LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Thursday, November 15, 2012 9:00 a.m.

Assembly:	Mayor Glen Alsworth
	Randy Alvarez
	Nana Kalmakoff
	Myra Olsen
	Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon
	Christina Salmon
	Victor Seybert
Staff:	Kate Conley, Borough Clerk
	Lamar Cotten, Borough Manager
	Ted Meyer, Community Development Coordinator
Guests:	Nathan Hill, Lake and Peninsula Borough Planning Commissioner
	Eric Fuglestad, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
	Judy Chapman, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
	Helen Herndon, Iliamna Lake Contractors
	Bob Loeffler, Jade North LLC
	Mark Hickey, Mark Hickey & Associates
	Bruce Sexauer, Army Corps of Engineers
	Tatton Suter, Army Corps of Engineers
	Chuck McCallum, Lake and Peninsula Borough Fishery Advisor
	Jayme Keller, Holmes Weddle & Barcott
	Scott Kendall, Holmes Weddle & Barcott
	Jennifer Witt, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
	Sharon Wilson, Pebble Limited Partnership

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 Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Skagway/Valdez room at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown, 820 W 7th Ave, Anchorage AK 99501. The meeting was transmitted via teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with Mayor Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. and Assembly members Randy Alvarez, Nana Kalmakoff, Myra Olsen, Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon, Christina Salmon and Victor Seybert present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

A motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez and seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon to approve the agenda for the November 15, 2012 regular meeting with the addition of I.4.Authorized Signers, and J.1.k. Tanalian School. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. SWEARING IN OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Newly elected Assembly members Christina Salmon, Myra Olsen and Glen R. Alsworth, Sr. were all sworn in by the Borough Clerk.

E. PRESENTATION ON WILLIAMSPORT-PILE BAY ROAD AND WATERFRONT ISSUES BY COE & DOT

Lamar Cotten introduced Bruce Sexauer from the Corps of Engineers and Judy Chapman from the Alaska Department of Transportation, as well as Eric Fugelstad, a surveyor with the DOT. Mr. Sexauer said began by explaining that the COE could dredge Williamsport to make it more accessible. It is currently available only 2 or 3 days per month when the tide is at its highest. He presented photos, maps and explained the plan. He then proposed that the COE would like

$400,000 and a strong letter of support from the Borough to do the dredging work at Williamsport. The commitment would not be binding until April 2013 when the Borough would be asked to sign a cost sharing agreement. He added that the Corps is ready to move forward with the feasibility study subject to the letter of support. Helene Herndon, Iliamna Lake Contractors, asked why the study that was undertaken in the 1980s was halted. Mr. Sexauer said that Kenai Peninsula Borough was the sponsoring agent for that project and the Borough had challenges with funding. Ms. Herndon asked if optional locations for a barge landing were considered. Mr. Sexauer acknowledged that the road could be moved, but roads are expensive and the benefit-cost ration of this project is low because there is not road construction involved. Ms. Herndon asked what the cost of maintenance is over 50 years. Mr. Sexauer explained that traditionally the Federal government has paid for the maintenance of the road and cost has been $125,00 every other year. Ms. Herndon asked how much more accessible the port would be with the dredging. Mr. Keggan answered that the port would be accessible 12 days per month with the improvements. Mr. Cotten asked about the time frame. Mr. Sexauer said that the study would be done in 2013 and the dredging completed in 2014. Both items would be done in-house and by contract. Mr. Cotten asked about the possibility of accelerating the schedule. Mr. Sexauer said that the work could only be completed faster fi the study was fully funded and did not have Federal money and therefore not have Federal stipulations. Assembly member Salmon asked if Mr. Sexauer could estimate the savings to the citizens to have freight barged after the improvements. Mr. Sexauer said that what drives cost is supply and demand. If the demand is high and availability is low the cost goes up. If the availability increase, the cost should decrease. In this case the availability of accessing the port will increase, so theoretically the cost of freight should decrease, but it is not a guarantee. There was a discussion of the cost of fuel and goods and airfreight versus barging. There was a discussion of building a staging area with the dredge material.

