

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 16, 2012, at the Mat-Su Borough School District Administration Building, 501 North Gulkana Street, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of certifying the October 2, 2012, regular Borough election.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*attended telephonically*)  
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4  
Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk  
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, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk  
Ms. Sharon Huckins, Administrative Secretary  
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Administrative Secretary  
Ms. Holly Dubose, Administrative Secretary  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chair.

**V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- introduced and thanked the members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- acknowledged the Clerk's Office staff for their efforts during the election.

Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chair:

- related that the recent census and redistricting resulted in 4 additional voting precincts within the Borough;
- advised that there are a total of 39 precincts, 23 of which are split by Assembly Districts;
- noted that 5 of the 23 had 5 different ballot type possibilities;
- conveyed the process used for canvassing ballots;
- spoke to the total number of absentee ballots processed, which was 1,317;
- stated that there were 521 questioned ballots processed; and
- noted that they appreciate the help of the Clerk's Office.

B. Certification of October 2 , 2012, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to certify the election results for the October 2, 2012, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. *(See attached Election Certification.)*

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Larry DeVilbiss to officially start his second term On October 22, 2012.

Ms. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ron Arvin, Mr. Jim Colver, and Mr. Vern Halter to officially start their second term as Assembly Members on October 22, 2012.

Mayor DeVilbiss stated that this is the first time he can recall four incumbents all being reelected, which is unusual.

**VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** (Three minutes per person.)

*(There was no one present who wished to testify.)*

**VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymember Colver:

- congratulated the incumbents on their reelection;
- thanked the Clerk's Office staff and the Canvass Board for their hard work in processing the election;
- noted that this is the fourth time he has been sworn in; and
- stated that he is looking forward to a productive term.

Assemblymember Halter:

- thanked the Canvass Board and the Clerk's Office staff for their hard work;
- thanked his constituents for reelecting him to a second term;
- noted that the body has a lot of work ahead; and
- stated that he is looking forward to accomplishing goals of the Assembly.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- thanked the Canvass Board for their work on the election;
- thanked his constituents for reelecting him to a second term;
- noted that there is a lot of work before the body, but that he is looking forward to it; and
- expressed his excitement in seeing bond projects completed;

Mr. Spiropoulos thanked the Clerk's Office, the Canvass Board, and the election officials for having a contest free election.

Mr. Moosey:

- congratulated the incumbents on their reelection;
- spoke to his amazement of the election cycle; and
- noted that he loves the early voting option.

Ms. McKechnie:

- thanked the Canvass Board for being present; and
- congratulated the incumbents on their reelection.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- acknowledged the students in the audience;
- thanked the Canvass Board and election officials for their work;
- thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work in ensuring a smooth electoral process;
- opined that it is a good reminder to hear the oath of office, to remember the duty of being an elected official; and
- spoke to the importance of utilizing the right to vote.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked the Canvass Board and Clerk's Office for their work on the election;
- spoke to his amazement of the number of split precincts; and
- noted his concerns with voter turnout.

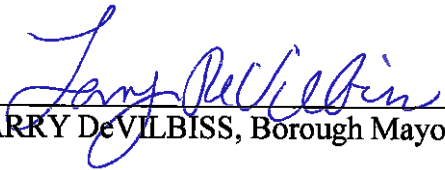
Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke to having previously observed the work of the Canvass Board; and
- expressed his appreciation for the work they do.


Assemblymember Salmon thanked everyone for their work on the election.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

  
LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/06/12

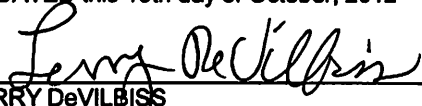
**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION  
OCTOBER 2, 2012, REGULAR ELECTION**


The results of the October 2, 2012, regular election are as follows:

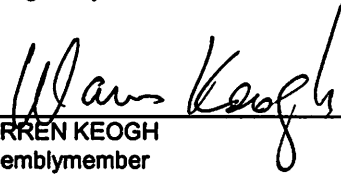
	<u>POLL</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>ABSENTEE &amp; SPECIAL NEEDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>MAYOR</b>				
DEVILBISS, Larry	<u>5,566</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>710</u>	<u>6527</u>
MASTELLER, Mark A.	<u>3,722</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>4483</u>
Write-in	<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 3</b>				
ARVIN, Ronald G.	<u>762</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>924</u>
CHURCH, Michelle R.	<u>583</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>705</u>
Write-in	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6</b>				
COLVER, Jim	<u>878</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>999</u>
Write-in	<u>89</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>105</u>
<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 7</b>				
HALTER, Vern	<u>990</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>1178</u>
Write-in	<u>49</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>55</u>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT A</b>				
IMPSON, Steven J.	<u>1,314</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>1549</u>
KOPP, Aimee M.	<u>3,351</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>3889</u>
RETFERFORD, Deborah, "Debby"	<u>3,715</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>4460</u>
Write-in	<u>74</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>99</u>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT B</b>				
FUSSELL, Heather N.	<u>3,873</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>4515</u>
WELTON, Sarah R.	<u>4,571</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>5,482</u>
Write-in	<u>71</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>86</u>
<b>PROPOSITION NO. 1 - PROPOSED INCREASE IN MILL LEVY FOR THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA NO. 35</b>				
YES	<u>110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>123</u>
NO	<u>192</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>212</u>
<b>PROPOSITION NO. 2 - RESIDENTIAL OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OF \$20,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE</b>				
YES	<u>7,093</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>8398</u>
NO	<u>2,253</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>2699</u>
	<b>CAST</b>		<b>COUNTED</b>	
<b>TOTAL POLL VOTERS:</b>	<u>9,490</u>		<u>9,490</u>	
<b>TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:</b>	<u>521</u>		<u>467</u>	
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEE AND SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOTS:</b>	<u>1,317</u>		<u>1,307</u>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u>11,328</u>		<u>11,264</u>	


WE, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2012

  
LARRY DEVILBISS  
Borough Mayor

  
STEVE COLLIGAN  
Assemblymember

  
WARREN KEOGH  
Assemblymember

  
DARCIE K. SALMON  
Assemblymember

  
NOEL WOODS  
Assemblymember

  
JIM COLVER  
Assemblymember

*Attended Telephonically*  
RONALD ARVIN  
Assemblymember

  
VERN HALTER  
Assemblymember

  
LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk