I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 1, 2005, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Jim Colver.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 *(Deputy Mayor)*
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice A. Case, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Assistant Borough Attorney
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Chris Drashner, Accounting Division Document Specialist
Mr. Greg Goodale, Solid Waste Division Manager
Ms. Melanie Trost, Project Development Specialist I

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Colver inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mr. Duffy:

- requested that the Assembly postpone Ordinance Serial No. 05-026; and
- asked that the Assembly schedule a work session to discuss timber sales.

Assemblymember Simpson requested that the work session be held before addressing Ordinance Serial No. 05-026.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to schedule a work session for March 24, 2005, at 4 p.m. to discuss timber sales and to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 05-026 to April 19, 2005.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Joe Lawton, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 02/15/05

Deputy Mayor Colver inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

<u>Wasilla City</u>

Councilmember Mark Ewing:

- stated that the joint cities meeting recently held was very productive;
- noted that the cities discussed the increasing development in the Borough;
- discussed a multi-use trail system in the Borough;
- noted that the city of Wasilla is currently working to improve the existing water system and expanding the airport facility; and
- commented that Wasilla Mayor Keller and two of the council members would be traveling to Washington D.C. within the next few weeks.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no report presented.)

3. Alaska State Fair Update – Mr. Joe Lawton, General Manager

Mr. Lawton:

- reported that they have purchased the tank residing on the former Amerigas property;
- stated that Park and Ride has been open for a couple weeks;
- noted that six large interpretative panels will be unveiled on June 10, 2005, for the commuter center;
- commented that Alaska Demolition will resume work at the fairgrounds this summer; and
- reviewed the upcoming events.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Deputy Mayor Colver noted that the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues has not met since the last report.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

Deputy Mayor Colver noted that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization has not met since the last report.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that on March 21, 2005, Mr. VanDongen will be providing the city of Wasilla with an update on the port;
- stated that the management audit request for proposals is in Purchasing and noted that some members of the Assembly still need to complete the forms;
- reported that Mr. O'Brien has complied a memorandum on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment no. 6;
- stated that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Technical Committee would meet on March 14, 2005;
- stated that the Borough has received a copy of the Crevasse Moraine Trail Use survey from University of Alaska Fairbanks students;
- advised that the Borough has received an A+ rating from the bond agencies;
- commented that the bond sale went very well and the bonds were sold for an interest rate of 4.252, the lowest rate the Borough has ever received; and
- noted that Ms. Romano and Ms. Trost are present to provide an update on the Agricultural Processing and Product Development Center.

Ms. Trost:

- provided an update on the Agricultural Processing and Product Development Center;
- stated that the Borough has received a positive response to the rhubarb juice product;
- noted that they are researching steam blanching potatoes;
- stated that they are also researching the different types of equipment that will be needed to match production level;
- commented that they have been contacted by several people who are interested in the shared kitchen facility; and
- noted that she recently attended a collaborative meeting with the Alaska State Division of Agriculture, the School District, and some local farmers to discuss the school lunch needs.

Ms. Romano:

- referred to a booklet detailing the Agricultural Processing and Product Development Center; and
- stated that the Legislative Delegation will be sending a letter of support to the Borough.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Williams stated that the oral arguments for the real estate transfer fee case will be on April 11, 2005.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for March and April;
- noted that the agenda for the March 8, 2005, joint Assembly/School Board meeting is attached;
- stated that agenda items for the March 15, 2005, joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting need to be turned in by March 7, 2005;
- noted that the meeting agenda for the RTPO technical committee has been included in the Clerk's report;
- noted that all of the Borough records have been moved from the Records Center to Relo Information Management Center, Inc.;
- commented that in-house training for TRIM has resumed;
- referred to the quasi-judicial board update provided in the Clerk's report;
- noted that the tracking report is attached for review;
- referred to the "Endowment for Schools" item on tracking report which was requested by former Assemblymember Bush; and
- inquired if the Assembly would like this item to remain on the tracking report.

The members of the Assembly stated that they would like this item removed from the tracking report.

Assemblymember Colver inquired the status of the Conditional Use Institutional Residential Homes on the tracking report.

