

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on October 8, 2013**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., October 8, 2013, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Stough, Stokes, Blake, and Decker were present. Assembly Members Wiederspohn and McCloskey were absent. Interim Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member James Stough.

Invocation was given by Nettie Covalt with the Presbyterian Church.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no Amendments to the Agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Stough, seconded by Decker, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; 6a, 7a & 7b. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*6a Minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held September 24, 2013, and the Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held September 26, 2013 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *7a Expenditure Report from Southeast Senior Services covering the Fourth Quarter – April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013
- *7b Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held June 27, 2013

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Borough Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

Assembly Member Decker requested that the Friends of the Library statistics, such as: number of kids that participated, donations, and the number of books that were read, be posted on the borough website.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Borough Clerk Lane's report was provided.

In addition to the report, Lane reported on the October 1, 2013 Regular Borough Election.

- 46% voter turnout
- 9% over last year's voter turnout
- 737 total ballots counted

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Decker asked that public correspondence that was received, but not put on the agenda, be added under the Clerks Report.

Assembly Member Stough commented that the Canvass Board process went very well; he thanked the Election Workers and the Borough Clerk.

10b City Boards and Committee Appointments

Planning & Zoning Commission – Terri Henson and Stanley Schnell – 3 year terms

Parks & Recreation Board – Robert Lippert – 3 year term

Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau – Apryl Hutchinson, Wilma Leslie and Brenda Schwartz-Yeager – 3 year terms

Thomas Bay Power Authority Commission – James Stough – 3 year term

Economic Development Committee – Robert Maxand – 3 year term

Cemetery Committee – No letters received

Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board – Donald J. McConachie and Olinda White – 3 year terms

Moved by Stough, seconded by Stokes, to appoint Brenda Schwartz-Yeager and Wilma Leslie to the WCVB Seats. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

As there were no objections from the Borough Assembly as to the other letters of interest that were received, Mayor Jack declared that the remaining Board and Committee candidates were hereby appointed for terms ending, October 2016.

Mayor Jack directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for the remaining vacant seats.

10c Elect Vice-Mayor

Moved by Blake, seconded by Stokes, to nominate Julie Decker as Vice-Mayor. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

10d Appointment to fill the vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Board

With the consensus of the Borough Assembly, Mayor Jack appointed Haig Demerjian and Charleen Williams to fill the vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Board for the unexpired terms ending October 2015.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of Change Order #5 for the Marine Service Center Concrete Paving Phase 2 Project

Moved by Stough, seconded by Stokes, to approve Change Order No. 5 for the Marine Service Center Paving Phase 2 project in the amount of \$51,447.12 to be paid from project grant funds. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Discussion and possible action relating to specific questions to ask an attorney with regards to the TBPA/SEAPA issues

Assembly Member Stough asked if the questions that Ernie Christian had emailed were available to look at.

Clerk Lane stated that she had not received an email with said questions.

Interim Borough Manager Jabusch stated that he had received them.

Assembly Member Decker suggested that the Assembly take a recess so that Jabusch could print off the correspondence that was received from Christian.

Recessed regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Reconvened back into regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Jack requested that any Assembly Member email correspondence be directed through the Borough Clerk. He clarified that this did not apply to the members of the public.

Clerk Lane clarified that if the Borough Assembly received email correspondence from the Borough Manager, they should reply directly to the Borough Manager only, and not hit "reply all".

After much discussion, the Borough Assembly agreed that the questions that Jabusch and Mr. Christian had submitted were similar in nature. Jabusch stated that he would draft the questions and submit them to the power attorney. He stated that he would provide the Assembly with a copy of the correspondence that he submits to the attorney.

At the request of Assembly Member Decker, Jabusch stated that he would ask the Borough Attorney the question of "who is ultimately liable for the \$750,000 PERS Liability".

At the request of Assembly Member Stough, Jabusch stated that he would also ask the Borough Attorney if it was a conflict for a Commission Member sit on the Thomas Bay Power Authority Commission and also on the SEAPA Board.

13c Approval of the Wrangell Timber Industry Plan

Moved by Blake, seconded by Decker, to approve the Wrangell Timber Industry Plan. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

There was no Attorney's File.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15a Discussion with Borough Attorney regarding a letter from the attorney for Oliver Construction

Moved by Stough, seconded by Blake, to go into executive session to discuss the letter from the attorney for Oliver Construction, which the immediate knowledge of would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: Kim Lane
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

David L. Jack
David L. Jack, Mayor

