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350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 – 907-861-7874

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ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Theresa Taranto



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Kayla Kinneen

## ABBREVIATED PLAT AGENDA

### ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

**REGULAR MEETING**

**8:30 A.M.**

**February 15, 2023**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

A. Introduction of Staff

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(None)

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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Platting Officer, Fred Wagner read the case description into the record.

Ms. Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 26 public hearing notices were mailed out on January 26, 2023.

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner opened the public hearing for public testimony.

There being no one to be heard, Platting Officer, Fred Wagner closed the public hearing.

- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

The petitioner/petitioner's representative was not present.

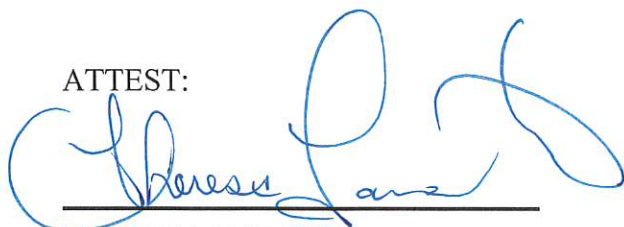
Discussion moved to the motion.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 6 conditions. There are 5 findings of fact.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

ATTEST:



THERESA TARANTO,  
Platting Administrative Specialist



FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer



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Ms. Theresa Taranto provided the mailing report.

- Stated that 26 public hearing notices were mailed out on February 1, 2023.

Platting Officer, Fred Wagner opened the public hearing for public testimony.

The following persons spoke:

- Denny Nelson
- Ron Des Granges

There being no one else to be heard, Platting Officer, Fred Wagner closed the public hearing.

- Invited the petitioner or their representative to provide their comments.

Rick Besse, the petitioner's representative provided comments and will conform to all rules and regulations; agrees with all conditions of approval.

Discussion moved to the motion.

MOTION: Platting Officer Fred Wagner moved to approve with 9 conditions. There are 8 findings of fact.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

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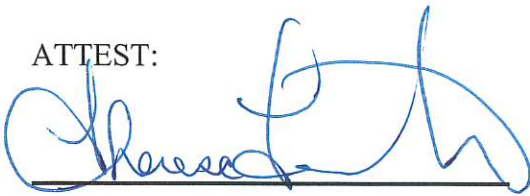
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With no further business to come before the Platting Officer, Fred Wagner adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.



FRED WAGNER, PLS  
Platting Officer

ATTEST:



THERESA TARANTO,  
Platting Administrative Specialist



**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

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<b>Chairman</b> – Cody Beus (04)	Dick Zobel (02)	Steven Sawyer (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
<b>Vice Chair</b> – Stephen Brown (08)	Mark Stahl (03)	Adam Jensi (07)	Erik “Moe” Johnson (11)
VACANT (01)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Benjamin Swimm (09)	VACANT (12)

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
DSJ BUILDING  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**September 21, 2022  
4:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Mr. Beus called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Cody Beus, Dick Zobel, Erik Johnson, Jozef Slowik, Kenneth Hoffman, Mark Stahl,  
Steven Sawyer

Members Absent and Excused: Benjamin Swimm, Stephen Brown

Members Absent: Adam Jensi

Staff present: Tracy McDaniel, Asset Manager

Margie Cobb, Dept. Admin Specialist

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

MOTION: Mr. Sawyer moved, Mr. Stahl 2nd. Agenda approved.

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit to 3 minutes)**

There was no Audience Participation at this meeting.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 23, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Sawyer moved, Mr. Slowik 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

A. Resolution 22-02 - A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ASSEMBLY ACTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS HEIRS TO SUBDIVIDE AND COMBINE THREE PARCELS, CONTAINING 680 ACRES, INTO TWO PARCELS TO SEPARATE THE HEIRS TITLE INTEREST AFTER SUBDIVISION (MSB007376)

MOTION: Mr. Stahl moved, Mr. Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Discussion: Ms. McDaniel shared a brief history. No concerns were expressed by members of the Board.


Call for Question. Resolution 22-02 approved unanimously.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS (limit to 3 minutes)


- Ms. McDaniel: She is working on legislation for Resolution 22-01 approved by the Board in February. This is expected to be presented to the Assembly the second meeting in November. When the actual date is set she will notify the Board, as well as those interested in speaking to it.