Judy Chapman, planning manager with the Alaska Department of Transportation, along will Jennifer Witt and Eric Fugelstad then took the floor to discuss the road portion of the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road. Mr. Cotten began by asking about condemnation. Ms. Chapman said that condemnation is not taken lightly. The DOT would first look to the local government to negotiate with the owner. The DOT has not looked at proposals to acquire land. In addition, there is need to be cautious due to possible Pebble mine usage of the road and the politics of that component. There was a discussion of Diamond Point and road development as well as land and road usage. Jennifer Witt discussed the funding for the DOT work. Helen Herndon asked about the bridge that underwent work this spring. She said it is already breaking again. Ms. Chapman said the bridge was not designed for the heavy equipment that is crossing. Ms. Herndon asked about replacement. Ms. Chapman said a replacement bridge would be approximately $5 million and that there would be public hearings to help determine the type of bridge. Mark Hickey pointed out that the bridge would have to be designed to federal standards. Ms. Chapman said the road is an Alaska Highway.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Assembly member Ravenmoon to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. There was no discussion. Motion was approved Unanimously by voice vote.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Assembly member Ravenmoon to approve the minutes of the Canvass Committee Meeting from October 15, 2012. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. No scrivener's errors were noted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the minutes from October 15. The motion was seconded by Assembly member Kalmakoff. Assembly member Ravenmoon noted an error on page 70. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Assembly member Kalmakoff to approve the minutes from October 22, 2012. The motion was seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon. No scrivener's errors were noted. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. 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 reported he did not have changes to his written report, but he did introduce Ted Meyer. Mr. Cotten explained that today is Mr. Meyer's first day working for the Borough as the Community Development Coordinator.

3. **Consultant's Report** – Mr. Loeffler explained that a new initiate "Forever Initiative," says the legislature must approve action before Pebble could submit permits. The initiative may be on the ballot in 2013. Meanwhile, the Bristol Bay Area Plan was initiated in 2009 when tribes had the Department of Natural Resources plan amended. In the end, DNR settled with the tribes and they agreed to six changes. A draft should be out in January.

   Mr. Loeffler then addressed the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment by the EPA. The peer review has been announced and Mr. Loeffler said the review is "mushy." There has been a lot of criticism both good and bad on both sides. He added that the EPA will revise their report and present it in December 2012.

4. **Community Development Coordinator's Report** – Mr. Cotten explained that Jordan Keeler's last day was yesterday. Today is Mr. Meyer's first day. Mr. Keeler was last working on a Community Development Block Grant application for an electrical generator upgrade in Chignik Lake.

5. **Planning Commission Minutes** – There was not a planning commission meeting in September and there were no minutes to review.

6. **Fishery Report**– Chuck McCallum first addressed the genetic study to be presented in December at the Board of Fish meeting in Naknek. There was a discussion of the upcoming meeting and how the Borough would be represented.

7. **Finance Report** – Mr. Cotten explained the Borough revenues and noted that the audit will be conducted at the end of this month.

8. **Lobbyist's Report** – Mark Hickey told the Assembly he had been working on the Chignik ferry dock funding lately. There was a discussion of the changes as a result of redistricting and how it will effect lobbying. Mr. Hickey noted that the Governor said there will be less money available in the budget. The Borough priorities will be identified in January. Mr. Hickey said he is also working on the hydro project with Chignik Lagoon.

9. **Clerk's Report** – Ms. Conley reported that she is working on the CIP lists with the communities and the CAPSIS entries. In addition, she will be working on redesigning the election envelopes to try to ease the process for the voters.

10. **School Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Mase was not present. There was no discussion

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 12-13 re: CDBG Application** - Motion to approve Resolution 12-13 was made by Assembly member Alvarez. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. The Mayor called for discussion. Mr. Cotten explained that the Borough needs to apply because the community is not a municipality, and that the Borough would act as a pass-through to the community. Assembly member Kalmakoff noted that she is on the village council and

requested to abstain from voting on the motion. There was no objection to the requested abstention. There was no further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote with Assembly member Kalmakoff abstaining.

2. **Appointment of Planning Commissioners** - Two planning commissioner positions were up for reappointment. Both Lary Hill of Iliamna and Scott Anderson from Port Heiden wrote letters requesting to retain their seats on the commission. The Mayor recommended both Scott Anderson and Lary Hill for reappointment to the planning commission. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Scott Anderson and Lary Hill to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Seybert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Student Representative on the Assembly** - Ms. Conley said that she had not had the opportunity to discuss a student representative on the Assembly with Bill Hill from LPSD, but this was a good opportunity to discuss the Assembly's vision for the position. The consensus was that the goal of having a student representative is to help the young understand the issues within the Borough and to get their perspective on the challenges. The representative would be welcome to express an opinion, but their vote would not count. Assembly member Ravenmoon said that she is aware of some students who are already interested. She said she would hope the position would help to keep young people active and interested. She added that perhaps the student could receive credit for being the representative. Assembly member Alvarez suggested that the students determine who the representative should be. Assembly member Salmon noted that the school board has a representative. No action was taken.

