is continuing to monitor wind in Igiugig. Denali Commission funds for the barge landings in Igiugig and Kokhanok are being advanced.

At the Planning Commission meeting yesterday, Chris Beck from Agnew::Beck discussed a plan to update the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan will begin with villages and village visits will happen before June 1st.

3. **Consultant's Report** – Mr. Loeffler was absent from the meeting due to illness.
4. **Community Development Coordinator's Report** – Mr. Keeler reported that he has been monitoring the fuel in communities. He worked on the barge landing proposal for Port Alsworth and was able to get the project on the capital list. He and a representative from Agnew::Beck will be meeting with the village in Port Alsworth between May 20th and June 1st to work on the comprehensive plan
5. **Planning Commission Minutes** – There was a Planning Commission meeting yesterday. Mr. Keeler said they approved development permits for road improvements in Nondalton and in Ugashik, as well as sanitation improvements in Nondalton.
6. **Fishery Report**– Mr. Cotten presented Chuck McCallum's report. He discussed the list of the boats participating in the cod fishery this year. Of the \$10.1 million to be made in the cod fishery, half will go to local fishermen. Mr. McCallum will be working with Port Heiden to help prepare proposals to the Board of Fish to change regulations in Area M. The Area M fishery may have been negatively impacted subsistence activities in the area. Assembly member Alvarez said that there will be a meeting of the Board of Fish in December 2012 in Naknek to discuss the Bristol Bay regulations. The deadline for proposals is coming soon.

Assembly member Alvarez expressed concern that Pebble Partnership did not test the Lower Talarik Creek. He said that that area is very critical for subsistence. While run off may not be a concern, if too much ground water is removed from the mine site, it may affect the water level on the Lower Talarik Creek. There was a discussion. Consensus of the Assembly was to direct staff to look at the data released by Pebble Partnership and to note any omissions, including studies to Lower Talarik Creek and discuss this at the next Assembly meeting. Mr. Anders Gustafson, Renewable Resources Coalition, added that BBNC has scientists reviewing the data and suggested the Assembly may wish to seek their opinions.

Assembly member Olsen noted that HB99 and HB100 concern genetically modified (GM) fish. She said that the Borough should go on record as opposing GM fish and supporting this legislation. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to support HB99 and HB100. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Keeler added that Bristol Bay Borough wants to hire a meeting coordinator to make sure the fish meeting in December goes smoothly. The Mayor noted that this should be considered when creating the budget this year.

7. **Finance Report** – Mr. Cotten told the Assembly that Richard Wallace has returned as finance officer for the Borough. Mr. Cotten then gave a review of the finances. He explained that the fish tax is paid by the fishermen, not the processors. There is also a bed and guide tax. The Mayor added that a draft budget will be presented at the April meeting and approved in May. Generally, the Mayor said, the Borough is doing well. Mr. Cotten explained that the Borough receives funds from the Pebble Partnership in the form of a payment in lieu of a development fee. It is common for local government to receive fees for development activities that require the use of borough funds, time and staff. Such funds do not commit the borough to take a position on such proposed development but again allows it to meet its obligations to protect the borough interest

without spending its own funds.

Sharon Mullins, Port Alsworth, asked what percentage of the school district budget comes from the federal government, and what from the state. Mr. Mase explained that it is hard to know. The federal funds are distributed by the state. Each year there are more and more regulations and “hoops to jump through” to qualify for the money.

8. Lobbyist’s Report – Mr. Cotten explained that the Borough pays for a lobbyist, Mr. Mark Hickey, to watch and report on the legislation as well as represent the Borough’s interests in Juneau.

9. Clerk’s Report – Ms. Conley presented a written report and did not add any additional comments.

10. School Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Ty Mase, Lake and Peninsula School District Superintendent, said that the school district’s goal is to keep things constant and not to change programs or teachers. The addition this year was the vocational education, which the Assembly made happen. There have been two phases thus far: business and welding. Next year they are looking to have 75 students in the vocational education program.

This year the district will need to hire only three staff, one information technician to live in Kokhanok, and two teachers for Igiugig. The district has also partnered with a university in Montana. The teachers will propose a curriculum to the professors, perfect it and then present it via internet technology to LPSD students. It is a good resource and it is free.

This year the district was projecting a \$800,000 deficit, but all should be well. The district will be tight on funds and there will not be extras for anything. The funding will hinge on enrollment. Five of the thirteen school sites are still under twelve students. The district will be at the mercy of the state and federal agencies. Senate Bill 170 and the Governor’s budget are the hope for help.

Assembly member Anelon asked what is to be done with the Pedro Bay school building. Mr. Mase said that the building is currently in warm storage, but it is costing about \$7,000 per year to heat. Next year it will be in cold storage.

Andy Smith, Port Alsworth, said he had heard rumors of a boarding school. Mr. Mase said that idea has been around. While it would be good for the district financially, it would be devastating for the peninsula villages and for that reason the school board resists a boarding school.

