

ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2009

- I. **Call to Order:** The special Assembly Meeting of February 9, 2009, was called to order by the Mayor, Daniel J. O'Hara at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Assembly Chambers of the Borough Building, Naknek, Alaska.
- II. **Roll Call:** Eddie Clark, J.C. Tudor, Bill Hester and the Mayor, Daniel J. O'Hara. Shelby Boothe and Carvel Zimin, Jr. arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Also Present: Manager, Marv Smith and Clerk, Tami Johnson

III. **Persons to be Heard:**

Fred Pike stated he would like some kind of assurance from the Assembly that before moving on to Phase II of the port of Bristol Bay that the present services that are being given to the fishermen; will at least be restored for the 2010 fishing season. He understands as he has said previously; the problems that will be involved this year, but after this season he would like to see some temporary fix to incorporate something for the fishermen again so that we can have those services that are presently afforded. Dan asked Fred if he had any suggestions. Fred stated he did not know, but he thinks the Assembly has several different ideas right now and don't have a good handle on what the next option is. There was a short discussion about a barge to tie up to or maybe using Dave Lax's bulkhead and another possibility of using Paug Vik beach access area. Marv Smith stated he had spoken to Lynn Shawback about a barge and possibly put in pilings so it would float up and down with the tide, but there is a need for some engineering. Bill Hester asked Fred if this answered his questions for the 09 and 2010 seasons? Bill stated that there are a lot of services that we provide now and it's kind of unclear to him what services you expect because this year it will be quite a bit less. There must be more than just mooring that your concerned about. Fred stated yes that's it. If you start Phase II and don't have any temporary fix for the fishermen, then it may be 5-6 years down the road without anything. Whatever temporary fix the Borough comes up with, he would like to see; electrical power and water, so you can tie up and do work on your vessel if you have to. Carvel Zimin, Jr. stated that the barges on the Southside would have to be moved on a high tide, which is in May. There was a short discussion.

Donna Vukich wanted to speak on behalf of the geothermal project that was discussed at the January meeting. Donna thanked the Borough for their \$250.00 donation. She wanted to explain a little bit about what N.E.A. is doing. She thought the Borough was behind them, there is a resolution supporting the project and is a little discouraged when she read the minutes and heard comments. Right now we have been working for quite a while and it is a very lengthy project. We are right now finishing up last surveys to do site selection and we have the person ready to do the drill applications as soon as those are finished. We have Geothermex who is a leading geothermal company in the lower 48, renowned for very successful projects. They have signed on and they are doing the drill program for the summer. It is not a project that is going nowhere. We are moving forward. The preliminary results from our surveys are very good at verifying the data that people want to give money into it. The part that we were looking for people to help us with was not the \$200 million; it was for the first drill, which is a speculative drill, because there is no X on the ground. The \$10 million dollars, we have half the money right now. The state geologist says there is absolutely no chance of a resource in our area here and even though we have received aeromag data we had to report the aeromagnetic survey done this winter that showed major fractures and multiple fractures through the test area, they wouldn't look at it. We moved further past that to do a CSAMT and an MT survey along with a ground mag to verify placement of what the aeromag data, it does 50-100 miles of area, and they could be off a little bit. But everything is verifying that exactly where they showed placement of those multiple fractures and you must have those to have a conduit for your geothermal fluid, so she is sorry if they were not good at presenting this to information to people. Anytime anyone has any questions on what they are doing, her door is open and she is willing to tell you where we're at and move forward. There was a lengthy discussion.

Eddie Angasan came here on behalf of his village and South Naknek in regards to the tram. Eddie read a letter for the record from Donald Nielsen President of the South Naknek Village Council: I'm sorry for not being able to attend the Borough Assembly meeting tonight to discuss the proposed tram connecting the North side of the Naknek River to the South side. I'm here in Anchorage for family purposes.

Regarding the proposed tram, I fully support this concept. I urge the Mayor and Assembly Members to fully support it as well. Of course a bridge would be a welcomed sight however, the problem of funding to build a bridge most likely is out of reach for the long term. Therefore, a tram is affordable which would be beneficial to both sides of the Naknek River. I urge everyone to support the tram concept as I do. Signed by Donald Nielsen.

Eddie Angasan stated he is here tonight for King Salmon Village Council and the position of the Village Council is that they also support the concept of a tram if a bridge can't be built. Years ago in 1970 he went to Becharoff Bible Camp and Danny was there. Danny dropped Eddie off in South Naknek at his house and the door was locked. He asked where his mom was and was told that they had moved to King Salmon and he was freaking out. The reason why he raised this is because his folks didn't want him to live in South Naknek and having to fly on the airplane to go to school everyday. In his lifetime he knows that we're real lucky that the river was frozen the one year the plane went down. The odds of something happening again are pretty great and we've been very fortunate. The other thing is that we've been trying to find new money within the Borough and he knows that if there was access to the Southside, and he can't speak for Chuck Bunyard; but he has a cannery over there and who knows he might start operating that again. There was a meeting with Robin Samuelson and he pointed out how much money everyone is losing out on, the fishermen and the Boroughs and it's a lot of money. Eddie stated that if there's anything we can do to capture some of it, then we should consider doing it. Eddie doesn't know the overall cost of the tram is, but it is needed. The river may be only a mile wide, but if your on the Southside standing there, you're a thousand miles away from getting what you need to get. The other issue is that when people get sick on the Southside, you can't get out and that's pretty sad and scary, especially when it's a family member. Carvel stated that we support the tram also, but we would really like to have a bridge. We're not backing off the bridge plan. The tram is an old project that has been around for years. Eddie Angasan had a couple more thoughts about what Fred Pike was talking about; access to the dock. Eddie does not use the dock; he believes it's a jungle; but believes there are fishermen that do use the access and he hopes that ice will be made available on the barge or whatever is made available. Eddie Angasan also agrees with what Donna is trying to accomplish. Not all native villages belong to BBNA. All three villages pulled out of BBNA, but within the Nushigak they are considering doing their project there. Eddie Angasan stated he doesn't know Marv very well but wanted to thank him for what he's been able to with the Borough here as far as trying to develop a relationship with the Villages, they need to work together now more importantly than ever, and I do think he is trying to foster that. Eddie Angasan stated that he thinks Marv is doing a good job.

