

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TALKEETNA SEWER & WATER BOARD

for SERVICE AREA NO. 36

Andrew Haag, Chair James Kellard Jane Steere, Vice Chair

Ryan Sheldon Vacant

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Talkeetna Public Library 24645 Talkeetna Spur Road Talkeetna, AK 99676

1:02pm-1:33pm January 8, 2025 Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 219 084 064 569 Passcode: Rwkjk6

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board for Service Area No. 36 was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Talkeetna Public Library at 24645 Talkeetna Spur Road in Talkeetna, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by Ryan Sheldon.

II. ROLL CALL

Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Andrew Haag - absent

Ms. Jane Steere - present and on-time

Mr. Ryan Sheldon - present and on-time

Mr. James Kellard - present and on-time

A board attendance sheet was not collected.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda did not happen. Meeting procedures were discussed under New Business to properly address agenda and meeting minutes approvals.

VOTE: None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting:

Minutes for the December 4, 2024 regular meeting were not provided by the Board. There was no motion to approve the minutes.

VOTE: None.

V. STAFF REPORT

- A. TSW Supervisor (Amanda Fleming)
 - KTNA Su-Valley Voice: Amanda, Ryan, and Mike discussed TSW systems, rule and rate changes, and infrastructure improvements on December 12, 2024. Ryan and Amanda were very pleased with how the interview went.
 - Proposed rules and rates changes approved by MSB Assembly on December 17, 2024. Changes effective July 1, 2025.
 - TSW staff will be contacting customers required to install grease traps or impacted by other rule changes.
 - Commercial definition will only include properties that are operating businesses. Properties with multiple buildings connected that are otherwise operating residentially will be considered residential. MSB will audit properties that might be impacted by this rule and change them automatically.
 - Garret Mischenko has resigned. MSB staff is preparing to advertise for his replacement.
 - A draft budget will be presented at the next meeting with specific anticipated expenses for FY26.
 - Jane inquired about the high MTA expenses Amanda explained that MTA expenses for TSW are combined in a contract with all MTA accounts for the MSB. This is negotiated by IT and Purchasing.
- B. MSB Engineer (Mike Campfield) absent

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Public Input Meeting** – Mike C. has requested via Amanda that the meeting to be pushed out to May as the RFP has not been publicized yet and will take time to be awarded.

Motion to move the Public Input Meeting to the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2025 at 6:00pm and change the Regular Meeting on March 5, 2025 from 6:00pm to 1:00pm by James. Seconded by Jane.

VOTE: All approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Meeting Procedures** Amanda has been working with the Clerk's office to establish better meeting organization. She has been officially designated at the Board Administrative Support to the board and will assist in meeting minutes, agenda preparation, and getting information to the Clerk's office.
 - Minutes from 2024 still need to be signed and sent to the Clerk.
 - The Team's link for minutes is now available to the Public.
 - Jane Steere inquired about conflict of interest of potentially her and her son both serving on the Board. Amanda will follow up with the Clerk's office.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. None.

X. NEXT MEETING

A. Regular Meeting: February 5, 2025 at 1pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ryan. Seconded by James. Meeting adjourned at 1:33pm.

ATTESTED:

Ms. Amanda Fleming, Board Administrative Support