

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**SOUTH NAKNEK LUNCH ROOM**  
**APRIL 17, 2006**

I. Call to Order: Mayor Michael Swain, Sr. called the special assembly meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the School Lunch Room in South Naknek.

II. Roll Call: Present: Mel Coghill, Jr., Russell Phelps, Eddie Clark and Carvel Zimin, Jr.  
Absent: Shelby Boothe who was out of town.

Also present: Mayor Swain, Borough Clerk Betty Bonin, Manager Fred Pike and Treasurer Lotta Hines.

III. Persons to be Heard:

Carl Rawson – The South Naknek Dock Project is coming up. Are there going to be jobs? Fred Pike stated that will be done by SAC and Crowley and the Borough will not be involved except for the final inspection by the engineers. The damage was done by Crowley and SAC. The concrete panels are coming on the barge.

Carl Rawson – do you have plans for any road work in South Naknek? Fred Pike stated The Borough has been short handed and when they are caught up we will try to do something. There is not much gravel left in the pit for the roads.

Russell Phelps – BIA has a lot of money for roads. The Village should try to seek some of those funds.

Mel Coghill, Jr. – South Naknek Road Improvements are listed in our CIP list along with the bridge.

Carl Rawson – is the Borough involved in Lake Camp Road? Mike Swain stated we were and it was a joint venture with Paug-Vik and Park Service. We had received 3.4 million for that project from Western Federal Lands. We just received another 3 million for hard surfacing but that's not enough to pave that road. We are asking them if we can spend some of that money on equipment for road maintenance.

Eddie Clark – Shelby Boothe called and he had talked to a State Representative regarding South Naknek Airport. He told Shelby that was being held up in the Governor's Office.

perhaps we can get John Walsh to check on that. Mayor Swain explained what went on while he was the airport manager. He was not happy with the job that was done by DOT.

Carl Rawson – Culverts have metal sticking out and holes in them. There needs to be some maintenance on these roads.

Mayor Swain suggested letting the manager know if there are problems in South Naknek. Fred Pike added that we have a Community Development Planner/Grant Writer now and introduced Yvonne Kopy. Yvonne Kopy stated that if anyone had ideas, she would be happy to talk to them.

Randy Zimin – he called Juneau about the bridge and they told him there was only 3 million dollars for that project and it would be a long time coming. He agrees with Carl, the roads are in bad shape.

Randy Zimin – what's the Borough doing to make their life better revenue wise? Mayor Swain stated we have kicked this around a lot. Some ideas about taxes need to go to the voters and the only thing the voters have given was a bed tax increase.

There was a light discussion on oil drilling and Pebble Mine.

Mayor Swain - the Assembly has not taken a stand for or against the Pebble Mine. There are pros and cons.

Carl Rawson – People of Pebble Mine have been here to talk to them. Has anyone talked to the Borough? Mayor Swain stated they have been out a couple of times. We are open and they anyone can speak at our meetings.

Eddie Clark – the letter Fred Pike wrote does bother him. He worries if Fred can work with people.

Mayor Swain – Fred wrote that letter as an individual expressing his opinion. Anyone is entitled to write letters. He is sure if the Assembly directed Fred to do something, he would in his capacity as Manager.

Randy Zimin – what do you have planned? South Naknek is half the population than it used to be.

Carvel Zimin, Jr. – we have listened to Shell Oil and Pebble Mine and nothing is happening yet. We remain neutral at this time.

Russell Phelps – his solution was a seasonal sales tax but the voters have to vote on it. He as an individual is not in favor of the mine.

Mel Coghill, Jr. – he hasn't given up on fishing. Mining would have a negative impact rather than the oil industry but we are supporting onshore drilling. He felt that with a seasonal tax we are targeting the non-residents.

Anishia Elbie – she was just in Barrow. They have incorporated their traditional values into everything they do. They have a team of scientists working for them that incorporate their values. Maybe the Borough can do something like that. She is in favor of a seasonal sales tax.

Eddie Clark – SAVEC is always asking for money donations. They have a good training center.

