

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH  
WORKSHOP  
Monday, October 20, 2014 6:00 p.m.**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth  
Randy Alvarez  
Nana Kalmakoff  
Myra Olsen  
Alvin Pedersen  
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon  
Christina Salmon – absent, excused

Staff: Kate Conley, Clerk  
Susan Edwards, Finance Director  
Elisa Egli, Assistant Finance Officer  
Nathan Hill, Borough Manager

Guests: Bob Loeffler, Jade North, Consultant to the Borough  
Chuck McCallum, Fisheries Advisor, via teleconference  
Sharelle Anelon, LPSD Student Government, Newhalen AK  
Art Woinowsky, LPB Planning Commissioner, Ugashik AK  
Adam Sadoski, Anchorage AK  
George Jacko, Pedro Bay AK

The mayor welcomed the student Representative, Sharelle Anelon. The Assembly, by consensus directed the staff to introduce an ordinance for the next meeting that adds the student report to the agenda.

Sharelle Anelon introduced herself. She is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and from Iliamna. Her parents are Time and Louise Anelon. She has four older brothers. She plays basketball, native youth Olympics, volleyball and wrestling. She is aspiring to go to college out of state. The rest of the room briefly introduced themselves.

There was a discussion about the meeting schedule. The Mayor explained that most of the business is actually done in the workshop and the meeting is a quick version of actual motions and voting. We usually do this in a village and if a villager is watching they must think that the Assembly doesn't question much and be confused because there is no background given. The suggestion was made to simply have the meeting on Monday night and then on Tuesday go to a village and really visit. Spend time with people and see the village. The Assembly, by consensus, directed the staff to prepare an ordinance to change the meeting date from the third Tuesday to the third Monday.

**Manager's Report** – Mr. Hill discussed the following projects:

- Chignik Hydro – This is nearly done and not over budget at this time.
- Chignik Bay dock – The memorandum of agreement is nearly done. The project should be out to bid late winter for a spring build.
- Iliamna dock – The tear-down for this was put out to bid, but when the actual amount of material was realized, and that it was too late in the season for barging, the RFP was pulled and it will be re-issued later in the year.
- Kokhanok wind – Marsh Creek's numbers are fair, and the idea is to get the turbines running. Bob Loeffler added that the first phase is to have an assessment done to figure out how much it will cost to go out to Kokhanok to appraise what is wrong and how much to fix it. Marsh Creek wants to get this going. Mr. Hill said that there should be a fair estimate available in early December. There was discussion of the wind system and the history.
- Chignik Lake Generator – Assembly member Pedersen asked about the project. Susan Edwards said this should be finished later this week.

**Consultant – Loeffler** – Mr. Loeffler addressed two topics:

- Pebble Lawsuits – There are two suits. 1) Pebble sued the EPA on the concept that the 401C veto is illegal. 2) Pebble sued the EPA claiming that the advisory committee was comprised of ecological groups such as Trout Unlimited instead of scientists.
- Mount Polley Dam Breach – Mr. Loeffler showed a power point of the Mount Polley dam breach in British Columbia.

Assembly member Ravenmoon asked about the Foraker Group. Mr. Loeffler assured her he would try to arrange for the Foraker Group to address the Assembly in November in Anchorage.

**Consultant – Cotton** – Mr. Hill said that the wind studies are up and running. Assembly member Alvarez asked about the Igiugig wind. Mr. Hill explained that AEA has lost faith in one of Marsh Creek's subcontractors. Mr. Loeffler added that AEA is being reasonable in not using the subcontractor.

**Planner's Report** – no discussion

**Fisheries Report** – Mr. McCallum explained, via teleconference, that prior to 2007, there was no commercial salmon fishery outside of Port Heiden. The claim was made that the Bristol Bay fish are intercepted, so the board of fish move3d the fishery 1.5 miles off shore in 2013. The new fishery has been hard on Port Heiden subsistence. BBEDC and BBSRI collaborated with ADF&G on a two year study. BBEDC asked if two years was enough data and they were told that it is a good study designed to build dependable results, but they can't predict what the Board of Fish will do. The study is trying to show the difference between the inside and outside 1.5 mile barrier. Assembly member Alvarez asked if the cities of Pilot Point or Port Heiden had been contacted to join the partnership. Mr. McCallum said no, not yet. Assembly member Alvarez said it would be in their best interest as it will benefit them. Mr. Hill asked Mr. McCallum to identify all potential partners and what they may be willing to contribute. Mr. Hill then directed Susan Edwards to determine the maximum contribution the Borough can afford. The Mayor said BBEDC should send out letters and give everyone the opportunity to join the effort. Mr. Hill said he will draft a letter to send to BBEDC.