VIII. NEXT MEETING  
November 16, 2022

IX. ADJOURNMENT  
Mr. Beus adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

  
Chairperson  
La Marr Anderson 2/15/2023

ATTEST:

  
Margie Cobb  
Department Administrative Specialist

## Butte Community Council Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023

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Meeting called to order @ 7:02pm by President Ron Johnson.  
Mr Shultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary verified, Quorum met

Motion for approval of agenda and August's minutes – Shultz and Heller 2nd

### Officers Reports:

Secretary's Report – November/December minutes, we had no meeting January with not enough board to be present and December was our Christmas Party at Fire Station.

Treasurer – (Gen \$1,421.31 Sav \$5,877.20 Bldg \$15,749.29 Neighborhood Watch \$1,205.00) Numbers are from November

Correspondence – N/A

President's Report – Ron asked for \$100 petty cash, will follow up with board, would like to have a guest speaker each month from the Borough.

### Special Presentation

#### Committee Reports

Building Committee – N/A

Neighborhood Watch – N/A

Community Patrol – N/A

Little Angels Playground – N/A

Butte Community Sign Committee – N/A

By Laws – N/A

#### Community Reports

Legislature – N/A

Assembly – N/A

Butte Elementary/School District – N/A

Butte Fire Department – gave us overview that is attached, current population 5,234

Roads, Mike Shields gave Lucy Klebasecal his key to building.

**Old Business** - Elect Council VP, Ron will send email to board

**New Business**

Priorities for 2023 – Ron will get with Mike marrow on surveillance Grant and equipment, also will get Mike to look at ceiling mold and water issue at the door, Misty is gonna work on a comprehensive plan

Meeting adjourned @ 8:38 pm and next meeting is scheduled on November 9, 2022.

11 attendees, (Eileen, Janet, Ron, Richard present)

June 24, 2023 \_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Butte Community Picnic

End of report.

Ron Johnson  
President  
Butte Community Council



CHICKALOON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE : January 11th, 2023

Officers Present: Jim Ramsey (Chairman), Jeff Myers (Vice President), John J Vessey (Member at Large), Janie Vessey (Treasurer), and Kalee Bowen (Secretary)  
Officers Absent: none

General Members Present: 20 community members present (see sign in sheet for reference), 3 on zoom, and 4 guests

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 PM

Pledge by: Wesley

Approval of Agenda by: 1st- Lil 2nd- Tim

Minutes from Last Meeting: Read by Kalee Bowen

Approved by: 1<sup>st</sup>- Charlie 2nd- Skip

Announcements:

- Chickaloon Village Community Water Well Presentation: Jessica gave an overview of bringing water to the area, individuals who need it, and where they are at with the project. They currently have not heard back from officials on funding. The goal is to have it on a generator in case there is a loss in power, that way there is access to water for everyone. Contact # is 907-354-7404. Jim is requesting more thorough information and presentation before we put it to a vote for CC funding assistance.
- Sutton PD: Terri Lawson is the new clerk and firearms instructor, LD Howard officer, and Deven Stewlow officer. They announced that they will be moving to Palmer PD for dispatching, and that they have been helping with moose accidents lately. During the storm they also helped pull people out of the ditch. They are working to get funding for a search and rescue team as well as a pathfinder program. They would like to put in a training facility in the area to keep training more local and will do a presentation to the community.

- Jim thanked Wesley and 3 others who helped save a moose on the river

#### Reports and Correspondence

- Treasurers Report Read by: Janie and Jim read the annual report
- RSA: We need someone in the community to represent our needs
- CAP: We need ideas from the community on what to spend funds on. There will be an updated directory going out and house number signs for emergency response vehicles.
- Fire Department: Wesley talked about our new tender and that it got moved to KAC in case drill lake is not accessible. There will be a community spaghetti feed on the 27<sup>th</sup>. He thanked everyone who helped clear the road back to the station after the storms. He went over our responses for the year 2022 and announced that he, Matt and Zac got hired on with Sutton Fire.
- Crime Watch Update: There was a cabin across the river that got broken into. Donna said there is an issue with homeless people living in vehicles and then stealing peoples' gas.

