

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT 47031, FUND 480, JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA PROJECT

AGENDA OF: August 4, 2020

Assembly Action:

Approved under the consent agenda. 8.4.20 KBJ

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY GEORGE HAYS, ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER:

George Hays

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	<i>ER</i>	
	Community Development Director	<i>Q</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>OK</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>NS</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>OK 7/27/20 KBJ</i>	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES X NO _____
Resolution Serial No. 20-072 (4 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In 2019 the Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 19-101 appropriating \$1.5 million from the Land Management Fund for the Fish Creek Access project. There was an opportunity to secure grant funding to complete the access project that was ultimately not realized. While Fish Creek Access is a project the Land and Resource Management Division has been working on for a number of years, there does not appear to be other funding sources on the horizon to complete the project funding package. The (approximately) \$6 million Fish Creek Access project will remain a long-term priority for Land and Resource Management, with the hope that Federal/State/Private partners will eventually come to the table.

In the meantime, a potential opportunity has been identified for this funding at the Jonesville Public Use Area.

The proposed Jonesville Public Use Area Project is critical to public health, safety, and welfare in the Sutton Community. The Land and Resource Management Division has assisted the Sutton community in developing a public use area plan for the area. This plan is in the final stages of public comment. The next step is for the Borough to work out a Management Agreement with the State of Alaska authorizing the Borough to improve and manage the new public use area.

Construction and management of the public use area is proposed to follow a process similar to that of the Knik River Public Use Area (PUA) and Jim Creek. Development of facilities, including a shooting range, along with active management of the area will improve public safety and make it a more enjoyable experience for the recreating public.

The first phase of the proposed project is the construction of a public shooting range. This project ties in with one of the major concerns expressed repeatedly during the planning process identified as unsafe shooting practices in the area.

The \$1.5 million for the Jonesville Public Use Area Project will provide sufficient funding to develop a shooting range, and potentially, other amenities such as day use and camping facilities. The intent is to use the \$1.5 million to leverage additional Federal, state, and private funding to improve the conditions in the Jonesville area.

Additional funding for staff and an increased trooper presence will also be required. The DNR pays \$104,000 each year for a full-time staff member dedicated to the Knik River PUA. The Borough intends to request a portion of that DNR staff members' time be spent at Jonesville PUA. However, the Borough will also have to add staff to help with oversight and management of the Jonesville PUA.

DNR also pays \$150,000 each year to the State Troopers for an increased presence at Knik River PUA. The Borough hopes to negotiate a similar arrangement with the State Troopers.

The \$1.5 million project fund will be held and not spent until the Assembly has approved an operating plan detailing the additional costs outlined above. The details of the additional funding requirements for project construction and operation will be determined during discussions with DNR while the Management Agreement is being negotiated, and will be brought before Assembly for approval before proceeding with the project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectively request the Assembly approve the amended scope of work and budget for the Jonesville Public Use Area Project, Project No. 47031, Fund 480.

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ORIGINATOR: Emerson Krueger

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED *	FUNDING SOURCE <i>Misc. Capital Projects</i>
FROM ACCOUNT # <i>480.000-000 4XX.XXX</i>	PROJECT <i>47031</i>
TO ACCOUNT :	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: <i>Heidi Weiland</i>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <i>7/8/2020</i>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL		*				
REVENUE						

FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other		*				
TOTAL		*				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) ** Amending scope of work only. No additional funds requested.*

PREPARED BY:

PHONE:

DEPARTMENT:

DATE:

APPROVED BY:

DATE: