

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on September 16, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*entered telephonically at 6:38 p.m.*)
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
- Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
- Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
- Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
- Mr. Michael Brown, Capital Projects Director
- Ms. Nancy Cameron, Land Management Agent
- Mr. Casey Cook, Emergency Manager

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mr. Moosey:

- requested that the public hearing for Ordinance Serial No. 14-129 be conducted this evening and then continued to November 19, 2014;
- requested that Resolution Serial No. 14-092, which is the legislation regarding priorities for the Governor's budget, be pulled from consent agenda for further discussion; and
- stated that Mr. John Harris, Borough State Lobbyist, is present to answer questions of the body.

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

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Mahlon Greene, Caswell Lake/Willow Fire Chief.

#### V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 08/26/14

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of August 26, 2014.

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

#### VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

##### A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

*(There were no reports provided)*

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Gene Stone, Assistant Superintendent:

- spoke to the ongoing process for the selection of a demographer for the Joe Redington, Sr. Junior/Senior High School;
- noted the intent in hiring a demographer is for populating classes at that school;
- stated that a committee will be put together in October for hiring a principal for the school;
- thanked Emergency Medical Services for the ambulance being provided for football games;
- spoke to the work being done to update the School District's Emergency Operation Plan;
- spoke to Palmer's sister city being Saroma, Japan;
- spoke to functions that have been occurring between the sister cities;
- invited the body to get out and support local football; and
- related that there are 17,662 students enrolled as of last week.

##### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Beck:

- noted that all bond projects are on schedule;
- related that there are 273 more students enrolled this school year than there were at the same time last year;
- stated that enrollment is well above the projected increase; and

- spoke to the ongoing efficiency upgrades at several schools.
2. Joint MSB Assembly/MOA Assembly Transportation Subcommittee

*(There was no report provided.)*

3. Assembly Public Relations

*(There were no reports provided.)*

#### C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Donlin Gold Status Report – Mr. Kurt Parkan

Mr. Moosey advised that Mr. Kurt Parkan was not able to make it to the meeting this evening and that there would be no report provided.

4. Department of Emergency Services Promotion Ceremony

Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director, presided over the promotion ceremony for Butte Assistant Fire Chief Jason Edmison, Butte Fire Chief Eric VanDusen, Butte Assistant Chief Louis LaRousse, and Caswell Lakes/Willow Fire Chief Mahlon Greene.

5. Dena'ina Elementary School 95 Percent Presentation

Mr. Jon Steele of Bettisworth North provided a presentation regarding the design of Dena'ina Elementary School.

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to having attended the National Municipal Attorney's Conference last week in Baltimore; and
- noted that the deadline for appeals regarding the rail extension have passed, therefore the environmental challenges to the rail project are effectively over.

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Newman:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- noted that absentee voting begins on Monday.

#### F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Aviation Advisory Board: 04/10/14, Resolution Serial No. 14-002
- b. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 14-02
- c. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/20/14, 02/27/14
- d. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 04/08/14
- e. Fairview RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/13/14, Resolution
- f. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 04/17/14
- g. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution (x2)
- h. Platting Board: 07/03/14, 07/17/14
- i. Trapper Creek RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/12/14, Resolution No. 14-2
- j. Transportation Advisory Board: 06/25/14 (x2), Resolution No. 14-04
- k. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/14/14

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Meadow Lakes Community Council: Resolution No. 14-01
- b. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 06/12/14, Resolution Nos. 14-001, 14-002
- c. Trapper Creek Community Council: 06/19/14

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-104:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.58.005 And 17.58.110, Motorized Uses On Lakes And Waterways To Prohibit The Use Of Airboats On Finger Lake, And Amending MSB 1.45.100, Schedule Of Fines For Infractions To Enforce Prohibition Of Airboats On Finger Lake.
  - 1. IM No. 14-157

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 14-104, MSB 17.58.110, by inserting the following language: "Airboats may only be operated on Finger Lake May 15 through May 31."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a secondary amendment by striking "May 31" and inserting "June 7" in its place and by inserting the words "and August 1 through August 23" after the words "June 7" to read: "(B)(1) Airboats may only be operated on Finger Lake May 15 through June 7 and August 1 through August 23."