4. **Authorized Signers** – Mr. Cotten explained that since Mr. Keeler is being replaced by Mr. Meyer, the bank would need to change the authorizations for custody of funds. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to authorize the removal of Jordan Keeler as an authorized signer on behalf of the Borough and consent to add Theodore Meyer as an authorized signer. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Borough Capital Project Updates** - Mr. Cotten said that studies are still ongoing for the Pilot Point wind project. The City will be taking the lead on the project.
   a. **Kokhanok Wind Project** – Mr. Cotten asked Nathan Hill for an update on the wind project. Mr. Hill said that both turbines are running. There has been reduced diesel usage at the school due to the energy recovery system and also by the village. The training of the maintenance workers, who are Kokhanok residents, has been delayed.
   b. **Wood Boiler Projects** – Mr. Hill then addressed the wood boiler project in Kokhanok. He said an inspector will look at the system this afternoon. It is running but the efficiency may need to be tweaked. Mr. Cotten said the purpose of the project is not to burn wood, but to be efficient. The goal is for the project to be an economic benefit.
   c. **Port Heiden Power System and Wind Design** – Mr. Cotten said that the City of Port Heiden is still seeking funding for their wind power system.
   d. **Lake Iliamna Community Barge Landings** – Mr. Cotten explained that the concrete for the dock landings in both Igiugig and in Kokhanok will be poured indoors over the winter. BBNC is convinced the rock for the dock in Iliamna can be found.
      1. **Igiugig** – no discussion
      2. **Kokhanok** – no discussion
   e. **Perryville Boat Launch & Haul Out Facility** – There will be a contractor meeting about the Perryville Boat Launch later this week.
   f. **Chignik Public Dock** – Western Marine will be submitting a proposal to Trident. It is anticipated that the cost of the repairs will be between $300,000 and $400,000. Trident does not want to own the dock and does not want to be responsible for the public on the dock, but it is essential to the Southern portion of the Borough. Mr. Cotten said he will

discuss the options with the Assembly at the January meeting. Repairing the dock is not a solution, only a temporary measure.

g. **Williamsport/Pile Bay Road & Associated Projects** – The corps will be at a meeting I January. They will be requesting a decision on partnering on the project.

h. **Iliamna/Nondalton Road** – Mr. Cotten said that there is nothing new on this project. The construction was delayed. Mark Hickey reported the project manager from DOT is Shawn Holland. There is nothing new in terms of the schedule.

i. **City of Chignik and Chignik Lagoon Hydro Studies** – no discussion
   1. **City of Chignik** – This project should soon be ready to permit. The City has been advised to hire an engineer. The turbine needs to be ordered and will take twelve months to arrive. The right to the site will be transferred to the City soon.
   2. **Chignik Lagoon** - no discussion

j. **Port Alsworth Airport** – This will be discussed in January with ideas and options.

k. **Tanalian School** – While this project has been on the State list for funding, it doesn't seem to make the final cut each year. The School District has redone the cost study and the price doubled. Mr. Cotten said he is uncertain that the cost estimates are accurate. There are also other repairs and upgrades to be done in the district, including the Newhalen gym. Mr. Cotten suggested the potential for a $2 million bond package. The Borough's debt load has gone down and the State will reimburse 70% to 90% of the bond. This will be discussed in more detail in the January meeting. Assembly member Alvarez asked if the plans are drawn for the Tanalian addition. Mr. Cotten said he will present this in January. Mr. Hickey added that he does not understand the cost. The Mayor added that the timeline also needs to be addressed in January for the bond process.

2. **Levelock Erosion** – Mr. Cotten explained that when he met with the corps regarding the Williamsport/Pile Bay road, they also discussed erosion in Port Heiden and Levelock. He has requested the Corps visit the villages and analyze the problem and potential resolutions.

K. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

1. **Regular Meeting – January 15, 2013 in King Salmon** – no discussion.

L. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - none

M. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS –

Myra Olsen stated that she is aware that Pilot Point, at Dago Creek, has two fuel tanks that are "sloshing" around and need to be checked. Assembly member Seybert said there are two old fuel tanks. The City sold them to Roland Briggs. The Mayor said he was told by Mr. Briggs that he is going to turn them into sheet metal and use it on his airport. He added that the Corps may want to help with some repair o Dago Creek dock. Assembly member Seybert said the ideal solution to the dock erosion would be to build a bridge to access the deeper water.

Michelle Ravenmoon asked if the Williams Port-Pile Bay Road will be decided at the next meeting. Mr. Cotten assured the Assembly it would be addressed at the next meeting. Motion was made by Assembly member Ravenmoon to write a non-financially binding letter of support to the Corps regarding the Williams Port-Pile Bay Road. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Seybert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Randy Alvarez told the Assembly he will be attending a SAVEC meeting November 20th to discuss the new fisheries program and purchase of the gym.

N. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – none.

The motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to go into Executive session. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. The Assembly recessed the Assembly meeting at 12:40 pm and went into executive session as per Borough code 2.08.050 (D).

The motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to exit Executive session. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon. The Assembly reconvened the Assembly meeting at 1:07 pm.

P. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Assembly Member Kalmakoff and seconded by Assembly Member Olsen to adjourn the meeting of November 15, 2012 at 1:08 pm. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Glen R. Alsworth, Sr., Mayor

Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

Jan 15, 2013
Date