

**Minutes of Special Assembly Meeting
Held April 17, 2017**

Mayor David Jack called the Special Assembly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., April 17, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Gilbert, Rooney, Prysunka and Powell, Decker and Mitchell were present. Interim Borough Manager Carol Rushmore and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None

ITEM OF BUSINESS

5a IN ACCORDANCE WITH WMC 3.05.100 (C), WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN OF A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN BY THE ASSEMBLY AT THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2017 ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED ON AGENDA ITEM 13B, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE THE SELF-CLEANING ROUGHING FILTERS FOR THE WATER PLANT AS WELL AS TO PURCHASE NEW SAND FOR ONE FILTER TO BE ORDERED, DELIVERED AND INSTALLED AS PER REQUIREMENTS, WITH THE FUNDS TO COME FROM UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED WATER FUNDS

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, Moved to call up the motion for reconsideration, the amended motion that was made, seconded, and passed on April 11, 2017 to reconsider the vote that was taken by the Assembly at said meeting, the following motion, as amended: Authorize the City Manager to immediately purchase the self-cleaning roughing filters for the water plant as well as to purchase new sand for one filter to be ordered, delivered and installed as per requirements, with the funds to come from unrestricted and restricted water funds. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Clerk Lane stated that since the Assembly has voted on the reconsideration, they are now at the point right before the vote was taken.

Prysunka stated that he wasn't aware when he made the motion that it would take so long to evaluate and purchase them.

Powell stated that if you replace the sand in one filter, the manufacturer told him that you should replace all; sand was never intended to be cleaned as much as we were cleaning it.

Amber Al-Haddad, Public Works Director stated that yes that was correct; it was designed to be discarded.

Powell stated that we cannot put more sand in there unless we do the roughing filters first; we need to do something different for this season.

Wayne McHolland, Water Treatment Plant Leadman explained for the Assembly, how the plant was producing. McHolland stated that they would continue plunging the sand; was pretty effective; there is no flushing mechanism right now; plant was designed to produce 300 gallons of water per minute, per filter; capability of 1200 gallons of water per minute, for all four filters is there with clean sand; without new roughing filters, it's a waste of money to replace the sand.

Interim Borough Manager Rushmore stated that the main reason why we started looking at a new plant was because we are at our maximum capacity for demand.

Decker stated that she had spoken with John Webby with Trident and Mr. Webby stated that when he met with the City, Jeff had said that the City was going to change the roughing filter and probably change sand in one bay. Rushmore stated that she was there and that was incorrect.

In response to Decker, Rushmore stated that the roughing filter timeline dilemma is because DEC has to review if the proposed filter will work; took three months for them to approve the previous roughing filter option that we were looking at before.

In response to Gilbert, Al-Haddad stated that our engineers need to develop the plans for the roughing filters; once plans are done, plans will be submitted to DEC; not sure how long that will take; would procure once DEC approval was received.

In response to Gilbert, McHolland stated that they were plunging the sand, rather than scrubbing it; seems to be working better; need to stick with it and not do a rush job; will improve our situation; will increase flow through the system.

Gilbert requested that there be a report given at each Assembly meeting as to where the water level is at; we need to start a PSA (Public Service Announcement) as well.

Rushmore stated that the PSA was almost ready to go.

Al-Haddad stated that if we replace the media in the roughing filters with interlocking aggregate, the aggregate would have to be NSF Certified; cannot just replace it with materials locally; DEC has given us a pass for now but what's in there was not approved; if we had to order in new media, the proposed cost would be \$35,000.

Prysunka stated that it appears that we don't have many options; surprised to hear that we are out of compliance; would change the entire tone about the DEC grant for the treatment plant.

In response to Jack and Powell, McHolland and Al-Haddad stated that what they were doing now (with the filters and sand) was all they could do right now to get us through.

Rooney said that we need to look at storing the water now, when the water demand wasn't so high.

Mitchell asked if the plan for the plumbing from reservoir no. 1 into the plant and reservoir no. 2 so that they were independent.

Al-Haddad stated that no, we have not done that.

