I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 18, 2007, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 *(Deputy Mayor)*
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle R. Church, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Keith Rountree, 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. Patty Sullivan, Public Information Manager
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Menard:

- advised that he would like to add a presentation of the Borough Seal to the Borough Clerk under Special Orders of the Day; and
- inquired if there were any other changes to the agenda.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Assemblymember Betty Vehrs.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 11/27/07

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of November 11, 2007.

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

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Presentation of the Borough Seal to the Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk

Mayor Menard:
- presented the Borough Seal to Ms. McGhee;
- thanked Ms. McGehee for her service to the Borough; and
- stated that Ms. McGehee would be missed at the Borough.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports provided.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Dr. Deena Paramo, Assistant Superintendent of Education and Instruction:
- provided a presentation video on literacy coaching for the students of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and
- spoke to the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) projections and growth.

Ms. Kathy Moffit, Elementary Literacy Coordinator:
- provided a presentation regarding DIBELS;
- stated that they want to have a 28 percent growth in kindergarten literacy by the end of the year;
- spoke to the requirements of intensive needs student;
- advised that they are working with other School District programs to address the issues with intensive needs student;
- advised that the School District is doing better this year compared to previous years; and
- spoke regarding how the “Three Tiered Model” works.

Assemblymember Houston queried if there was data from other school districts that have been doing DIBELS for a longer period.

Dr. Paramo:
- advised that they do have some data from other school districts; and
- noted that they are studying the information to see what makes some schools different than other schools.

Assemblymember Bettine queried how the information would be distributed to the community.

Dr. Paramo spoke to streaming the video on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District's website.

Ms. Moffitt spoke to other organizations where the program has been presented.

Assemblymember Woods:
- spoke to the huge impact the video and message has;
- noted that she would like a copy of the video; and
- spoke to using this program to help with revenue sharing and school funding.

Assemblymember Wells requested information regarding the professional learning community.

Dr. Paramo:
- advised that the professional learning community is built on the School District's mission and goal;
- noted that one of the goals is that every child will read by third grade;
- spoke to collaboration on this issue;
- stated that the school is only as strong as the lowest reader; and
- spoke regarding not excusing data that is not favorable but rather using the data for guidance.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Well advised that the next meeting for the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues is scheduled for January 12, 2008.

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

B. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:
- provided an update regarding the prison;
- advised that an action plan is being developed to move the Hatcher Pass Project forward;

- noted that the feasibility analysis for the Kenai Gasification Project is expected to be complete by late 2008 to early 2009; and
- spoke regarding the Mat-Su Multimodal Corridor.

Assemblymember Church queried if the Borough or the State is heading the Mat-Su Multimodal Corridor.

Mr. Duffy:
- stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan has the proposed road from south of Seward Meridian and travels west near the Big Lake cut-off;
- advised that the State has the funds available for the project; however, the State is looking at a route from the Parks Highway Interchange going west;
- spoke to the high costs of right-of-ways;
- complimented Mr. Rountree for starting a monthly partnership meeting with the local utilities, which should be helpful with utility permitting;
- advised that the Bogard Road Extension East will be presented to the Planning Commission in January and presented to the Assembly in February;
- advised that he has provided an overview of the Mat-Su Science Education Community Center for the Palmer Hay Flats;
- informed that the International Right-of-Way Association has awarded the Matanuska River "At Risk" Property Acquisition Project as the 2007 small project of the year;
- requested work sessions be scheduled regarding the Management Audit Report, the Ferry System Operation and Maintenance, and High Performance Organization; and
- advised that he has the benchmark data from the International City and County Managers Association that compares municipality's services with others throughout the country.

Assemblymember Bettine queried how the Borough ranks with others on consumer surveys.

Mr. Duffy stated that the Borough lines up very well.

C. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There was no report provided.)

D. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:
- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- advised that the Boy Scouts of America has advised that they are ready to meet with the Assembly; and
- queried if the Assembly would like to reschedule with the Boy Scouts of America on January 15, 2007, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Duffy advised that Administration would like to have time to review the Boy Scouts of America's paperwork prior to rescheduling the meeting, as it has to do with a land transfer.

Mayor Menard queried whether the Boy Scouts of America have worked out the access issue.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that he is not sure if they have solved their access issue; and
- noted that if the access issue is not resolved there would be no point for them to meet with the Borough.

Discussion ensued regarding the land access issues that the Boy Scouts of America are having.

Assemblymember Wells:

- advised that he will be out of town on January 12, 2008, the day that the Assembly Retreat is scheduled; and
- suggested that the retreat be rescheduled for January 26, 2008.

Assemblymember Bettine spoke in favor of rescheduling the Assembly Retreat for January 26, 2008, as she also may be out of town.

Ms. McGehee advised that the facilitator and the location can be rescheduled for the Assembly Retreat.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McGehee:

- advised that the Assembly has been invited to a joint meeting with the cities on January 29, 2007; and
- queried whether there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McGehee queried whether a work session regarding the Ferry System Operation and Maintenance should be scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 3 p.m., at Central Public Safety Building.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McGehee queried if the Assembly would like to schedule the work session regarding the Management Review Audit for January 15, 2008, at 4 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McGehee:

- advised that the Clerk's Office would be requesting a work session, to take place in February, regarding managing electronic records in TRIM; and
- noted that the quasi-judicial and records management reports are provided.

E. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
a. Board of Ethics: 08/15/07, 10/29/07
b. Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board: 09/11/07

c. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 05/16/07
d. Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Sportsmen’s Committee: 09/27/07
e. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 09/24/07
f. Planning Commission: 10/1/07, 10/15/07, 11/05/07
g. Platting Board: 10/04/07
h. South Colony RSA No. 16: 05/21/07
i. Trapper Creek RSA No. 30: 8/09/07

2. Community Council Correspondence:
a. Chickaloon Community Council: 05/09/07,
b. Glacier View Community Council: 01/25/07, 09/27/07

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

F. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM 07-319: CONTRACT AWARDS AND AMENDMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 OR LESS, AND SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS, FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2007, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2007.

Assemblymember Church queried the changes to the South Central Rail Extension.

Mr. Duffy:
- stated that the funds will take the project through to the next year;
- advised that originally the cost was unknown; and
- spoke to the Governor’s veto on the project.

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

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three minutes per person.) *(Requires 11 days advance notice and must otherwise be in compliance with the necessary code requirements. If no advance notice is given, persons wishing to speak may do so under the Audience Participation section of the agenda.)*

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 07-164: AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHISANA WOODS AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 427, 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. 07-278

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-164.

VOTE: The motion failed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 07-165: AN ORDINANCE CREATING SHEENA MAY AND PINWYCK ESTATES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 429, 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. 07-279

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Wells moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-165.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 07-166: AN ORDINANCE CREATING TIDEWATER SUBDIVISION AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 426, 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. 07-280

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-166.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 07-182: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.056, TO ANNEX PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND THE JANA ESTATES SUBDIVISION INTO THE BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA WITHOUT THE PLACEMENT OF THE QUESTION ON THE BALLOT, PER MSB 5.10.025(B).

a. IM 07-309

Ms. McGehee provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-182.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recess at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person thanked the Assembly for their work on Susitna Valley High School and requested that the Assembly support a new hockey rink at Susitna Valley High School: Ms. Betty Vehrs.

The following person spoke in favor of tax relief for the Lohmann-Olson Family on Trunk Road: Ms. Kathy Wells.

The following person spoke regarding Resolution Serial No. 07-141 and erosion mitigation issues on his property: Mr. John Leiner.

The following person thanked the Assembly for establishing December 21 as Mat-Su Recycling Day: Ms. Mollie Boyer, Valley Community for Recycling Solutions.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 07-145 and spoke to concerns in using the capital fund on Resolution Serial No. 07-140: Mr. Jim Colver.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial No. 07-140 and AM No. 07-145 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 9-11*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

b. Resolution Serial No. 07-141: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INITIATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE MATANUSKA RIVER TO ADDRESS EROSION MITIGATION, PROTECTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND RIVER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

(1) IM No. 07-315

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 07-143: APPROVING THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN (35 PERCENT) FOR WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL PHASE III, PROJECT NO. 40163, FOR GDM, INC., TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE.

c. AM No. 07-146: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO AMEND THE 2007 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR WILDFIRE FUEL REDUCTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL $200,000, NOT TO EXCEED $400,000, AND EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

d. AM No. 07-147: ACCEPTANCE OF LATE FILED AND RETROACTIVE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS.

e. AM No. 07-148: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 08-055 TO HDR ALASKA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $230,238 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR POINT MACKENZIE BORROW PITS.

f. AM No. 07-149: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,000 TO VALLEY COMMUNITY RECYCLING SOLUTIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF A PERMANENT RECYCLING CENTER.

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

a. Resolution Serial No. 07-140: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORDIC TRAIL SYSTEM PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 20361, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE HATCHER PASS SKI AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 20161.
   (1) IM No. 07-312

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 07-140.

Assemblymember Church queried how much this project has been analyzed.

Mr. Duffy:
- stated that this project has been analyzed quite a bit;
- spoke to developing an approach to get the an alpine ski area built; and
- stated that financing options and operational options are being developed for the Assembly to consider.

Assemblymember Church:

- advised that her understanding was that the Borough was going to do a smaller project once JL Properties pulled out; and
- noted that the data has been gathered, it is just being pulled together.

Mr. Duffy stated that Administration is trying to figure out how to finance the project.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- federal funding for the project;
- the studies that have been performed on this project;
- the goals of having an alpine and nordic ski areas;
- the residential development for the area; and
- the need to get the environmental study completed so that the federal funds can be used.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

b. AM No. 07-145: APPROVING THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN (35 PERCENT) FOR THE SU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT NO. 40167, FOR MCCOOL CARLSON GREEN TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to approve AM No. 07-145

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Mr. Michael Carlson, of McCool Carlson Green, provided a presentation on the (35 percent) design for the Susitna Valley High School.

Assemblymember Woods queried if the design could be reduced to accommodate less students should the insurance company not fund the total cost of construction.

Mr. Carlson:

- stated that the new building accommodates the staffing that already exists;
- noted that due to the demographics of the community the class size is smaller compared to other schools; and
- advised that the growth in the facility reflects an increase in class size not an increase in space.

Assemblymember Wells queried the demographics for the future of the area.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke to future growth in the area; and
- stated that within the decade the school will be full.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the site accommodates a separate middle school.

Mr. Carlson

- stated that it may be possible to put a middle school on the same site; however, that was not studied; and
- spoke to the surrounding property that belongs to the Borough.

Assemblymember Bettine requested clarification regarding if the new design is the same size as the old school.

Mr. Carlson:

- stated that the new school is the same size; however, it is much more efficient;
- spoke to working with the community and the school programs to maximize the square footage to meet the needs; and
- spoke regarding the floor plan.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke in support of the open atmosphere in the design of the school;
- encouraged the designers to improve the heating system;
- spoke to the students who drive to Wasilla to play hockey;
- spoke in support of the hockey rink being listed as an added alternative; and
- queried whether the parking lot is part of the cost for the site work.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the climbing wall;
- the floor plan;
- the funding for the project;
- the limits that the Alaska State Department of Education sets for a school of this size; and
- what the insurance company will cover on rebuilding the school.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to postpone AM No. 07-145 to a time certain of February 5, 2008, with authorization for the design work to continue.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- advised that she supports the need for a nice facility;
- opined that it is not responsible to keep moving forward without knowing where the funding will be coming from; and
- spoke to the need to be responsible to the tax payers.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke to concerns that postponing will give the impression that the Assembly does not feel the need to move forward on the project;
- stated not much will be gained by postponing the legislation; and
- spoke to financing the project.

Discussion ensued regarding postponing AM No. 07-145.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Wells in opposition.

VOTE: The motion to postpone AM No. 07-145 to a time certain of February 5, 2008, failed with Assemblymember Woods, Bettine, Wells in support and Assemblymembers Houston, Kluberton, and Church in oppositions. (Tie vote.) The motion failed with Mayor Menard invoking his voting privilege in the negative.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business presented.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 01/15/08, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-001: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.75, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICT.
a. IM No. 08-002

2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-002: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.52.160, APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION, WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICT.
a. IM No. 08-003

3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-003: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 17.21, HATCHER PASS SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, AND AMENDING MSB 17.125, DEFINITIONS.
a. Ordinance Serial No. 08-004: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING POLICIES AND STANDARDS FOR THE HATCHER PASS SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, MSB 17.21.
(1) IM No. 08-005

4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-005: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 8.52, AMPLIFIED SOUND AND VIBRATION.
a. IM No. 08-007

5. Ordinance Serial No. 08-006: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MORVRO LAKE, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PURPOSES, AND MSB 17.59, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
   a. IM No. 08-008

6. Ordinance Serial No. 08-007: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $31,806 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM, TO FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45129, TO PURCHASE COMPLETE

SETS OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (TURNOUTS) FOR THE TALKEETNA FIRE SERVICE AREA.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-001: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45129.

(1) IM No. 08-009

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for January 15, 2008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved to divide the question to address Ordinance Serial No. 08-003 and Ordinance Serial No. 08-004 separately.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

MOTION: First Segment. To introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk, with the exception of Ordinance Serial Nos. 08-003 and 08-004, and set the public hearing for January 15, 2008.

VOTE: The first segment, to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk, with the exception of Ordinance Serial Nos. 08-003 and 08-004, and set the public hearing for January 15, 2008, passed without objection.

MOTION: Second segment: To introduce Ordinance Serial Nos. 08-003 and 08-004 and set the public hearing for March 4, 2008.

Assemblymember Wells:
- advised that he will not be in town the day that this legislation goes forward for public hearing; and
- spoke to the need for the Assembly to hear Mr. Swanson's report.

Assemblymember Woods stated her objection to postponement.

Assemblymember Wells:
- noted that the Fishhook Community Council has taken action to postpone the adoption of the Hatcher Pass Special Land Use District;
- spoke to the need to have more information on the soil capabilities; and
- stated that the benefit of more information will serve the Assembly well.

Assemblymember Church:
- stated her objection to postponement; and
- noted that the Hatcher Pass Special Land Use District can be amended as needed.

Discussion ensued regarding postponement of the Hatcher Pass Special Land Use District.

VOTE: The second segment, to introduce Ordinance Serial Nos. 08-003 and 08-004 and set the public hearing for March 4, 2008, passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Resignation of Colleen Hamblen

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee
- Cindy Bettine
- Colleen Hamblen

Emergency Medical Services Board
- Kara Boothby

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
- David Tracy

Jt. Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues
- Jim Colver

Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Daniel Deedy

Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming a Health and Social Services Board
- Sherry Whitestine

Platting Board
- Terry Nicodemus

Port Commission
- Paul Campbell
- Bishop Buckle
- David Cruz

Real Property Asset Management Board
- Wayne Bouwens
- John Strasenburgh
- Janice Strong

Transportation Advisory Board
- Daniel Elliott

Big Lake FSA No. 33
- Bruce Babcock

Greater Palmer FSA No. 132
- Danny Allison

Meadow Lakes FSA No. 34
- Rex Hunter

Wasilla-Lakes FSA No. 130
- Carol Christensen
- Daniel Tucker

Bogard RSA No. 25
- Gary Hessmer

Caswell Lakes RSA No. 15
- Henry Olson

Greater Butte RSA No. 26
Arthur Quaas
Greater Talkeetna RSA No. 29
John Strasenburgh
Meadow Lakes RSA No. 27
Stephen Edwards
North Colony RSA No. 23
Julie Real
Trapper Creek RSA No. 30
Sylvan Morgan
Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area No. 36
Sheryl Tollefsen

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:
Board of Equalization
DanaLyn Dalrymple
Emergency Medical Services Board
Gloria Phillips
Enhances 911 Advisory Board
Thomas Remaley
George Boatright
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Kurt Soeder
R. Scott Simmons
Planning Commission
Mark Ewing
Real Property Asset Management Board
Edward Strabel
Transportation Advisory Board
Kenneth Ray
Willow FSA No. 35
Doyle Holmes
Big Lake RSA No. 21
Mike Graves
Fairview RSA No. 14
Michael Schachle
Lazy Mountain RSA No. 19
Pat Larrabee

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED

a. Resolution Serial No. 07-138(AM): A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 07-138 (AM) which was previously adopted on December 4, 2007.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 07-138(AM), under Enhanced Funding and Programmatic Response to Community Threats Posed by Substance Abuse, by striking the word "continuance" and inserting the "continuum" in its place to ready: Educational, financial, treatment (enhanced continuum of care), law enforcement, and prosecution resources from the State are needed to combat the threats posed by substance abuse. Moreover, the certificate-of-need process must be revised to improve objectivity and transparency and thereby provide better opportunities for treating Alaska's children and young adults in Alaska.

VOTE: The amendment passed without objection.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XII. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Kluberton:
- stated that he appreciated the momentum on Susitna Valley High school; and
- stated his farewells to Ms. McGehee.

Assemblymember Church wished Ms. McGehee the best of luck in her new position.

Assemblymember Wells:
- wished best of luck to Ms. McGehee;
- advised that the farm bill passed the Senate;

- advised that there may be potential settlements for the fishermen that were harmed by the Exxon Valdez spill; and
- spoke to issues with the soil crop in the United States.

Assemblymember Bettine:
- noted her continued support for education throughout the Borough;
- thanked the Assembly for postponing the Hatcher Pass Special Land Use District; and
- thanked Ms. McGehee for her work and wished her the best of luck.

Assemblymember Woods wished Ms. McGehee luck in her future position.

Mayor Menard:
- stated that he will miss Ms. McGehee dearly; and
- noted that he appreciates being back at the meetings.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/15/08