Randy Zimin stated that he has been hearing about what a good job Marv has been doing and it's been a long time since we've had someone here that has been willing to work with the villages and appreciates that. Randy stated he's been in Sarah's office twice so far and gets the feeling that she's not so enthused about the bridges. How long do you think we'll have to sit on the 8 million, years or months? The other thing is, any support that the Borough could give N.E.A.

would be appreciated. Hopefully a new outlook on things will be given. Randy grew up here and hopefully we have learned from our past mistakes. Randy thanked the Assembly for listening to him.

IV. BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

A. Phase II of Bristol Bay Borough Port and Fishermen's Small Boat Harbor: Marv Smith stated that at the last work session, we now need to know tonight which direction to go. Hopefully everyone got a chance to look at this. J.C. TUDOR MADE A MOTION CONTINUE AHEAD WITH PHASE II OF THE PORT AND TO INCLUDE A FISHERMEN'S DOCK AND REPLACE THE EXISTING DOCK AND SECONDED BY BILL HESTER. Bill Hester wanted make sure that this was for the fisherman's wharf or small boat harbor up river. We discussed doing both projects at the same time and Dennis Nottingham was going to try to come up with a decent figure so we'll know what kind of money we're looking at. He says he can design this in 60 days. Shelby Boothe stated his theory is that we go large and scale back. Marv will ask Dennis for prices on both sizes. There was a short discussion. Shelby Boothe stated the first thing to do is select the site, then testing and that will determine the design. Assuming that the geo-tech is sufficient, you can always scale back. It's hard to add on to a project. Marv Smith stated he needs to coordinate with Paug Vik to make sure their board will go for this, because we can't go forward on this without their support. Shelby Boothe stated we should round up to 15 million. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. State of Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): Marv Smith stated that what we need to do is update the Bristol Bay Boroughs needs list. It is due to them by February 20, 2009. There was a short discussion. On page 1: eliminate Iliamna, Second Page 18345 to include shoulders and replace all 3 bridges, Page 3 combine 4919 & 4926 and 21722 into one project for a total of \$16.3 million and Marv will rewrite the language. On tramway, back in the 90's a survey had been done, that will be \$9 million. Marv stated come down to South Naknek airport bypass road construct a double lane road paralleling the South Naknek airport to access new cemetery property \$1 Million. Then on 13779, 20715 we'll put extension to 5000' on the main runway 3012. Marv stated delete Togiak from our list on page 4. The very last one 21722 being the port of Bristol Bay be rolled up to into the other one 4919 & 4926 listed above. BILL HESTER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STIP AS LISTED ABOVE SECONDED BY SHELBY BOOTHE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. 2010 Legislative Appropriation Request: Marv Smith stated that each legislative representative: Young, Murkowski, Begich, Hoffman and Edgmon, has

their own appropriation request form and they need to be to them by February 17th, 2009. There was a short discussion. Marv stated the change to Resolution to read Port Phase I & II and Category C dock crane to read (200 ton). Carvel stated the next Resolution to be assigned for, to add to the former resolution to read: Category A. Port Phase I & II and next dot #5 to be Road to Pedersen Point, from the end of Ralphs Road. There was a short discussion. CARVEL ZIMIN, JR. MADE A MOTION TO THE NEXT RESOLUTION FOR 2009 TO ADD TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (CIP) LIST FROM RESOLUTION 2008-14, A BULLET UNDER CATEGORY A. PRIORITY PHASE I & II , ROAD TO PEDERSEN POINT \$6 MILLION AND SECONDED BY SHELBY BOOTHE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Personnel Duty Title Change & Pay Changes: Marv Smith stated that he has two people who have been doing a good job and would like to give them a pay raise, and they are Public Works Foreman and Accounts Receivable position to salary. Shelby Boothe stated he would like to declare a conflict for the second position and not be a part of that discussion. Bill Hester stated he spoke to the Manager this afternoon and just wanted to keep the Assembly on board with what's going on. Bill's understanding according to the personnel policy, that this was up to the Manager. J.C. Tudor wanted this on the record that this was on the Manager's own volition and not pressured into anything. Marv stated that absolutely not pressured at all. Bill Hester stated that we don't need a motion that we just give direction to the Manager to handle this. Marv thanked the Assembly for their vote of confidence and will handle it.

1. Accounts Receivable Position Change to Salary
2. Public Works Foreman Position Change/Promotion

V. Adjournment

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

Daniel J. O'Hara, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami Johnson, Clerk