Mr. Duffy:
- replied that the draft ordinance has been completed and that they are currently conducting and in-house review;
- stated that the next step would be to send the document to the Planning Commission for review and then on to the Assembly; and
- noted that the time frame will depend on the time the Planning Commission and citizen review committee take to review the document.

Assemblymember Vehrs requested that Borough Forest Practices Permit be added to the tracking report.

Ms. McGehee introduced Myra Hardeland, a new employee in the Clerk's Office.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
a. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 11/10/04
b. Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control Service Area No. 131: 01/27/05
c. Historical Preservation Commission: 02/06/04, 03/05/04, 04/16/04, 05/07/04, 07/02/04, 09/10/04, 10/08/04
d. Platting Board: 02/03/05

The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Serial No. 05-026: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TIMBER WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 900 ACRES OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS THE NORTH SHEEP CREEK FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT TO APPLICANT NPI, LLC. (MSB004323) WITH A VALUE GREATER THAN $25,000. *(Motion pending 02/01/05)*
1. IM No. 05-038
2. IM No. 05-058

Deputy Mayor Colver noted that this item was postponed to April 19, 2005, under the approval of the agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 03/15/05, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-031: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $65,000 FROM THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA (FSA) FUND BALANCE, FUND 250, TO THE FSA CAPITAL PROJECT FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45169, TO PURCHASE A NEW ENGINE AND EQUIPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 05-025: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 45169, FUND 405, TO PURCHASE A NEW ENGINE AND EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 05-051

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-032: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION OF $3,935 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 10151, FUND 435, TO THE ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION DIVISION FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET, 200-160-606, TO PURCHASE LIVE ANIMAL TRAPS AND EQUIPMENT.

a. IM No. 05-055

3. Ordinance Serial No. 05-033: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION OF $575,000 FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT FUND BALANCE, FUND 203, $120,000 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE, FUND 100, AND $155,000 FROM THE NON-AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE, FUND 200, TO FUND 450 FOR A CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR THE PORT MACKENZIE DEEP DRAFT DOCK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

a. IM No. 05-060

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 15, 2005.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 05-026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE AND DIRECTS AND AUTHORIZES THE MANAGER TO DESIGNATE 24.24 ACRES OF LAND AS A WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION AREA IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF

ENGINEERS PERMIT POA-1979-0412-Y, KNIK ARM 51, THAT ALLOWS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH AND PARKING AREA AT PORT MACKENZIE.

(1) IM No. 05-027

b. Resolution Serial No. 05-027: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS, FUND 435, PROJECT NO. 10151, FOR MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT OF DOORS AT THE ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION SHELTER.

(1) IM No. 05-062

c. Resolution Serial No. 05-028: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY POOLS AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PLUMBING FIXTURES, PROJECT NO. 15007, TO ALLOW FOR THE COMPLETION OF ADDITIONAL ADA WORK AT THE COMMUNITY POOLS.

(1) IM No. 05-063

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 05-014: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TITLE CHANGE FROM EMPLOYEE HEALTH NURSE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER.

b. AM No. 05-015: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TITLE CHANGE FROM EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TRAINING AND SAFETY COORDINATOR TO EMS QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER.

c. AM No. 05-023: APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO HIRE A PROJECT MANAGER TO ASSIST WITH MANAGING THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT PORT MACKENZIE.

d. AM No. 05-025: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PALMER IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,610 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

e. AM No. 05-026: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TALKEETNA COMMUNITY RADIO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIO BROADCAST REMOTE EMERGENCY BACKUP EQUIPMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2003 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

f. AM No. 05-027: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 05-078 TO WRG FIRE TRAINING SIMULATION SYSTEMS INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $127,500 TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA LIVE FIRE TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Janet Flanders

Planning Commission
- Brit Lively

Wasilla Lakes FSA No. 130
- Daniel Tucker

Willow FSA No. 135
- Doyle Holmes
- Richard Pralle

Talkeetna Sewer and Water SSA No. 36
- Sheryl Tollefsen

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Removal of Sandy Gaither
- Removal of Julianne McGuinness
- Resignation of David Mayschak

Planning Commission
- Resignation of Chris Rose upon appointment of new member

Transportation Advisory Board
- Dan Elliott

Caswell Lakes RSA #15
- Patty Song

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, removals, and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

2. Rick Horstman Re: Timber Sale of 900 Acres in North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit

Mr. Horstman:
- spoke regarding good forest management; and
- spoke in opposition to the timber sale of 900 acres in the North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit.

