

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on October 28, 2014**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., October 28, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Prysunka, Rooney, Decker, and Blake were present. Assembly Member McCloskey was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney.

Invocation was given by Nettie Covalt with the Presbyterian Church.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions*

Mayor Jack presented Certificates of Service for: Kipha Valvoda for his time on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Rudy Briskar for his time on the Economic Development Committee, and Peter Helgeson for his time on the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Decker/Mitchell, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; 6a, 7a, & 7b. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held on October 13, 2014 and the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held on October 14, 2014 were approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held August 18, 2014
- *b Correspondence regarding the Big Thorne Timber Sale lawsuit from:
 1. Mr. Stephen Todd
 2. Ms. Bonnie Demerjian
 3. Walter Moorhead
 4. Marlene Clarke
 5. Gary Morrison

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Borough Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Prysunka reported on the Transboundary presentation that was given at City Hall earlier in the day on the risks associated with large-scale hard rock mining on rivers and the ill effects of mining toxins have on salmon.

10b Appointment of an Assembly Member to the Code Review Committee
 Assembly Member Blake volunteered to fill the vacancy. There were no objections from the Assembly.

10c Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board
 Mayor Jack appointed Alice Rooney to fill the unexpired vacancy until October 2014. There were no objections from the Assembly.

10d Appointment to fill the vacancies on the SEAPA Board (1 voting/1 alternate)
 Mayor Jack appointed Assembly Member Steve Prysunka to fill the voting member seat; Clay Hammer to the alternate member seat. There were no objections from the Assembly.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a Approval to enter as a friend of the Court instead of an intervener in the Big Thorne Timber Sale issue (*postponed from the October 24, 2014 Special Assembly Meeting*)

Pending Motion was: M/S: Blake/McCloskey, to enter as a friend of the Court instead of an intervener.

Assembly Member Blake stated that after reading the response from the Borough Attorney that said that the cost to file as a Friend of the Court would cost the same – if not more – he was not in favor of filing as a Friend of the Court.

Mayor Jack reminded Blake that he had made the motion at the Special Meeting.

Assembly Member Blake withdrew his motion.

M/S: Decker/Mitchell, to enter as an intervener in the Big Thorne Timber sale.

Assembly Member Decker state that she had found details on the internet with regards to the charge that Attorney Jim Clark had faced and quoted from that article that “since Clark’s awareness of the poll constituted neither bribes or kickbacks, all charges against him were voided”.

Assembly Member Prysunka said that it comes down to spending \$5,000; the attorney letter had stated that unless the community had a different interest, it would not matter to the court; why spend our money on similar issues that other communities have; need to look at the upcoming Wrangell sale and maximize the community profit.

Assembly Member Decker explained the different interest that Wrangell could bring forward in the intervention; affects our industry because it’s integrated; we have a small mill that

purchases logs from larger companies; if the larger companies go away, it does affect the smaller mills.

Motion approved with Decker, Mitchell, Blake, Rooney, and Jack voting yes; Prysunka voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of the Wrangell Capital Project Requests for FY 2015-16

M/S: Blake/Prysunka, to postpone this item until the next Regular Assembly meeting. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of a Budget Amendment for the purpose of hiring a State Legislative Lobbyist

M/S: Decker/Blake, to approve a budget amendment, not to exceed \$45,000, to come from the General Fund Reserve for the purpose of hiring a State Legislative Lobbyist. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval to hire a State Legislative Lobbyist

M/S: Rooney/Prysunka, to approve the hiring of Ray Matiashowski as the Borough's State Legislative Lobbyist, and to authorize the Borough Manager to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$45,000 with funds to come from the General Fund Reserve.

At the request of Assembly Member Mitchell, Manager Jabusch explained the need for a State Lobbyist.

In Response to Assembly Member Blake, Assembly Member Decker explained why Mr. Matiashowski stood out over the rest. She stated that all of his clients have similar interests to Wrangell and that would be a good thing.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE – Summary Report was provided to the Borough Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST: *Kim Lane*
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

David L. Jack
David L. Jack, Mayor

