

# GLEN ALPS ROAD SERVICE AREA

Thursday, April 15, 2010  
7:45 pm  
Bear Valley School

## MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 7:40 pm

II. Roll Call

Board Present:

Daniel Constantine, Chairman  
Joe Connolly, Alternate Chair  
Shelly Martin, Recording Secretary  
Marc Rodman, Project Chair

Board Members Absent:

Judy Burtner, Treasurer

Contractor Present:

Carl Luchsinger, Alaska Pollution Control

Guest:

Joshua Cross, Lounsbury & Associates, Inc.

Residents Present:

Tim Connolly, Canyon Road  
Elaina Hveding, Glen Alps Road

III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes - **Approved as written**

IV. Chair Report

- Review of spring contractor work -
  - o Marc Rodman recommended that all the roads be cleared completely of snow well past the ditches to avoid drainage and other issues. The board members agreed. There was also some discussion about spring road cleanup work, and Shelly moved to allow the contractor to conduct sweeping & brushing activities at their discretion. Joe seconded the motion.

**Approved.**

- o In a note to board members prior to the meeting Judy Burtner requested an analysis from Carl (the Contractor) regarding what part of the guardrail on Toilsome Hill needed to be replaced and at what cost. Carl estimated that it would cost between \$46 and \$48 per foot to replace approximately 1,000 ft of guardrail. Carl will contact Acme Fence to get a current estimate and will give an update at the May 20<sup>th</sup> GARSa board meeting. **Action - Agenda Item**

- o Shelly commented that the culvert at the end of Michael Rd is acting up again. The Contractor will keep an eye on it and fill the indentation with gravel when necessary. Once the ground completely thaws the road should level out. If there is still a problem this summer he'll take another look to see if anything further needs to be done.
- o Daniel asked if board members had any projects for Capital funds this year. If there are no capital projects this year, Daniel suggested that the mill rate be put in abeyance for next year. Board members were asked to think about possible capital projects and bring them up for discussion at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Action - Agenda Item.**
- o Daniel suggested Board members do a group drive around before the next meeting to get an idea of the work that needs to be done over the summer. Everyone agreed that a drive around would be good. A proposed date for the drive around will be sent via e-mail in a week or so. **Action**
- o After some discussion regarding spring road grading, Shelly moved to also give the Contractor discretion to do spring grading when needed. Joe seconded the motion. **Approved**

#### V. Treasurer's Report

- Since Judy was out of town there was no Report.

#### VI. Old Business

Update of Toilsome/Glen Alps and Canyon Road Improvements Project - Josh Cross of Lounsbury & Associates presented a report on the progress of the Toilsome/Glen Alps and Canyon Road Improvements Project.

- The Right-of-way mapping for Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps and Canyon Roads has been completed.
- Josh presented two alternatives for the improvement to Toilsome Hill/Glen Alps project for the Board to consider.
  - o The first alternative involves more ROW from the Larsen property and less with the Tabbytite property. It also takes out more of the curve and lowers the grade of the road than the second alternative.
  - o There is still more analysis and testing to be done on the alternatives as well as ROW negotiations. These actions should be completed in July or August this year, with the projected start date sometime next summer (2011).
  - o Although no vote was taken, the Board members seemed to favor the first alternative (Concept #1) over the

second. Both alternatives will be presented to the property owners prior to ROW negotiation. While Lounsbury will work to acquire ROW for what they think is the best strategy, there are no guarantees. If the cost to acquire ROW is more than funds will allow, the project will be adjusted to upgrading the existing road only.

- o Josh shared with the group that there was a proposal in the budget for an additional \$2.5 million for this project. Below is the link to the State's Capital Budget as of Sunday, 4/18/2010 (See pg 83 of document) <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/26/Bills/SB0230C.PDF>

NOTE: As of the finalization of these minutes, the Governor had not yet approved this budget so there is still a chance these funds could be cut. If this funding holds, it is recommended that the Board meet sometime in late July or August to discuss how the additional funds affect the GARS board priorities. Tim Connolly requested these meetings be open to the public for input. Although holding open meetings to allocate these funds is not required, the Board would be open to any and all input.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Next Meeting Announcement - Thursday, May 20th

IX. Adjournment 8:50 pm

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