

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 7, 2015, 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. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Mike Brown, Capital Projects Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Michael Brown, Capital Projects Director
Mr. Eileen Probasco, Planning Director
Mr. Paul Hulbert, Platting Officer
Ms. Elaine Flagg, Micrographic Scanning Technician

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ms. McKechnie:

- reported that Aviation Advisory Board Member Archie Giddings contacted her office today to convey that he would not be in attendance this evening due to scheduling conflicts; and
- that his agency report would be rescheduled to the next regular Assembly meeting agenda.

Mr. Moosey requested that the Assembly postpone Ordinance Serial No. 14-129 indefinitely at the request of the applicant.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richard Stryken, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 03/17/15

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2015.

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

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Proclamation In Recognition of Safe Digging Month

Mayor DeVilbiss presented Ms. Lindsay Hobson of Enstar Natural Gas Company with a proclamation in recognition of safe digging month.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports provided.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations:

- spoke to the upcoming high school graduation season;
- related that graduation dates have been provided to the Borough Clerk;
- advised that if any Assembly Members would like to attend a graduation ceremony, VIP seating and parking is available to them;
- requested that the members RSVP attendance at a graduation ceremony through the Borough Clerk; and
- spoke to bills pending in the Alaska State Legislature related to education funding.

3. Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau – Ms. Bonnie Quill

Ms. Quill spoke to the activities of the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau.

~~4. Aviation Advisory Board – Mr. Archie Giddings~~

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Beck:

- related that all school bond construction projects are on schedule or ahead of schedule;
- related that work has been stalled on the effort to standardized power generators in schools;
- spoke to the teacher/student ratio within the School District; and
- spoke to financial challenges faced by the School District as a result of reductions in State funding.

2. Joint MSB Assembly/MOA Assembly Transportation Subcommittee

Assemblymember Colligan related that a joint Transportation Advisory Board/Municipality of Anchorage Transit Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 9, in Eagle River.

3. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Colligan:

- related that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wasilla library;
- noted that the facility will house community meeting rooms;
- reported on his recent trip to Juneau;
- announced that MSB Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Bruce Knowles received a proclamation from the Alaska State Legislature; and
- spoke to the good work of the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Assemblymember Beck spoke favorably about the honors band concert he recently attended at Colony High School.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke to the Central Mat-Su Fire Department annual awards ceremony he attended on March 31; and
- spoke to the dedication of local responders.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. ~~Tax and Local Improvement District Sale Process – Ms. Nancy Hereford~~

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5. Bond Report - Ms. Tammy Clayton
6. Talkeetna Utilities Study Report - Mr. Terry Dolan

Mr. Moosey:

- invited Mr. Richard Stryken to come forward to speak about his restoration project of the former School District Administration building on Evergreen Avenue in Palmer; and
- announced that Ms. Hereford's report on tax and local improvement district sale process has been rescheduled to the next regular Assembly meeting.

Mr. Stryken provided a report of the work that is being done where the former School District Administration building on Evergreen Avenue used to be.

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report on recent bond sales.

Mr. Dolan:

- spoke to road projects underway by the Public Works Department; and
- reported on the Talkeetna Utilities Study.

Mr. Moosey:

- reported on bills pending in the Alaska State Legislature that will impact the Borough; and
- advised that he has requested that the current generator bid be postponed for further review.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to request that Manager Moosey write a letter and send it by Friday, April 10, 2015 to Governor Walker's Office and the Mat-Su delegates in Juneau on behalf of the Assembly in strong support of the Governor's proposed Medicaid expansion.

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

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- reported on the lawsuit filed by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough against the State of Alaska regarding the local contribution of the State's education funding formula;
- added that the Supreme Court has issued a stay on the Trial Courts ruling in the case;
- further added that as a result, the minimum funding law is in place;
- related that Ketchikan asked for reconsideration and the State's opposition was due last week;
- added that as of today, he was not able to locate a ruling on the reconsideration;
- spoke to the Borough's PERS litigation case;
- related that the plaintiff's motion for class certification was denied today by the Federal Court;
- added that the Borough continues to wait on the statute of limitations ruling in the case; and
- further added that he is working on an updated litigation report for the Assembly.