Mayor Alsworth asked about the Port Alsworth school improvements. Mr. Mase explained that this past year the project was ranked number seven. The first five were funded and that put Port Alsworth at two, but it will not get funded this cycle. Each year the district has to reapply. Just because they were number two this year, does not mean it will be number two next year. It is very possible they could go on like this for years. There was discussion of revising the cost estimates and re-evaluation the application to make the project score higher.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Attendance Policy – The Mayor requested that staff produce a 20 year attendance report. Kate Conley explained that the charter is unusually specific and allows for

removal of an Assembly member only after three consecutive, unexcused absences. This means that an elected official could potentially never attend a meeting and still remain in the seat if the member missed two unexcused, and then was excused, and then two unexcused, etc. The Assembly cannot preempt the charter, so there are limited options. The Assembly could enact an ordinance that sanctions the member, meaning they would send a letter informing them they need to improve their attendance, but this has no legal ramifications. The Assembly could propose a charter change and have it on the ballot in October. The Assembly could pass the policy presented which puts in place a procedure to report on the attendance and make it record. The Mayor said that a history of attendance should be published. This may encourage members to attend. Assembly member Ravenmoon suggested rewarding those who attend rather than shaming those who are not attending. The Mayor asked how to do this as elected officials are currently rewarded with a per diem and stipend. Assembly member Alvarez said that usually citizens do not hear what is happening or what the borough is doing. He suggested that the more people who attend, the more the word gets out. Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to adopt the attendance policy presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Borough Capital Project Updates -

- a. Kokhanok Wind Project** – no discussion.
- b. Wind Monitoring in Igiugig**– The monitoring continues in Igiugig. The wind source seems to be good. In August or September Mr Cotten will have a discussion with the village of Igiugig about whether they wish to advance a project.
- c. Wood Boiler Contracts**- no discussion
- d. Port Heiden Power System and Wind Design** – no discussion
- e. Lake Iliamna Community Barge Landing & Dock Project**– Funding for Igiugig and Kokhanok barge landings have been approved. Both landings would be constructed at the same time. The dock repairs are under discussion. The dock has long been unattended. Port Alsworth and Pedro Bay barge landings have been requested to be added onto the Governor’s waterfront bond.
- f. Perryville Boat Launch & Haul Out Facility** – no discussion
- g. Chignik Boat Harbor Construction** – no discussion
- h. Williamsport/Pile Bay Road & Associated Projects**– The bridge and road improvement contract went to bid and was award to Southwest Alaska Contractors out of Naknek. There is some concern that additional bridges may go out.
- i. Iliamna/Nondalton Road** – no discussion
- j. City of Chignik and Chignik Lagoon Hydro Studies** –
 - 1. Indian Creek Hydro Feasibility Study** – no discussion
 - 2. Chignik Lagoon Hydro Electric Final Design** – no discussion
- k. Port Alsworth Airport** – Port Alsworth Improvement Corporation asked the borough to help with this project. The Department of Transportation finished a cost estimate and was going to do a presentation, but the borough asked them to delay so that alternatives can be explored. The current challenge is reduce the price of the project. The Park Service will donate the gravel, which is worth \$8 million. The Mayor said he and Lamar attended a meeting with the DOT and the Park Service. The cost-benefit ratio is low, but when all the parties considered the many variables, many items were able to be adjusted from population to the cost of gravel and access to the site. These adjustments did improve the cost-benefit ratio, but it is still high. The current strategy is to pursue a landfill road and bridge. The road to the airport would be off the landfill road and therefore would reduce the project cost. He added that Port Alsworth is growing, and these are just part of the growing pains.

2. **Waterfront Statewide Bond** – The state is proposing a waterfront bond for Mat-Su and Anchorage projects and the dock in Naknek. In addition to the large projects the state puts on the bond, smaller projects are invited to be added to the bond which, if approved by the legislature, will be on state ballot in November.
3. **Borough Sponsorship of Individuals** – At the last Assembly meeting Damien Hill requested sponsorship for his pursuit to be a competitive athlete. Mr. Cotten said he has a line item in the budget to be used at the manager’s discretion. Mr. Cotten said that Mr. Hill is good role model. Assembly member Alvarez recommended the Assembly donate to his goals. The Mayor expressed concern about giving public money to a private individual. Mr. Cotten said he consulted the borough attorney and was assured it only needs the Assembly’s approval. Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to sponsor Mr. Damien Hill with \$1,100 from the manager’s discretionary fund. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

K. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

1. **Regular Meeting – Tuesday April 17, 2012 at 9:00 am** – The Assembly discussed the upcoming schedule. In April there will be APOC training on Monday around 2 or 3 pm and then a presentation by the company that installed wind turbines in Perryville at 5 pm in King Salmon. On Tuesday the plan is to go to Chignik Bay for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the harbor and also for an Assembly meeting. The Mayor suggested the time for the meeting be 10 am, and then the ribbon cutting mid-day.

L. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Sharon Mullins – Ms. Mullins thanked the Assembly for visiting.

M. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Myra Olsen – Assembly member Olsen thanked Port Alsworth for their hospitality.

Sue Anelon- Assembly member Anelon said she hadn’t been to Port Alsworth in a long time and enjoyed the visit.

N. MAYOR’S COMMENTS – none

O. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Assembly Member Olsen and seconded by Assembly Member Alvarez to adjourn the meeting of March 20, 2012 at 2:15 pm. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Glen Alsworth, Sr., Mayor

Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

Date