Carl Rawson – SAVEC has had problems since the loss of Erie Johnson. They used to have good classes but now everything is changed. Mayor Swain stated they are having classes right now and they are continually having classes. There was a short while when not much was happening but there is a new guy there and he's getting everything figured out.

Josie Savo – Anchorage is raising their bed tax by 4%. Can you write them and ask for Alaskan's to be exempt??

Carl Rawson – can the Borough help NEA with energy alternatives? We've got to do something, we're to the point where we can't take anymore. He doesn't want to live anywhere else.

Mayor Swain stated we will support NEA but we are not in the energy business.

B. Resolution No. 2006-06 – Surety Bond Requirements: Fred Pike stated this was just "housekeeping" and at the request of our Attorney Tim Verrett. EDDIE CLARK MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-06 AND IT WAS SECONDED BY CARVEL ZIMIN, JR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. FY07 Budget Second Reading and First Public Hearing: Mayor Swain stated this was the second reading and first public hearing. The second and final public hearing will be on May 1, 2006 in Naknek. He opened it up for public comments.

Anishia Elbie – she would like to see two full time employees for public works in the budget. Manager Fred Pike stated it is in the Budget for the coming year.

Anishia Elbie – asked how the Fuel was broken down for the School and Shop? Does it include this building?? Fred Pike gave the breakdown stating 3000 gallons was budgeted for Library/Lunchroom. There was also 3000 gallons for the PD quarters in South Naknek. Toyo stoves were put into that facility for more efficiency and set at 50 degrees.

Anishia Elbie – the gym is important to the community. She knows there are grants available.

Carvel Zimin, Jr. – this room (lunchroom) Library and gym gets used often by the residents. He is in favor of status quo. Whenever Police Officer or EMS are here, they eat at Trident and we can fire up the heat while they are here 2 months out of the year.

Jeff Elbie – what about putting Toyo stoves in this building? Assembly thought that could be an option.

Jeff Elbie – could this building fall under Emergency Disaster site? Fred Pike will check with Nate to see if there are funds available.

Josie Savo – do we have a place for nuisance dogs? Mayor Swain stated in the budget it's budgeted 50% for dog catcher and 50% for dispatcher. A building is up in King Salmon. The new ordinance is Borough wide.

Mel Coghill – asked Jeff Elbie if him and Bill Hester were comfortable with the budget? Jeff Elbie stated he had very little to do with it.

Anishia Elbie – Under Community Development 6201 - CIP, is that an oversight? There was \$20,000 listed for a mapping project and \$40,000 was budgeted? Fred Pike stated the Assembly felt it was important to get as much of the Borough mapped as possible, that is why they made the increase.

Josie Savo – can Public Works make a new sign for the fire hall? Yes, that is in the process.

Mike Swain – being 1.2 million in the “red” is not unusual. We estimated fish at 55 cents per pound with Fish & Game's estimates.

Carl Rawson - Borough had a list of boats with delinquent taxes and one junky boat was sold. What happened to the other boats? Manager Fred Pike stated there are less than 20 left that we are still trying to get a hold of the owners. We plan on having another auction the first part of May.

Lotta Hines explained the Warrant process and what was entailed.

Jeff Elbie – he would like to see a little more training. He just attended a boiler class and that was a really good class. Martin is attending class in Dillingham now.

Randy Zimin – the Police Department requested \$708,000 and the Assembly adopted \$722,000, is that normal to adopt more than what was requested? Mayor Swain explained the process with the work shops and how the numbers come about.

Anishia Elbie – regarding money from Juneau, will the Borough get anything? Fred Pike stated he is hopeful that we get something. Mayor Swain would like to see a Municipal Dividend Program.

8:40 p.m. got word that Pen Air was waiting at the Airport. Mayor Swain excused himself from the Meeting so he can take a tour of the facilities. Carvel Zimin, Jr. took over Chairing the meeting.

Randy Zimin – if the building next door is only used 2 months out of the year, close down that building and spend the difference on roads.

Fred Pike highlighted on his memo (attached).

The Public Hearing was closed.

- IV. Adjournment: RUSSELL PHELPS MOVED FOR ADJOURNMENT AND IT WAS SECONDED BY EDDIE CLARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Michael S. Swain, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Betty J. Bonin, Borough Clerk