Discussion ensued regarding how changes in State law this legislative session may impact the Ketchikan Gateway Borough case.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- related that the April 14, joint Assembly/School Board meeting agenda has been provided;
- reported that the first meeting of the newly created Marijuana Advisory Commission is scheduled for April 27, at 2 p.m.; and
- added that Deputy Clerk Jamie Newman will serve as acting clerk from April 21 through April 24.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/21/14
- b. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution Nos. 14-01, 14-02
- c. Historical Preservation Commission: 01/09/14, 02/13/14, 03/13/14, 04/10/14, 05/08/14, 06/12/14, 08/14/14, 09/11/14, 10/30/14, 11/17/14
- d. Library Board: 01/17/15, Resolution No. 15-01
- e. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 01/15/15
- f. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 12/18/14
- g. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 10/27/14, Resolution Nos. 15-01, 15-02
- h. Planning Commission: 12/01/14, 12/15/14, 01/05/15, 02/02/15, Resolution Nos. 15-05, 15-08, 15-10, 15-11
- i. Platting Board: 01/02/15
- j. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/09/15
- k. Willow FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/09/14, 02/13/14, 03/13/14, 05/08/14, 06/12/14, 08/14/14, 09/11/14, 10/16/14, 11/14/14, 12/11/14, 01/08/15, Resolution No. 15-01

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Big Lake Community Council: 01/13/15
- b. Butte Community Council: 02/09/11, 01/11/12, 02/08/12, 04/11/12, 05/09/12, 05/08/13, 07/10/13, 04/09/14, 05/14/14, 06/11/14, 07/09/14, 08/13/14, 09/10/14, 01/14/15
- c. Glacier View Community Council: 02/25/14, 03/25/14, 04/22/14, 05/27/14, 10/23/14
- d. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 09/10/14, 12/11/14, 01/15/15
- e. Pt. MacKenzie Community Council: 10/09/14, 12/18/14

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

(The meeting recessed at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.)

VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-036:** An Ordinance Amending Title 43, Subdivisions, To Address Housekeeping And Procedural Items Outlined In The Planning Department Staff Memorandum Dated March 1, 2013. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Beck)*
 - a. IM No. 15-058

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-036.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-036, noted below, as recommended by Administration:

- MSB 43.05.005 Definition of Terms: Under the definition of easement by striking the words “Abbreviated Plat, Waiver Or Forty-Acre Exemption” after the word “plat” at the end of the last sentence, to read: “Easement means any strip of land reserved by the subdivider for public utilities, drainage, sanitation or other specified use, the title to which shall remain in the property owner, subject to the right of use designated on the subdivision plat or other document. For the purpose of this title and easement shall not be interpreted to be a fee dedication when noted or granted on a plat.”
- MSB 43.05.005 Definition of Terms: Under the definition of Snow Storage Easement, by inserting the words “normally adjoining a road right-of-way” after the word “storage” and strike the words “and maintenance dedicated or reserved to the municipality” at the end of the sentence to read: “Snow Storage Easement means an easement for snow storage normally adjoining a road right-of-way.”
- MSB 43.10.030 Compensation: In subsection (A), by inserting the words “of \$50 per meeting” and strike the words “established by the assembly” to read: “(A) Board members shall be compensated at a rate of \$50 per meeting for regular and special meetings, not to exceed four meetings in a calendar month.

All requests for reimbursement shall be for actual expenses incurred on authorized board business.”

- MSB 43.05.005 Definition of Terms: by inserting subsection “B” to read as follows: “(B) In instances where a word is not included in this section nor in the applicable section, reference will be made first to the most recent publication of “The Illustrated Book Of Development Definitions” then to “Webster’s New Universal, Unabridged Dictionary.”
- MSB 43.15.012 Forty-Acre Exemption: by striking the number “15” and insert in its place “10” after the word “within” to read: “(E) the decision of the platting officer in this matter is final unless appealed to the platting board in writing within 10 days.”
- MSB 43.20.281 Area: In subsection (H), by inserting the words “Where lots, tracts, or parcels exceed five acres in size, the platting authority may accept a reduced number of test holes or other supporting information, accomplished under the direct supervision of a state of Alaska registered engineer” and striking the words “or are proposed to be combined” to read: “(H) Where lots, tracts, or parcels exceed five acres in size, the platting authority may accept a reduced number of test holes or other supporting information, accomplished under the direct supervision of a state of Alaska registered engineer.”

[Clerk note: the public hearing was inadvertently closed before a member of the public who signed up to testify was called to speak.]

Mayor DeVilbiss asked if there was objection to reopening the public hearing.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor DeVilbiss reopened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 15-036: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Mr. Hulbert provided a staff report.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to MSB 43.10.065(B)(2) by striking “21” and inserting in its place “30” after the word “least” in the first sentence to read: (2) notices shall be mailed at least 30 days before the public hearing to.”

WITHDRAWAL: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to withdraw his primary amendment.

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-037:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$15,461.92 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Reimbursement Of Communications Equipment.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-033:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, To Include Reimbursement For Communications Equipment.
 - (1) IM No. 15-066

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. 15-037 and Resolution Serial No. 15-033.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-038:** An Ordinance Appropriating \$404,304 To Fund 400, For Issuance Costs From The Proceeds Of The 2015 Series "A" School Refunding General Obligation Bonds.
 - a. IM No. 15-072

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. 15-038.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-039:** An Ordinance Placing A Moratorium On The Acceptance And Processing Of Applications To Dispose Of Fee Simple Interests Of Previously Disposed Agricultural Property. (*Sponsored by Assemblymember Sykes*)
 - a. IM No. 15-073

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 Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-039.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 15-039 to the Agriculture Advisory Board and Planning Commission for 120 days.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 15-139 to a time certain of May 5, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed with Assemblymembers Colligan and Arvin opposed.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke to the need for a Borough-wide sewer system: Ms. Helen Munoz

The following person spoke regarding incentives to encourage recycling: Ms. Sammy Taylor, Mid-Valley Recycling

The following person spoke regarding public process and the action taken on Ordinance Serial No. 15-036: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-035:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets And Transfer Funds From The Hawk Lane Upgrade Project, Project No. 35405, To Caswell Lakes Road Upgrade Project, Project No. 35408, In The Amount Of \$99,462 And To Big Lake Road Intersections Project, Project No. 35404, In The Amount Of \$178,227.

(1) IM No. 15-085

b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-036:** A Resolution In Support Of Alaska's Military Forces In The Rally For Our Troops Campaign.

(1) IM No. 15-087

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 15-020:** Authorization To Amend Contract No. 15-035P With The Boutet Company In The Amount Of \$45,250 To Allow For Phase 2 Of The Matanuska River Mitigation Acquisition Project.

- b. **AM No. 15-024:** Modify A 30-Foot Telephone And Electric, And Natural Gas Easement Within Lot 1, Snowgoose Landing, Plat No. 2010-3, Located In Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian.
- c. **AM No. 15-028:** Award Of Request For Proposal No. 15-103P To Wirtanen Commercial, LLC. In The Contact Amount Of \$400,000 For Government Peak Chalet Upgrades.
- d. **AM No. 15-029:** Keyhole Vacation Of A 6.78-Foot Portion Of East Cottle Loop Right-Of-Way Within D.J. Subdivision East, Plat No. 2006-142, Located In Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian.
- e. **AM No. 15-031:** Award Of Invitation To Bid No. 15-094B, To General Fire Apparatus, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$494,516 To Purchase A Primary Response Engine For The Greater Palmer Fire Service Area.
- f. **AM No. 15-035:** Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Purchase Order No. 2014-1449 With Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$193,984.55 For The South Big Lake Road Realignment, Project No. 30043.
- g. **AM No. 15-036:** Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Purchase Order No. 2014-1722 With Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$99,462 For The Caswell Lakes Road Upgrade Construction, Project No. 35408.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 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

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-129.

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 14-129, as follows:

- by inserting at the end of the title “and appropriate the proceeds into an account to purchase agricultural land;” and

- by inserting a number 5 to read “5. All proceeds in the amount of \$7,561 per acre and the total amount of \$1,610,871.05 for the 213.05 acre parcel be used solely by the Borough to purchase like or better land designated agricultural land to promote agriculture.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 14-129 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 14-129 indefinitely passed without objection.

X. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 04/21/15 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-040:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Field Of View Park Subdivision Community Water Local Improvement District No. 476 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
 - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-041:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$332,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Field Of View Park Subdivision Community Water Local Improvement District No. 476, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.
 - (1) IM No. 15-077

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-042:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The South Big Lake Road And West Susitna Parkway Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 508 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
 - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-043:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$867,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The South Big Lake Road And West Susitna Parkway Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 508, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.
 - (1) IM No. 15-078

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-044:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The East Carney Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 534 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
 - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-045:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$97,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The East

- Carney Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 534, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.
- (1) IM No. 15-079

 4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-046:** An Ordinance To Enter Into A Lease With Matanuska Telephone Association For A Communication Site (MSB007021).
 - a. IM No. 15-070

 5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-047:** An Ordinance Appropriating \$63,655,000 To Fund 400, School Projects, For The Acquisition, Construction, And Installation Of School And Related Capital Improvements Within The Borough And \$511,579 To Fund 400 For Related Issuance Costs From The Proceeds Of The 2015 Series "B" General Obligation Schools Bonds.
 - a. IM No. 15-083

 6. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-048:** An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,600,000 To Fund 430, For The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Facilities And Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands Related Thereto Which Would Address Urgent Safety Issues And Transportation Needs And \$17,481 To Fund 430 For Related Issuance Costs From The Proceeds Of The 2015 Series "C" General Obligation Transportation Bonds.
 - a. IM No. 15-084

 7. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-049:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$2,790,927 From The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, To Fund 430, Project No. 35403, For The Road Improvements To South Clapp Street And Realignment Intersection At Knik Goose Bay Road Project.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-037:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, Authorize The Manager To Enter Into A Transfer Of Responsibilities Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, Approve A Contract Amendment To Bristol Environmental Remediation Services, LLC. Contract No. 14-160B In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,480,825 And Approve Award Of Contract To Hattenburg, Dilley, And Linnell For Construction Management Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$206,735 For Road Improvements To South Clapp Street Realignment And Intersection At Knik Goose Bay Road Project, Project No. 35403.
 - (1) IM No. 15-086

 8. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-050:** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 4.80, Establishing The Agriculture Advisory Board And Its Composition, Functions, And Duties.
 - a. IM No. 15-088

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for April 21, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested the following appointments and resignations for confirmation:

Aviation Advisory Board
Stephen Pavish (resignation)

Board of Equalization
Annemarie Weiland (resignation)
DeKay Bayliffe
Traci Barickman

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and resignations up for confirmation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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.)

XII. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey commented on the level of interest in the Agricultural Advisory Board and the Marijuana Advisory Board.

Assemblymember Colligan commented on when the proposed city of Big Lake may decide to hold their regular meetings.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked staff and members of the public for attending tonight's Assembly meeting;
- opined that the Assembly engaged in great debate this evening; and
- stated that he appreciates serving on the Assembly.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke to information he has requested from Administration related to the budget that he has not yet received;
- spoke to decreased revenue and the effect on the budget;
- spoke to options for increasing revenue;
- thanked the Finance Department for providing a copy of the Borough's chart of accounts;
- spoke in support of transparency in the budget process;
- added that there is now a dedicated link to budget information on the Borough's website;
- thanked the Assembly for approving the cost of community services study;
- opined that the Assembly may not have all the information it needs to make good decisions on the budget;
- spoke in favor of starting work on the budget in late January or early February; and
- expressed concern with events surrounding the Nancy Lake warm storage fire station property purchase.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- spoke to the Big Lake incorporation effort;
- thanked the petitioners for attending the 4 p.m. special meeting to share information on the incorporation effort;
- thanked the Assembly for adopting Resolution Serial No. 15-034;
- thanked Chief Bill Gambell for serving as the Interim Director of Emergency Services; and
- expressed concern with events surrounding the Nancy Lake warm storage fire station.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to a letter he wrote regarding the Nancy Lake warm storage fire station;
- spoke in support of setting a reasonable mill rate for the Willow Fire Service Area;
- spoke in support of lowering the ISO rating for properties within the Willow Fire Service Area;
- noted that he does not support setting the mill rate through a ballot question;
- added that the mill rate will be set by the Assembly;
- spoke to the Borough's tax limitation levy;
- spoke to the budget process; and
- commented on the State's financial crises and measures that could be taken to ease the burden.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 15-039;
- spoke to the unintended consequences of the moratorium placed on timber harvests;
- added that the moratorium was supposed to be for 6 months; however it took 5 years to be lifted; and
- related that he looks forward to further discussion on Ordinance Serial No. 15-039.

Assemblymember Beck requested clarification on comments made by Assemblymember Mayfield regarding events surrounding the Nancy Lake warm storage fire station property purchase.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- spoke to events surrounding the Nancy Lake warm storage fire station property purchase;
- thanked the Assembly for postponing Ordinance Serial No. 15-039;
- spoke to implications of Ordinance Serial No. 15-039; and
- shared historical information on three proposed railroad routes under consideration for Alaska in 1917.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/21/15