

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on June 9, 2020

Mayor Prysunka called the telephonically held Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., June 9, 2020 by teleconference. The pledge was led by Assembly Member Gilbert and the roll was called.

PRESENT: POWELL, DECKER, GILBERT, PRYSUNKA, MORRISON

ABSENT: DELONG

Borough Manager Von Barga and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance by teleconference.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Dr. Jayme Parker, Manager of the Alaska State Virology Lab in Fairbanks, AK provided a verbal report on testing and results; their lab does about half of the testing in Alaska; provides weekly reports that shows not just COVID results but all virus reports; helps to confirm results and is more concerned with false negative results if a patient is experiencing symptoms of the virus.

In response to Prysunka on what happens when someone tests positive and then tests negative, Dr. Parker stated that sometimes at the end of the disease cycle (end of infection), they could get positive results one day and then negative the next; not sure yet how long a person can transmit the disease.

Pastor Kem Haggard gave the invocation.

Erin Michaels, State Health Nurse for Wrangell/Petersburg reported on what happens when a patient test was positive; interviews are quite extensive; look at who the patient was around within the last two days, calling those persons “close contacts”; close contact would also be identified if they were around a person who tested positive for more than 10 minutes or if the person who tested positive, coughed on a person, or if the close contact is an “at risk” person. Ms. Michaels stated that they also ask the positive tested person where they have been in the last 14 days to try and determine where they caught the virus from; brief interview is conducted with the close contacts and they are asked to quarantine 14 days from contact with the positive person; stays in contact with the positive tested person for 14 day.

Dr. Debbe Lancaster, Wrangell School Superintendent provided a brief update on what has been going on in the School District:

- Virtual prom
- Socially Distant graduation
- Smart start planning for August
- Budget to Actuals report for end-of-year showed that by trimming the spending, there will not be a need to withdraw from the “special” fund account

- School Leadership will be Jenn Miller-Yancy, Head Teacher and Assistant Principal for Evergreen Elementary School and Bob Davis will be the Head Teacher and Assistant Principal for Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School.
- Welcoming three new staff members
- Welcome back picnic will be held in August, if permitted

Angie Flickinger, resident read a letter aloud, on systemic racism and police brutality.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Gilbert declared a perceived Conflict of Interest to Item 13a (purchase of Primary School Doors and Hardware) since she is a school board member and lobbies for the school. Prysunka stated that he did not see any direct financial gain and therefore did not see a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
- Minutes of the May 28, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting
- Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting
- CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Minutes (2/24, 3/16 & 4/20/2020)
- CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Action from May 18, 2020

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Von Barga provided updates on the following:

- Land Survey report sent to the Assembly this evening
- Advertising for Assistant Diesel Mechanic and the Harbor Admin position; should be hiring for those two positions very soon
- Police Department submitted a separate CARES act grant award for public safety and was awarded \$20,000
- Received first batch of CARES funding this week
- Received notification from CMS (Medicaid Services) that they will be doing an audit on the WMC Third quarter 2018
- Alternate COVID Isolation Site lease was finalized today; thank you to Mayor Prysunka for getting this done; will be leasing the Sourdough Lodge

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Decker reported that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) to go over the applications from local businesses and non-profits for the funding items that were previously approved by the Assembly.

Prysunka gave a summary report on how it went with the COVID positive case; had been planning for this moment for the last two and a half months; believes that it went very well; a couple of things need to be streamlined but overall, it went really well; recognized Manager Von Bargaen, Jamie Roberts, Clerk Lane and Dorianne Sprehe; ability to work with our healthcare staff here in Wrangell is unique; businesses that chose to shut down was done by their choice; moving along in a positive direction.

Von Bargaen stated that Mayor Prysunka was here at a moments' notice and made sure that everyone that needed to be, was notified; fielded calls from several people; thanked the Mayor for all that he did.

Prysunka stated that he wanted to make sure that the community knows that we were not and will not be notified of who a COVID-19 positive patient is; that's the way it works and we are not told who it is.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

Appointment to fill the Vacancy on the Wrangell Borough Assembly

Clerk Lane stated that there had been two letters of interest received. One from Laura Ballou and the other from Ryan Howe. Lane then asked that each Assembly Member text her their choice for who they wanted to fill the Borough Assembly vacant seat and once the tally had been completed, reported to the Assembly that Ryan Howe had received a majority of the votes and through the Mayor, asked that an Assembly Member make a motion to appoint.

M/S: Gilbert/Decker to approve the appointment of Ryan Howe to the Wrangell Borough Assembly for the Unexpired Term ending October 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of Bid received from Spenard Builders Supply in the Amount of \$32,250 for Primary School Doors and Hardware Procurement

M/S: Decker/Powell to approve a contract award to Spenard Builders Supply in the Amount of \$32,250 for the Primary School Doors and Hardware Procurement Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION No 06-20-1529 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, LEVYING A GENERAL TAX FOR SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 PURSUANT TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.04.010; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE IN 2020 AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 06-20-1529.

Von Barga provided an administrative report to this item; no change to the mill levy (property taxes) this year.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval to Hold a Special Borough Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the FY21 Budget Public Hearing

M/S: Morrison/Gilbert to approve holding a Special Borough Assembly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the FY21 Budget Public Hearing.

Von Barga stated that we would have the American Cruise Ship Mitigation plan proposal on the Special Assembly meeting Agenda on June 16, 2020 as well.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

14 Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office.

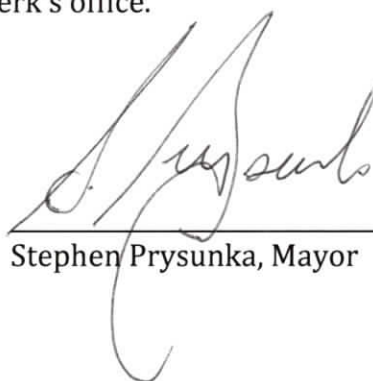
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk



Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