1. Nancy Sult Re: Knik Museum and Cemetery Property

Ms. Sult, representing Friends of Old Knik, spoke in opposition to the Herning Warehouse basement foundation construction.

3. William Bouterse Re: Timber Sale of 900 Acres in North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit

Mr. Bouterse:
- spoke in opposition to the timber sale of 900 acres in the North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit for chipping; and
- encoraged the Borough to create a model forest utilization program.

4. Judy Anderson Re: Herning Warehouse Basement Foundation Construction

Ms. Anderson spoke in opposition to the Herning Warehouse basement foundation construction.

5. Paul Theodore Re: Herning Warehouse Basement Foundation Construction

Mr. Theodore spoke in opposition to the Herning Warehouse basement foundation construction.

6. Star Theodore Re: Herning Warehouse Basement Foundation Construction

Ms. Theodore spoke in opposition to the Herning Warehouse basement foundation construction.

Deputy Mayor Colver asked staff to provide an update on the planned construction.

Mr. O'Brien:
- stated that prior to any action being taking, they will use ground radar to determine if there are any graves located on that site;
- noted that if graves are detected, the warehouse will not be placed in that location; and
- stated that the warehouse is planned to be built adjacent to the museum, not behind it.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-020: AN ORDINANCE CREATING BLUFF VISTA, EAGLE VISTA, AND SUZANNE CIRCLES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 408, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.

a. IM No. 05-033

Ms. Drashner:

- stated that 32 ballots were mailed and 20 returned marked yes, representing 62.5 percent of the ballots; and
- recommended approval of Ordinance Serial No. 05-020.

Deputy Mayor Colver opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-020.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-030: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $1,577,760 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45131, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 05-024: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION, PROJECT NO. 45131, FUND 480, FOR CONTINUATION OF THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 05-050

Mr. Duffy provided a staff report.

Deputy Mayor Colver opened the public hearing.

The following person inquired regarding overlapping of funds for the timber sale and the wildfire hazard mitigation project: Mr. Penny Nixon, Chairperson for North Lakes Community Council.

The following person spoke to the distribution of funds for the project and voiced concern regarding thinning trees that act as wind buffers: Mr. Garvan Bucaria.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-030.

Assemblymember Woods stated that she has received concerns regarding the time frame of the process for hazard mitigation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 05-006: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ISSUE A 100-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY ON A ROUTE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, AND THE MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., ACROSS BOROUGH LAND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA TO ALSO ISSUE A 100-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS FORMER BOROUGH LAND THAT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA WITH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS TO THE MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE FROM 49^{th} STATE STREET TO THE TRUNK ROAD/PARKS HIGHWAY INTERSECTION AREA. *(Motion pending 01/04/05)*

a. IM No. 05-007

Mr. Swanson:

- referred to a memorandum in the packet regarding the Trunk Road electric transmission line extension; and
- noted that copies of all public comments and the results of the open house held on February 25, 2005, on the transmission line have been included in the packet.

Deputy Mayor Colver noted that a substitute ordinance has been provided for Ordinance Serial No. 05-006.

Mr. Swanson stated that the substitute contains several findings and construction standards that have changed.

Deputy Mayor Colver inquired regarding how the substitute legislation would effect the pending litigation.

Mr. Aschenbrenner:

- stated that in the proposed substitute legislation, on page 4, through acceptance of the grant, the Borough and MEA would agree to dismiss the pending litigation;
- recommended approval of the substitute legislation without adding any additional conditions;
- reviewed the section line easement route, the eminent domain route, and the gulley route for the transmission line; and
- noted that MEA has stated that the proposed substitute ordinance is acceptable.