#### Old and New Business:

- Election Nomination: Marcia who is on the committee announced that there were no nominations made. Janie and Skip nominated Jim. Jim and Skip nominated Kalee.
- Jim spoke about the fire department
- Discussion about Zoom: The topic that got brought up was having zoom attendees count towards quorum so we didn't miss out on meetings. The discussion continued around the room, as well as other issues being brought up about zoom including voting. Frankie makes a motion to amend zoom policy that enables attendees to count towards the room quorum. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: none

Meeting Adjourn: 8:25 PM everyone

CHAIRMAN JK SECRETARY Kalle Bowen  
DATE 2/8/23 DATE 2/8/23



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
*Enhanced 911 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES*

December 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Casey Cook.

Advisory Board members in attendance establishing a quorum were:

Jacob Butcher, Mat-Com;	Dwayne Shelton, Palmer Police;
Casey Cook, MSB DES; and	Joel Butcher, Mat-Com.

Also in attendance were: Ken Kleewein and Nick Srebernak, MSB GIS; Lori Criqui and Jana Walette, DPS; Christine O'Connor, Alaska Telecom Association; and Dan Robinson, Mat-Com.

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was no objection to the approval of the August 9, 2022 minutes as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

REPORTS

GIS

Mr. Srebernak stated:

- 1) They are primarily working on imagery and have put their RFP out for the next three years of imagery collection.
- 2) They are working on getting the Core area from this year compressed for Joel.
- 3) They are still waiting on the Lake Louise imagery.
- 4) Their imagery now goes all the way back to the Knik Glacier and they have also included Reed Lakes and Gold Mint Trail areas in Hatcher Pass.
- 5) There is still time to make minor changes if anyone needs to add any other areas.
- 6) He will send a map to the dispatch centers on what areas they plan to collect.
- 7) They have also expanded south of the Knik River Road off the Old Glenn Highway.



## Addressing Campaign

Chairman Cook stated: The borough attorney has made an interpretation of the State Statute that the use of the E-911 funds for addressing purposes is not an allowable expense. We will be taking this item of the agenda and the funding will be removed from the FY24 budget proposal.

## Smart 911 / Community Connect

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: No updates on this.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Legislative Action Workgroup

#### 1. Criminalizing the Abuse/Misuse of 911 Systems or Emergency Communications

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: This has been pre-filed again for this upcoming legislative session and they have high hopes that it will make it through. Senator Wilson's office is re-filing the bill.

#### 2. HB55 Restructuring Retirement for First Responders to include Dispatch and 911

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: He's not sure where this will sit for first responders and is not sure if it will expand beyond police and firefighters to include dispatch and 911. He will be taking part in the 911 Goes to Washington through NENA in February and will be meeting with the federal house and senators. That will be their big push at the federal level to get that reclassification done.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Mat-Com Reimbursement Request – FY23 Rave Smart 911

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: The City of Wasilla is requesting reimbursement of the annual RAVE Smart 911 system in the amount of \$34,561 from the E-911 budget.

MOTION: Mr. Jacob Butcher motioned and Mr. Shelton seconded, the approval of reimbursement to the City of Wasilla in the amount of \$34,561 for RAVE Smart 911. All were in favor, none opposed.

### Mat-Com Reimbursement Request – New Deal (OTM) Cyber Security Service

Mr. Joel Butcher stated: The 911 network is a closed network but there is no cyber security monitoring of that network. This software would provide 24/7-365 cyber security monitoring and reporting of the network.

He is going to put together a disaster recovery plan for all the laptops owned by the borough and all the workstations, servers, and infrastructure at Mat-Com and Palmer dispatch.

MOTION: Mr. Jacob Butcher moved, and Mr. Dwayne Shelton seconded, to approve \$13,060 from the E-911 budget for the first year cost of OTM Cyber Security Service. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### Mat-Com Reimbursement Request – Increase Call Taker Wages Distribution

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: Historically the E-911 budget has paid \$90,000 to each the Cities of Wasilla and Palmer since the inception in 2004/2005. There have been no increases in that to adjust for cost of living or inflation. Mat-Com has seen an increase in base wages and benefits for call takers of about 60% since then. He is making a proposal to the board to increase the \$90,000 annual payout to the cities by 60% (to equal \$144,000 per city per year).