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Sykes, Beck, and Colver opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a secondary amendment by striking "August 1 through August 23" and inserting "August 15 through August 25" in its place.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

### VIII. VETO

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

### IX. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

*(The meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.)*

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-129:** An Ordinance Approving The Colaska, Inc. Application To Purchase The Development Rights On 213.05 Acres Of Agricultural Rights Only Property Purchased By Colaska, Inc. For Gravel And Fill Extraction (MSB001878).

a. IM No. 14-183

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Arvin declared a conflict of interest.

RULING: Mayor DeVilbiss ruled that Assemblymember Arvin had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

*(Assemblymember Arvin exited the meeting.)*

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 14-129: Ms. Theresa Armistead, Ms. Carol Kinley, Ms. Patty Worrell, Mr. Steve Labahn, Ms. Elsa Billingham, Mr. Arthur Keyes, Mr. Garvin Bucaria, and Ms. Cathy Hummel.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 14-129 to a time certain of November 19, 2014.

VOTE: The motion to continue the public hearing passed without objection.

*(Assemblymember Arvin re-entered the meeting.)*

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-130:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$50,000 From Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30 Fund Balance, Fund 284, To Fund 410, Project No. 30050, For Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30 Capital Projects.
  - a. IM No. 14-192

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-130.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-131:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Fiscal Year 2015 Designated Legislative Grant In The Amount Of \$13,000,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development; And Accepting And Appropriating \$1,269.60 In Rental Income For The Rail Extension From Port Mackenzie To The Mainline, To Fund 490, Project No. 75001
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-088:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Rail Extension From Port Mackenzie To The Mainline Project.
    - (1) IM No. 14-193

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the potential for wetlands to be impacted by the rail extension and to concerns with noxious weeds: Mr. Garvin Bucaria.

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

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-131 and Resolution Serial No. 14-088.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter called for question (to stop debate).

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**VOTE:** The main motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-132:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$1,620,000 For A Portion Of The Fiscal Year 2015 Designated Legislative Grant Projects From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-089:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Portion Of The Fiscal Year 2015 Designated Legislative Grant Projects

From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development.

(1) IM No. 14-194

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-132 and Resolution Serial No. 14-089.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-133:** An Ordinance Classifying Lands And Approving Lands For Sale By Competitive Bid (MSB006910).

a. IM No. 14-198

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to the need to protect watershed and public use lands: Mr. Garvin Bucaria.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-133.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-134:** An Ordinance Approving The Revocation Of The Public Dedication By Ordinance Serial No. 78-45 For Property Identified As Lot 1002, Caswell Lakes Subdivision, And Sale Of Lot 1002 To Charles Shultz, The Adjacent Property Owner (MSB006949).

a. IM No. 14-199

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-134.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-135:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$437,000 From The Federal Aviation Administration And Reappropriating \$23,000 From The

Fiscal Year 2015 Areawide Grant Match Appropriation To Fund 480, Project No. 20338 For Development Of The Regional Aviation Systems Plan, Phase 2.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-090:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Necessary Agreements With The Federal Aviation Administration For Development Of The Regional Aviation Systems Plan, Phase 2.
- (1) IM No. 14-200

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-135 and Resolution Serial No. 14-090.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 14-135 and Resolution Serial No. 14-090, by striking all references to "\$23,000" and inserting "\$29,133" in its place throughout both pieces of legislation."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke to the need for a regional wastewater treatment facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person opined that Borough meetings should not be scheduled the same day that other local municipalities hold meetings: Mr. Eugene Haberman.

The following person thanked the Assembly for their support of Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School: Mr. Chris Whittington-Evans, Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School Board Chair.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial Nos. 14-107 and 14-108: Ms. Cathy Hummel.

