



Haines Borough Administration

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Report

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Manager's Report

- A. **General:** I arrived in your fair town on Sunday evening after a colorful and pleasant drive here from Anchorage. I have temporary accommodations and am seeking more permanent quarters. Monday, September 15th was my first day on the job. The first week has been a busy one. I have also spent some time this first week touring some facilities and meeting key people. This activity will continue. I am happy to be here.
- B. **Staska / Floreske Complaint:** I have spent considerable time this first week researching and dealing with this issue regarding Jones Point Road gravel extraction activities. On Thursday September 18th, I issued a letter to Mr. Floreske, rescinding the Cease and Desist Order which was delivered last week. The letter was accompanied by a proposed "Settlement Agreement" aimed at resolving some of the conflicts in this matter. This proposal is currently under consideration by Mr. Floreske. Additional discussion of this may be more appropriately discussed in Executive Session, due to the fact that litigation of this matter is still a possibility. Part of this complaint deals with the reported presence of sewage effluent from an undocumented source on the Floreske property. Borough staff is investigating this issue.
- C. **Young Road/Water Line Project:** This phase of the project is substantially complete. A final inspection has been done, and a punch list has been developed and addressed. Two items of work remain at this writing. One is the construction of a head wall at a culvert entrance, and the other is the repair of a resident's private drive that was utilized by the Contractor to access areas of the project. This use has damaged the drive, and the Contractor is obligated and intending to make repairs.

- D. **Street Paving:** PND has informed me today that revised and completed Drawings and Specifications for this project are enroute to Haines for final review prior to printing for publication. Moving forward on this project will also require a contract amendment for PND, which is on the agenda for this meeting.
- E. **Museum Fire Suppression:** I have had no new information on this subject during the first 5 days on the job.
- F. **Port Chilkoot Dock bathrooms:** No new progress on this.
- G. **Grant Application:** I am in the process of negotiating a contract with CE2 Engineers of Anchorage to assist the Borough in developing a grant application for a feasibility study looking at the possibility of producing heat for municipal facilities by using alternative energies. The grant deadline is October 8, 2008. A resolution to support this grant application is on the agenda under New Business.
- H. **Lands:** Steve Ritzinger has been out of town all week attending a FEMA-sponsored Flood Plain Management class in Anchorage. John Wurst has been doing double duty, continuing to work at field assessments as well as helping deal with other land issues in Steve's absence. Also, I have had no communication this week regarding the TEMSCO Commercial Tour Permit.
- I. **Harbor:** The season's last cruise ship was here this week, as well as a Fuel Barge. All went well at both the Lukak Dock and the PC Dock. The Harbormaster performed a rescue mission this week, hauling in a stranded boater who had experienced motor problems down the channel from Battery Point.
- J. **Parks & Recreation:** Excitement continues to build as the long awaited opening of the swimming pool nears. All pool users are asked to be patient and understanding as our hard working Pool Manager, RaeAnn Galasso works to train personnel and establish schedules for use by different user groups.
- K. **Public Works:** Our staff has successfully located and repaired a 14,000 gallon per day water leak in an old transit water main in the Oceanview area of town. Staff continues to work to clear up as many system problems as they can prior to the winter season.
- L. **Tourism:** As our active tourist season comes to a close, Lori Stepansky has charted a full schedule of off-season activities to ensure another successful season next year.

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