In response to Mitchell, Al-Haddad and McHolland stated that both reservoir's had probably never been cleaned.

Mitchell questioned why we haven't done this.

Al-Haddad replied that there is a lot of work to be done to put together an RFP for an engineer to do this work; issues with the corps of engineers; corps shut the project down; haven't had the time to do this project. Al-Haddad stated that she was one person who manages five departments; takes a lot of time to work on this.

Mitchell stated that this was a priority; need to find someone to help you get this done.

In response to Prysunka, Al-Haddad stated that the Admin Assistant that had been hired is a temporary person because there were Union questions that have not been answered; this person does clerical stuff.

Prysunka stated that we need Al-Haddad to do the heavy lifting stuff and another person who can do the non-heavy lifting stuff.

Jack stated that he would like to see a plan on what has been done on the Bypass and what we are looking at going forward with a timeline.

Prysunka stated that the last thing he wanted to do was to task Amber with something that is down the road; much rather see us come up with an immediate plan; need to get through the next five months.

Decker asked if the self-cleaning roughing filters could be used in the new plant; also, what about new sand; will the new plant operate with the sand.

McHolland stated that the new sand would be completely useless in a new plant; firmly believe that if the roughing filters were chosen properly, they could be used in the new plant.

Al-Haddad stated that the new roughing filters could be used in the interim when the old plant was taken off line and the new plant was brought on line; have not explored if they could be used in the new plant.

Mitchell stated that we have a motion on the floor and we should deal with that motion.

Gilbert suggested that we kill the motion and start over; suggested that the plant continued to scrub the sand and clean the filters and hire new people.

M/S: Rooney/Prysunka, to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Decker requested that something be written up and provided to the Assembly from the engineer about the idea of purchasing one bay of new sand, or two, or three, or four and how that in combination with the roughing filter in the fall would make any difference or not, in writing since we aren't going to do anything for this season.

M/S: Gilbert/Prysunka, to direct the City Manager to contact CRW Engineers about our current situation and have them provide suggestions to us, with the money to come from the previously sequestered \$50,00 that was dedicated to the water fund.

After further discussion, Gilbert requested that her motion be withdrawn. There were no objections from the Assembly.

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, to authorize the City Manager to contact CRW Engineers concerning our present problem with the water supply in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, money to come from the unrestricted funds of the water fund.

Decker requested that if we have to spend money for Public Service Announcements, we need to do that.

Clerk Lane said that we pay an annual amount to KSTK for announcements; newspaper would be more.

Rooney stated that PSA's are free.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Special meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk



David L. Jack, Mayor

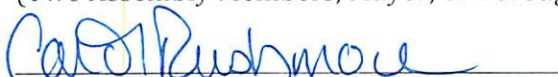


REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

I, (We) Carol Rushmore DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WRANGELL BOROUGH ASSEMBLY BE CALLED BY THE BOROUGH CLERK, ACCORDING TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 3.04.090, FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTERS:

- a. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WMC 3.05.100 (C), WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN OF A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN BY THE ASSEMBLY AT THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2017 ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED ON AGENDA ITEM 13B, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO IMMEDIATELY PURCHASE THE SELF-CLEANING ROUGHING FILTERS FOR THE WATER PLANT AS WELL AS TO PURCHASE NEW SAND FOR ONE FILTER TO BE ORDERED, DELIVERED AND INSTALLED AS PER REQUIREMENTS, WITH THE FUNDS TO COME FROM UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED WATER FUNDS

SPECIAL MEETING WAS REQUESTED BY INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER, CAROL RUSHMORE
(Two Assembly Members, Mayor, or Borough Manager to Sign)



Signature/Carol Rushmore, Interim Borough Manager

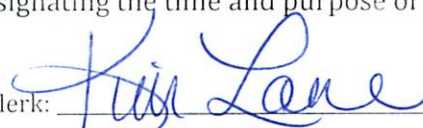
Signed this 13th day of April, 2017

(Sec. 3.04.090: Special meetings shall be called by the Borough Clerk on the written request of the MAYOR, BOROUGH MANAGER, or of any TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. At least forty-eight (48) hours written notice shall be given designating the time and purpose of a special meeting.)