**Finance Report** – Susan Edwards reported the Borough has collected \$800,000 in revenue this calendar year and \$320,000 this fiscal year. She explained that there will be a hit in the general fund with the commitments the Borough has made. The revenue is not good. She handed out information. She said she wants the Assembly to be aware of the revenue shortfall. Assembly member Alvarez asked for specifics from each fishing area.

**Lobbyist Report** – Mr. Hill said the Mark Hickey, the Borough's Lobbyist, has been working on the Chignik Dock project. The Assembly requested Mr. Hickey attend the Assembly meeting in November in Anchorage.

**Clerks Report** – Kate Conley asked Sharelle Anelon, the Student Representative, if the students had chosen a problem to work on. Ms. Anelon said that they chose the declining population. Each student then came up with ten reasons why it may be declining, such as no jobs or it is too expensive to live here. Assembly member Alvarez explained that when he was young it was cheap to live in the village because there were not monthly bills. Now there are monthly power bills, fuel bills, cell phone bills, and more and there are no jobs that have monthly income.

**Superintendent Report** –no report.

The workshop was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH

### REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Tuesday October 21, 2014 9:00 a.m.**

Assembly: Mayor Glen Alsworth  
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Nana Kalmakoff  
Myra Olsen  
Alvin Pedersen  
Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon  
Christina Salmon – absent, excused

Staff: Kate Conley, Clerk  
Susan Edwards, Finance Officer  
Nathan Hill, Manager

Guests: Bob Loeffler, Jade North, Consultant to the Borough  
Rick Luthi, Lake and Peninsula School District  
George Jacko, Pedro Bay AK  
Adam Sadoski, Anchorage AK  
Art Woinowsky, Ugashik AK

#### **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, October 21, 2014 at 9:08 a.m. in 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 Randy Alvarez, Myra Olsen, Alvin Pedersen, Nana Kalmakoff, and Michelle Pope-Ravenmoon present. Assembly member Christina Salmon was absent, excused.

#### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -**

A motion was made by Assembly member Ravenmoon and seconded by Assembly member Olsen to approve the agenda for the October 21, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –Motion was made by Assembly member Pedersen to approve the minutes of September 16, 2014 with the correction of scriveners errors. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Olsen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **E. MANAGER'S & STAFF REPORTS**

- 1. Introduction of Guests** – The mayor invited each person in the room to introduce themselves.
- 2. Manager's Report** – Nathan Hill told the Assembly he has been in contact with everyone. He added that the Iliamna Dock project was slowed by the amount of material to be hauled out. He said he is looking for a creative way to utilize the 7,200 yards of gravel. The Borough is purchasing a lot and in trade for the land, INNEC will receive some of the gravel. It was suggested that the school remodel may need some gravel. There was a discussion of the cost of gravel in the Borough.

**3. Consultant's Report –**

1. **Cotten** – Mr. Hill said he did not have anything to add to Mr. Cotten's written report. Mayor Alsworth asked about the Chignik Lake culverts. Assembly member Pedersen said they turned out nice and are working well. The Mayor also asked about the Chignik Lagoon hydro project. Assembly member Pedersen said that the job is coming along nicely.
2. **Loeffler** – Mr. Loeffler said he does not have anything to add. Assembly member Ravenmoon said she would like the Foraker Group and the wellness group to attend the meeting in November in Anchorage.

**4. Community Development Coordinator's Report –** Mr. Meyer was not present. Mayor Alsworth said he read that the entire nation is to be re-mapped including Alaska. Mr. Loeffler added that the federal government is closing the USGS map stores and going to digital mapping. The Mayor said it will be great for aviation. Mr. Loeffler noted that a portion of Alaska is already mapped.

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

**6. Fishery Report–** The Mayor said he wants the Manager to contact BBEDC and let them know that the borough wants to work on the genetic mapping study with them. Assembly member Olsen added she would like to discuss the project and the Borough's involvement with Norm VanVactor from BBEDC. Mr. Hill said he is comfortable with preparing a letter and cooperating with BBEDC. The Mayor said he would like to see the Borough contribute up to 20%, but only in conjunction with others. Assembly member Alvarez said \$20,000 per year seems to be a good number. Mr. Hill said he could also discuss the project with Bristol Bay's new mayor, Karl Anderson.