The following person noted his gratitude that the Borough has had a relatively low fire season, to concerns with the lack of egress at the proposed town site near Alsop Road, and to concerns that soils have not been properly evaluated in that area: Mr. Garvin Bucaria.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.)*

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- c. **Resolution Serial No. 14-094:** A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of A Grant Application To The Alaska State Office Of History And Archaeology For The Purpose Of Nominating Phase II Of An Archaeological District For Listing In The National Register Of Historic Places The Cottonwood Creek Sites Located On Cook Inlet Regional Corporation And State Lands In Partnership With The Knik Tribal Council.  
(1) IM No. 14-209
- d. **Resolution Serial No. 14-095:** A Resolution Authorizing The Manager To Sign Documents For The Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School's Loan With The United States Department Of Agriculture. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*  
(1) IM No. 14-210
- e. **Resolution Serial No. 14-098:** A Resolution Requesting That The Alaska Board Of Fisheries Hold The 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Board Of Fisheries Meeting In Anchorage, Alaska And Requesting That The Provisions Made To The Central District Management Plan Regarding The Orderly Closure To The Drift Fishery Be Maintained. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*  
(1) IM No. 14-212

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 14-129:** Vacation Of A 30-Foot By 167.77-Foot Common Access Easement Within Lot 2, Block 4, Creekshore Estates, Plat No. 2005-3, Located In Section 15, Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.
- b. **AM No. 14-130:** Award Of Request For Proposal No. 15-037P to CRW Engineering Group, LLC. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$350,000 For Clay Chapman Road/Knik Knack Mud Shack Road Design.

Ms. Newman read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-092:** A Resolution Recommending Capital Projects For Inclusion Within The Governor's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.  
(1) IM No. 14-202

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-092.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-092 and IM No. 14-202, by moving project number three "Provision of

\$2.2 million for Phase 1 of a new Septage and Leachate facility" to the top of the priorities list.  
MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a secondary amendment to strike the project numbering.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a secondary amendment to insert "full funding for the Gateway Visitor Center."

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

b. **Resolution Serial No. 14-093:** A Resolution Approving The Financial Responsibility For The M/V Susitna For October, November, And December 2014.

(1) IM No. 14-205

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-093.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Colligan, Arvin, and Colver opposed.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 10/21/14, Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-125:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Wagner And Blue Mountain Ski Village Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 510 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-127:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$175,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The

Wagner And Blue Mountain Ski Village Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 510, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 14-185

2. **Ordinance Serial No 14-126:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The South Viewport Way And West Overview Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 498, And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-128:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$67,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The South

Viewpoint Way And West Overview Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 498, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 14-189

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-136:** An Ordinance Creating North Sasha Street And North Farm Field Place Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 551, 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.

(1) IM No. 14-204

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-137:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.142, To Annex Property Located In The Cruzin Road Area Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area No. 132.

a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-096:** A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Properties Located In The Cruzin Road Area Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area No. 132 Serves The Public Interest Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Sykes)*

(1) IM No. 14-191

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-138:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$60,400 Split Equally In The Amounts Of \$30,200 Each From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 248, And The Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 258, To Project No. 45280 For The Purchase Of A Command Vehicle And Related Equipment To Be Shared Between The Caswell And Willow Fire Service Areas.

a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-097:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45280, To Allow For The Purchase Of A Command Vehicle And Related Equipment To Be Shared Between The Caswell And Willow Fire Service Areas.

(1) IM No. 14-206

Ms. Newman read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Deputy Clerk and set the public hearings for October 21, 2014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

*(There were no appointments up for confirmation.)*

## C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

*(There was no other new business.)*

D. REFERRALS (For referral to the Planning Commission for 90 days or other date specified by the Assembly)

*(There were no referrals presented.)*

**XI. RECONSIDERATION**

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-107:** An Ordinance Allowing For Permanent Registration Of Motor Vehicles Over Eight Years Old And For Permanent Registration Of Non-Commercial Trailers.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-108:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.24.030(B) And Providing For Delayed Implementation Dates. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Colver)(Reconsideration Filed 09/03/14 by Assemblymember Colver)*

a. IM No. 14-161

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to reconsider the motion to postpone Ordinance Serial Nos. 14-107 and 14-108 to a time certain of November 19, 2014.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider passed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Beck opposed.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 14-108, by striking Section 2 in its entirety and inserting the following two sections in its place to read:

“Section 2. Amendment of Section. MSB 3.24.030(B) is amended to add new subsection (3) and (4) to read as follows:

(B)(3) The allocation of the revenue shall be the following starting July 1, 2015:

Areawide	\$15.00
Non-areawide	\$3.00
Special Service Areas	\$3.00
Fire Service Areas	\$3.00
Road Service Areas	\$8.00
Cities with property tax exemptions equal to or greater than the Borough	\$7.00
Cities without property tax exemptions equal to or greater than the Borough	\$1.00