Deputy Mayor Colver reopened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 05-006: Mr. Jack Dunlap, Mr. Greg Bill, Mr. Garvan Bucaria, Ms. Marion Sindorf, Mr. Lewis Bradley, Mr. Neil Fox, Mr. Michael Janecek, Ms. Trula Acena, Mr. Peter Burchell, Mr. Dave Werner, Ms. Carol Kolehmainen, Ms. Marsha Hansen, Mr. Joel Nolting, Mr. Dave Buirge, Mr. Tom Smayda, Ms. Dot Helm, Ms. Ellen Vandevisse, Ms. Wendy Anderson, Ms. Kathy Shanahan, and Mr. Ryder Tennison.

The following person spoke regarding adding a condition requiring the electric line to be underground: Mr. Robert Craviotto.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 05-006: Mr. Tuckerman Babcock, Mr. Penny Nixon, and Ms. Jay Nolfi.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m.)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colberg moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-006.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 05-006 by substitute Ordinance Serial No. 05-006(SUB)[1].

Assemblymember Colberg:
- discussed the growth and development of the Borough;
- stated that the best approach is to approve the substitute legislation;
- noted that MEA has the legislative authority to go through the section line easement; and
- spoke to the importance of protecting more of this land in the future.

Assemblymember Vehrs asked when the court date had been scheduled.

Mr. Aschenbrenner stated that the court date is scheduled for July.

Assemblymember Vehrs:
- challenged MEA to find another solution;
- stated that this may seem like a good compromise for the Borough, but not for the members of the public; and
- opined that a better solution could be found.

[1] Ordinance Serial No. 05-006(SUB-1) will be referred to as Ordinance Serial No. 05-006(SUB) for historical purposes.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that she has spoken with constituents who would be impacted by the transmission like and has read HDR's report;
- noted that according to MEA's plan, the transmission line is not needed;
- spoke to finding an alternative that everyone would support; and
- suggested an underground electric line in conjunction with the Trunk Road realignment.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke to the public hearings the Borough has held regarding the transmission line;
- stated that the right-of-way for the Trunk Road realignment has not been acquired;
- stated that if the Borough pursued the litigation, the court would decide where the transmission line would go;
- stated that the University of Alaska is in support of the proposed route in the substitute legislation;
- opined that the substitute legislation is the best alternative; and
- requested the Manager to draft legislation requiring a conditional use permit for utilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed substitute legislation.

VOTE: The motion to amend by substitute passed with Assemblymembers Woods and Vehrs in opposition.

VOTE: The main motion as amended by substitute passed with Assemblymember Woods in opposition.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 05-006(SUB).

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

(The regular meeting recessed at 9:33 p.m. and reconvened at 9:38 p.m.)

(Assemblymember Kvalheim exited the meeting at this time.)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to the timber sale of 900 acres in the North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit: Mr. Jim Page, Mr. Kevin Feldis, and Mr. Colton Seale.

The following person spoke in support of the timber sale of 900 acres in the North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit: Mr. Roger McRoberts, Resource Manager for NPI, LLC.

The following person voiced concerns regarding timber sale and spoke in support of a conditional use permit process for timber sales: Mr. Rick Ernst.

The following person spoke regarding snow removal in the road service areas within the Borough: Mr. Jim Skinner.

The following person spoke regarding lack of economic impact for wood products worldwide and urged the Assembly not to impose price restraints by not going to the most competitive bid: Mr. Penny Nixon.

The following person spoke in opposition to having a conditional use permit process for timber sales: Ms. Annette Harpster.

The following person voiced concerns regarding timber sale conditions and stipulations: Mr. Garvan Bucaria.

The following person spoke in support of the timber sale of 900 acres in the North Sheep Creek Forest Management Unit and stated that the Borough is in the business of selling land to generate revenue: Ms. Jay Nolfi.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no other new business.)

X. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XI. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colberg:

- stated that he has conferred with the Attorney regarding a possible conflict on interest regarding expanding the Matanuska-Susitna Community College to a four-year university; and
- advised that he did have a conflict of interest and would be unable to participate in the meetings discussing this item.

Mr. Duffy:

- noted that Dr. Dauphinais has given the members of the Assembly a book regarding establishing a four-year university; and
- stated that the United States Department of Defense has designated the Borough Port capable of handling their cargo to supply military bases.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

/S/

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: March 15, 2005