**7. Finance Report –** Susan Edwards said there are ten processors yet to report for the third quarter. She should know at the next meeting the final tally for the third quarter. The general fund deficit will take a few years to recover. She cautioned the Assembly to not take commitments quickly.

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

**9. Clerk's Report –** Kate Conley reminded the Assembly of the special teleconference meeting on October 31, 2014 at 8:00 am to certify the election. There was a discussion of the date of the next meeting. It was decided to have the meeting on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 pm and Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to finish.

**10. School Superintendent's Report –** Rick Luthi told the Assembly that this week is the end of the first quarter. He said it is nice to see a student on the Assembly. The ASPI scores are high districtwide and something to be proud of. The School numbers look good and all the schools are likely to make "the count." The district has had recent audits. There are no results yet, but it has been time well-spent. The Cross Country season just finished and volleyball is beginning. The district just finished this year's first session of CTE. They did welding and small engines and small business skills. IN the future, the goal is to do one CTE session per quarter or four sessions per year. The construction project in Port Alsworth is doing well. Newhalen school remodel design is beginning. The technology staff hired a new employee and there is a new network service provider. He said that even little children are taking on-line classes. The tutor program, both physical and on line, is visionary. Assembly member Ravenmoon asked about enrollment. Mr. Luthi said that overall, the numbers are up. Assembly member Ravenmoon clarified that she sees the bigger schools getting bigger and the smaller schools getting smaller. Mr. Luthi said that the district is doing a better job of getting kids graduated, even if they have to take more than twelve years to do it. Mr. Luthi said he appreciates the Assembly's involvement and support.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Ordinances 14-11 – Lease with Tony Neal at Big Creek – Public Hearing & Decision –**

Assembly member Olsen moved open the public hearing on ordinance 14-11. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Kalmakoff. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing was open at 10:15 am. The Borough clerk reported that the ordinance was properly noticed and no comments have been received. Assembly member Olsen asked if this increased the cannery's land. Susan Edwards explained that the company is getting bigger and they requested to lease additional land. The Mayor called for questions of staff. There were none. The Mayor called for discussion. There was none. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 10:16 am. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to adopt ordinance 14-11. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Kalmakoff. The Mayor called for discussion. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the staff. He said the eventual goal is to lease land from the Borough to enable to pay the fish tax losses. He said it is good for everyone. Assembly member Olsen agreed it is good to see businesses growing and the Borough supporting those businesses. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **2. Ordinance 14-12 – Appropriating \$155,000 from the General Fund for a Full and Final Settlement in the Oberlatz Case– Hearing & Decision –**

Assembly member Olsen moved open the public hearing on ordinance 14-12. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing was open at 10:18 am. The Borough clerk reported that the ordinance was properly noticed and she had received one inquiry, from Don Strand of Egegik asking what the settlement was about. The Clerk said she essentially read him the title of the ordinance. The Mayor called for questions of staff. Assembly member Ravenmoon said that neither the title of the ordinance does not adequately describe what the settlement is for. The Mayor said it is payment of legal fees. Borough Clerk Kate Conley said that this settlement springs from a lawsuit against the Borough. In 2010 the Borough questioned what the word "resident" meant and the Canvass Committee and the Borough assumed that it meant someone who lives within the borough boundaries. The State of Alaska did not have a proper definition for the word either. The Canvass Committee's decision to disallow ballots from voters that the Committee judged to not be residents of the Borough. The voters sued and the Supreme Court of Alaska. Judge Suddock determined that anyone who is a registered voter and considers the borough to be their "lode star" has the right to vote. Each of the voters who sued were deemed to be residents by the Supreme Court and as a result the Borough denied them a constitutional right and must reimburse them for their attorney's fees. Assembly member Ravenmoon said she would like the Clerk's statement in the record. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 10:23 am. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to adopt Ordinance 14-12. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. The Mayor called for conflict of interest. There was none declared. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **3. Ordinance 14-13 – Repealing & reenacting 6.24.070 – Hearing & Decision –**