(B)(4) The allocation of the revenue shall be the following starting July 1, 2016:

Areawide	\$0
Non-areawide	\$3.00
Special Service Areas	\$3.00
Fire Service Areas	\$2.00
Road Service Areas	\$8.00
Cities with property tax exemptions equal to or greater than the Borough	\$7.00
Cities without property tax exemptions	\$1.00

equal to or greater than the Borough  
Section 3. Amendment of section. MSB 3.24.030(C) is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows: (C)(3) Up to \$500,000 per fiscal year is authorized for the above allocations. If more than \$500,000 in matching funds is requested for funded paving projects, the available match funds will be prorated. Any amount over \$500,000 shall be allocated to a nonlapsing capital reserve account for future use for the above purposes.”

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Arvin moved to postpone Ordinance Serial Nos. 14-107 and 14-108 to a time certain of October 21, 2014.

**VOTE:** The motion to postpone passed without objection.

## **XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Newman stated that she enjoys working Assembly meetings.

Assemblymember Colver:

- complimented Ms. Newman for her hard work on elections and during meetings;
- thanked Ms. Henry for her hard work as well;
- noted that all staff in the Clerk’s Office are doing a great job;
- spoke to his desire that the ferry issue is resolved soon;
- spoke to concerns with noxious weed infestations along the highways; and
- thanked the body for their patience with the vehicle tax legislation.

Mayor DeVilbiss requested that Assemblymember Colver speak to how the vehicle tax legislation would apply.

Assemblymember Colver noted that it would apply from the date of implementation to vehicles that meet the criteria.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to having attended a World Trade Center summit in Anchorage;
- stated that he learned that Japan is very interested in our natural gas;
- opined that it was a thorough and interesting program;
- noted that the tsunami in Japan changed the way they produce energy;
- advised that before the tsunami there were 11 nuclear power plants in operation, but that they are now all shut down;
- related that the demand and cost for natural gas in Japan has doubled;
- spoke to having done a walk through at the old Iditarod Elementary School;
- stated that he was amazed at what good shape the building is in;
- opined that it is worthy of being remodeled and is in a great location; and
- opined that it should be put back into use.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- expressed his gratitude to the firefighters who were promoted this evening; and

- noted that there is a small amount of termination dust on the surrounding mountains.

Assemblymember Salmon spoke to his recent cataract and cornea transplant surgery.

Assemblymember Beck:

- stated that the intersection of France Road and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway is dangerous and needs to remain in the forefront of concerns of the Assembly;
- thanked Assemblymember Colligan for his amendment to move the septage and leachate facility up on the priorities for the Governor's budget;
- spoke to the need to preserve agricultural lands; and
- spoke in support of the agricultural land forum that is scheduled for November 10.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked the Manager and staff for their quick response to a constituent who had encountered a road issue; and
- stated that he is looking forward to an engaging conversation regarding what to do with agricultural land that is undeveloped.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- stated that the local news reported that the Borough had the Philippine Navy looking at the M/V Susitna; and
- queried as to the outcome.

Mr. Moosey:

- advised that the Philippine Navy is still very interested;
- stated that he is going to Ketchikan on Monday to meet with an interested party who is willing to pay all costs to take the ferry out;
- noted that they appear to be a serious buyer as they had already transferred funds to cover the costs; and
- related that the frustrating part of trying to sell the ferry is that it has come very close to being sold but that has not yet occurred.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- inquired about the earthwork at Sue Lane and Knik-Fairview Loop; and
- queried if the work is complete.

Mr. Dolan advised that the work is complete and it was done to increase visibility by eliminating a corner.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- noted that he is pleased with the testimony from the public regarding agricultural lands;
- stated that he is interested in the information that may come from the agricultural forum scheduled for November 10; and
- related that he is not in favor of policing agricultural lands to ensure that they are indeed being farmed.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to the different agricultural land that is governed by different Borough code titles;
- opined that Colaska issue is a distinct issue with many circumstances that need to be evaluated carefully; and
- stated that the property has not be used for agricultural purposes in many years.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 10/21/14