Received/Date: April 13, 2017

Date assigned: April 17, 2017

Time assigned: 12:00 pm

Borough Clerk: 

Notice out: Wednesday, April 13, 2017 @10:00 a.m..

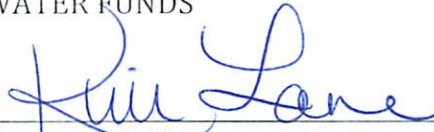
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY


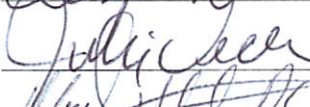

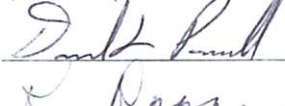
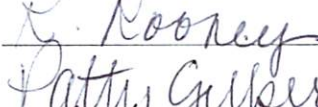
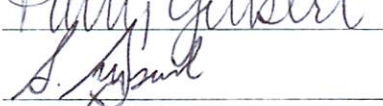
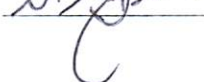
A Special meeting of the Wrangell Borough Assembly will be held pursuant to Wrangell Municipal Code, Section 3.04.090 on **Monday, April 17, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.**

The following business will be considered:

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Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

		Date/Time
MAYOR DAVID L. JACK		4.17.17
ASSEMBLY MEMBER DECKER		4/17/17
ASSEMBLY MEMBER MITCHELL		04-17-17
ASSEMBLY MEMBER POWELL		4-17-17
ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROONEY		4-17-17
ASSEMBLY MEMBER GILBERT		04.17.2017
ASSEMBLY MEMBER PRYSUNKA		04-17-2017

I, Steve Prysunka, member of the Wrangell Borough Assembly made the original motion at the Regular Assembly meeting held Tuesday, April 12, 2017 to:

Authorize the City Manager to immediately purchase the self-cleaning roughing filters for the water plant as well as to purchase new sand for one filter to be ordered, delivered and installed as per requirements.

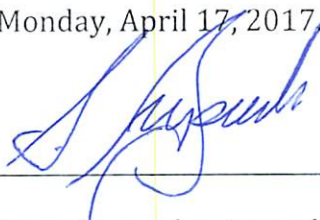
The main motion was seconded by Assembly Member Decker.

Assembly Member Gilbert *amended the main motion to say that the funds to come from unrestricted and restricted water funds. The amendment was approved unanimously by polled vote.*

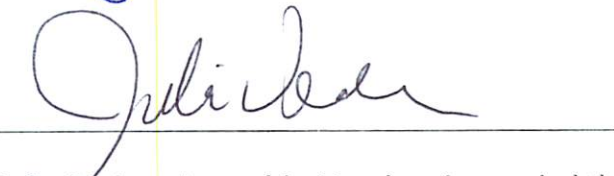
After discussion, the main motion, as amended was approved with Prysunka, Gilbert, Rooney, Decker, and Jack voting yes; Powell and Mitchell voted no.

Authorize the City Manager to immediately purchase the self-cleaning roughing filters for the water plant as well as to purchase new sand for one filter to be ordered, delivered and installed as per requirements, with the funds to come from unrestricted and restricted water funds.

I would like to have the motion reconsidered at a Special Assembly meeting to be held on Monday, April 17, 2017.



Steve Prysunka, Assembly Member (made motion)



Julie Decker, Assembly Member (seconded the motion)

Kim Lane

From: Julie Decker <juliedecker@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:28 PM
To: 'Kim Lane'
Cc: 'Julie Decker'
Subject: RE: Request for reconsideration

Hi Kim,

Yes, I agree with this request for reconsideration. Please use this email to serve as my "electronic signature" until I return to Wrangell and can sign the form.

Thanks,

Julie Decker

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Wrangell, AK 99929
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From: Kim Lane [<mailto:clerk@wrangell.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Julie Decker; 'Julie Decker'
Subject: Request for reconsideration
Importance: High

Julie,

Here is the Request for Reconsideration. If you agree to sign it, please reply to this email that you do.

Thank you,
Kim