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to open the public hearing on Ordinance 14-13. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. The public hearing was open at 10:25am. The Borough Clerk reported that the ordinance was properly noticed and she had received one inquiry from Don Strand of Egegik who remarked that \$10,000 may not be enough. The Mayor explained that this ordinance gives the Manager the ability to spend up to \$10,000 instead of \$5,000 at his discretion and without prior approval of the Assembly. The Mayor called for any discussion. There was none. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Kalmakoff. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 10:27 am. Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to adopt Ordinance 14-13. Motion was seconded by Assembly member

Kalmakoff. The Mayor called for conflict of interest. There was none declared. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**4. Capital Project Fund Request – Pilot Point – Emergency Generator - \$20,000 – Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to approve the capital fund request from Pilot Point in the amount of \$20,000. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez.** The Mayor called for discussion or questions. Assembly member Alvarez asked the Borough clerk if the request meets the criteria. The Clerk assured the Assembly that it does. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. Reappoint Planning Commissioners – The Mayor recommended to Assembly that the following Planning Commissioners be reappointed to their seats:**

- Seat A, District 1 – AlexAnna Salmon
- Seat D, District 2 – Art Woinowsky
- Seat F, District 1 – Skipper Tallekpalek

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to accept the Mayors recommendation to reappoint three Planning Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Alvarez. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**6. Capital Fund Request – Ugashik – Subsistence Facility - \$30,000 – Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to approve the request from Ugashik for \$30,000 from the Capital Fund. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Ravenmoon.** Assembly member Alvarez asked the Borough clerk fi the request meets the criteria. The Clerk assured the Assembly that it does. The Clerk did point out that the request lists two other sources of funds and neither are yet secured. The Assembly directed the clerk to work with the Ugashik Village and to release the funds after the other sources are secured. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Capital Project Fund Request – Egegik – Purchase Loader - \$25,000 – Motion was made by Assembly member Alvarez to approve the request from Egegik for \$25,000 from the Capital Fund. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen.** Assembly member Olsen disclosed a possible conflict of interest as she is a City Council member. It was noted that she will not gain financial from this purchase. Consensus of the Assembly is to allow Assembly member Olsen to vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **H. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**1. Regular Meeting – November 14, 2014 – Anchorage** There was discussion of the next meeting. The Assembly, by consensus chose to have the next meeting in Anchorage on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **I. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - none**

#### **J. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

**Michelle Ravenmoon** – Assembly member Ravenmoon noted that the registered voter numbers are increasing yet the population of the Borough is decreasing.

**Randy Alvarez** – Assembly member Alvarez asked if the Borough has a fish processing tax. Mr. Hill said that the Borough depends on fish tax. There was a discussion on how to create more stability in the Borough. It was noted that processors bring in fish tax as well as people, which helps to build service businesses. Assembly member Alvarez pointed out that Bristol Bay Borough has given a tax break to dry-dock boats. There was discussion of ways to add income to help stabilize the Borough's finances. Assembly member Ravenmoon said she would like to have a chance a retreat and brainstorm solutions to many problems such as this. Mr. Hill said that the facility at Chignik may be

a good opportunity to develop industry such as Assembly member Alvarez suggested. Once the dock is done the community may be able to attract a floating processor so fishermen can fish year round and keep families in the area. The Mayor said a local processor should be a local facility. Assembly member Olsen said there are some villages that have large airports and buildings could be added to the infrastructure to attract additional air lines. There was a discussion of the silver runs that are not utilized. Mr. Woinowsky noted that Chignik Bay will have waterfront facilities, but their airport is very small for getting personnel into the facilities. Assembly member Alvarez suggested incentives for processors to set up in Chignik. The more buyers, the higher the price of the fish and the better the citizens will be. Mr. Hill said that Mr. McCallum will be at the November meeting and may have some ideas. Assembly member Alvarez suggested looking at what other Boroughs in southeast, such as Ketchikan or Gateway Borough, are doing. The Mayor noted that other boroughs tax the citizen's property.

**K. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – The Mayor invited the student representative, Sharelle Anelon to have a report for the next meeting. The Mayor then described the completed boat haul out in Perryville. Susan Edwards noted that the Borough has a grant for \$100,000 from the state to purchase a boat trailer to haul out boats for Perryville.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Assembly member Olsen to adjourn the Assembly meeting. Motion was seconded by Assembly member Pedersen. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 pm



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Glen R. Alsworth, Sr., Mayor



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Kate Conley, Borough Clerk

November 12, 2014

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Date