

**Minutes of Special Assembly Meeting
Held May 2, 2016**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Special Assembly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., May 2, 2016, in the Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Decker, Powell, Prysunka, Rooney, and Mitchell were present. Assembly Member Blake was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5a Approval of a construction contract for the Wood Street Improvements project

M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, Move to approve a construction contract with Rock-N-Road for the construction of the Wood Street Improvement project in a total contract amount of \$902,745.00, which includes the Base Bid and Alternate A, and a construction contingency of \$45,000. Funding will come from a State of Alaska DCCED grant and from the City & Borough of Wrangell's Sales Tax Street Fund in the amount of \$90,000.

Manager Jabusch stated that with the additional \$22,000, we can do concrete over asphalt.

In response to Assembly Member Prysunka, Jabusch stated that the 5% construction contingency made since.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

5b Approval of a contract amendment for construction administration and inspection services to PND Engineers for the Wood Street Improvements project

M/S: Powell/Rooney, to approve the Borough Manager to issue Contract Amendment #9 to PND Engineers, based on Time & Expense and in the amount, not to exceed \$105,860, for the Contract Administration and Inspection services, with funds to be paid from the State of Alaska DCCED project funds for the Wood Street Improvements project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

5c Approval to Dispose of Remediated soil from the Byford Junkyard property at the Spur Road Rock Pit

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, to approve the Spur Road Rock Pit location for Disposing Remediated Soil from the Byford property location, as proposed by DEC.

Sally Schlichting with the Alaska Department of Economic Conservation provided the Assembly with some information on the ECOBOND, product which could be used to treat the contaminated soil. Ms. Schlichting also state the following:

- contaminated soil has expanded greatly
- a lot more material than originally anticipated
- requirements of having long-term monofilled land
- membrane on top of soil, then 2 ft. of topsoil on top
- shared the monitoring requirements
- would be the city's responsibility to monitor (State backing)
- monthly inspections for 5 years; annual inspections thereafter
- running track could be an option
- required signage

Assembly Member Rooney asked if the monofilled land could ever be sold and used for normal uses. Ms. Schlichting responded that no, it could not.

Assembly Member Prysunka stated that his preferred method would be to ship the contaminated soil out of town.

Shane O'Neill, NRC, stated that they have found no PCB's in the soil as originally reported by DEC. Mr. O'Neill explained the effectiveness of the Ecobond and how it worked.

In response to Assembly Member Mitchell, Mr. O'Neill stated that there was primarily lead and petroleum in the soil; in the process of excavating the more heavily contaminated soil.

Mr. Schlichting explained that if the process for disposing of the soil moved forward, there would be an engineer who would come up with the plan.

In response to Assembly Member Powell, Mr. O'Neill stated that the company who produced the Ecobond had been around for at least 15 years.

In response to Assembly Member Decker, Mr. Schlichting stated that it would be good to make a decision on this before early August since the emergency is in place now; the soil could sit for up to 2 years at the site however, the urgency would not exist after that time.


There was extensive discussion from the Assembly about the possibility of disposing of the soil in rock pits out by Pat's Lake (possibly on State land).

Ms. Schlichting stated that if the soil was disposed at the Spur Road Rock Pit, the site could not be re-opened in the future.

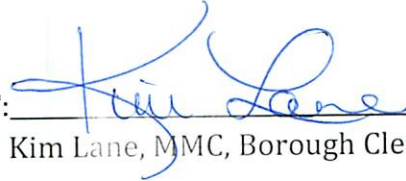
Ms. Schlichting also said that she would see about visiting the Pat's Lake Rock pits so that she could possibly make a recommendation to the State & DNR.

Motion failed unanimously by polled vote.

Special meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.



David L. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

