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# Report

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**Recertification of Borough Assembly Seat A Election** - Judge Collins has ruled that the Haines Borough erred in not counting two absentee ballots without post marks, and three write in ballots without the full name of the candidate. She has decertified the election results that had reflected Gary Lidholm as the successful candidate. We must now recertify the election results with Daymond Hoffman as the successful candidate.

## Public Hearings

- A. Ordinance 09-11-219 - An ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer to accept a loan from the Alaska Drinking Water Fund - This is a somewhat expedited ordinance to accept the loan funds that we will presumably receive from DEC for the replacement of AC water pipe on Oceanview, Willard and parts of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. I recommend adoption of this ordinance

## Manager's Report

- A. Manager Search - We will be bringing Mr. Earnest and Mr. Hahn to Haines for more in-depth interviews, meetings with staff and evaluation of other criteria yet to be determined. We are working at this time to get both here on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, do our thing on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and send them home on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like to propose a special meeting for Tuesday evening, December 1<sup>st</sup> to make our selection and give me a few days to deal with a contract prior to my last day on December 4<sup>th</sup>. I am willing to come back for a week whenever the new hire comes on board.

## **Old Business**

1. Resolution 09-11-117 - A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting the full funding and construction of the first "Alaska Class" Ferry and encouraging the Alaska Marine Highway System to home port the new Alaska Class Ferry in Haines. This is in support of AMHS vessel replacement funding particularly as it applies to a new class of feeder vessels. It has also been suggested, if not actually proposed that an Alaska Class vessel be home ported in Haines. I recommend adoption of this resolution

## **New Business**

### A. Resolutions

None

### B. Ordinances for Introduction

None

### C. Other New Business

1. Advisory Board Appointments
2. Portage Cove Harbor Master Plan Adoption - This project has been languishing for some time. If we desire to retain the US Army Corps of Engineers as a partner in this project we need to adopt this planning document. The community has been focusing on Option 4 for evidently quite some time and is the direction we should continue to take.
3. Crystal Cathedrals Water & Sewer Utility Acquisition - Carson Dorn is taking the lead in fulfilling the due diligence requirements of our counter offer to Ms. Cox. Carson Dorn and a subcontractor FCS of Seattle, performed an extensive review of the Crystal Cathedral systems in 2003. Brushing off and updating of that report should give us the information we need to proceed with the acquisition. We will have to go to other firms for a title search and a records search. I am hoping to have a fee estimate and scope of work prior to the meeting.
4. Grant Writer/Administrator - Assemblyman Vick has asked that this be placed on the agenda for discussion. There are certainly a number of opportunities right now for securing grant funding. However, we must also be aware of the responsibilities for reporting and administering grants as well. Finally, the respective departments for whom grant projects would be solicited must be on board with the resources to fulfill those grant requirements. This

is why I have expanded at least the title from simply a grant writer to a grant writer/administrator. This would assure that we are applying for grants that make sense, that will result in a product that departments can use and appreciate, and that the granting agencies will be able to see consistent grant reporting

5. Assessor/Lands Manager Hire - Gabe Spencer was not willing to accept the Assessor/Lands Manager position at the \$70K salary he was offered. Given the difference in the cost of living between Haines and Stevenson Washington, he felt that he would be taking a financial step backward which wasn't fair to his family. I don't feel that I have clear direction from the Assembly to offer the position to Mr. Turner, who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. I have heard interest expressed in re-posting the position at a higher salary offering to see if we generate any more candidates. This leaves us with three apparent offerings: Offer the position to Dan Turner; Re-post the position at a higher salary offering; Offer Mr. Spencer a higher wage (with a clear fall back position should that still not be sufficient for him)