MOTION: Mr. Jacob Butcher moved, and Mr. Dwayne Shelton seconded, to approve an increase in future fiscal years call taker wages and benefits payments from the E-911 annual budget to the Cities of Wasilla and Palmer to \$144,000 each. All were in favor, none opposed.

#### FY24 E-911 Budget Preparation

Expenditures: FY24 expenses that were discussed by the board:

• 411.100 - 411.400 Salaries & Wages	\$ 126,057.00*
• 412.100 - 412.990 Benefits	\$ 90,205.00
• 414.100 - 414.900 Expenses Outside Borough	\$ 18,320.00*
• 421.100 - Communications	\$ 10,000.00
• 426.300 - Dues & Fees	\$ 2,500.00
• 426.600 - Computer Software	\$ 64,500.00
• 427.100 - 427.500 Property/Liability Insurance	\$ 812.00
• 429.200 - Training Reimb/Conf Fees	\$ 16,000.00*
• 429.210 - Training/Instructor Fees	\$ 10,000.00
• 429.900 - Other Contractual	\$1,282,432.00*
• 433.300 - Books/Subscriptions	\$ 250.00
Total expenses	\$1,621,076.00

\*411.400 Non-employee Compensation – removed the \$30,000 addressing campaign wages as it is not an allowable expense per the borough attorney. It is understood that the final wages and benefits totals are calculated by finance and will be adjusted according to their estimates.

413.100 - 413.400 Mileage & Expenses w/in Borough - these line items were removed since borough employees no longer travel to repair dispatch equipment.

\*414.200 Expense Reimb Outside Borough – increased for GIS conference.

\*414.400 Travel Tickets – increased for GIS conference.

421.200 Postage, 422.000 Advertising, 423.000 Printing – These line items were removed as they are not considered an allowable expense of E-911 funding per the borough attorney.



\*429.200 – Training Reimb/Conference Fees: This line item increased to accommodate GIS training.

\*429.900 – Other Contractual – This line item reflects a decrease due to a reduction in the annual dispatch contract, but also an increase due to the call taker wages and benefits distribution going up from \$90,000 to \$144,000 each.

Mr. Jacob Butcher moved, and Mr. Dwayne Shelton seconded, to approve the proposed FY24 E-911 budget as modified. All were in favor, no opposition was heard.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- FY23 Surcharge Revenue Chart
- FY23 E-911 Budget Performance Report
- 911 Quarterly Dispatch Call Report (Mat-Com and Palmer)

Mr. Jacob Butcher stated: The call volume has seen a downward trend and some potential reasons are the online options for people such as law enforcement online complaints reporting and borough roads hotlines. Dispatch has been referring people to these online options which could be making a dent in the incoming call volume.

#### COMMENTS

Mr. Shelton stated: They have submitted some trouble tickets to Solacom due to the phones not generating a Lat/Long. He doesn't know where they stand in terms of resolving the issue but wanted everyone to be aware. Mr. Jacob Butcher stated that they are aware of the issue and will put some pressure on them to get it resolved.

Ms. Laughlin asked Mr. Shelton if Palmer intended to have someone apply to the alternate seat for Palmer. He confirmed that they would have someone apply, and that he also intended to renew his seat as primary for Palmer.


#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Cook announced that the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey Laughlin, Secretary

# Meeting Minutes January 11, 2023

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc. Minutes of January 11, 2023

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❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards  
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher  
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

❖ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: YES ❖

Meeting Quorum = Yes

Meeting conducted at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors  
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Quorum:** The Membership Committee determined that there was a quorum.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Consent Agenda:** President Camden Yehle asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, which includes the agenda and the minutes dated November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The motion was made by Sherri Rusher, seconded by Patti Fisher. The Consent Agenda was pass with no objections.

### Board Reports:

**CIP:** Chair Kim Kalmbach reported on the approval by the Assembly of the CIP nominations made by the Planning Department. She reported that MLCC members Chad Scott, Lori Benner-Hansen, Patti Fisher and Kalmbach spoke to the Assembly in favor of the CIP nomination of the Council. It was announced that a meeting of the CIP Committee would be held on Tuesday, January 17. Dewey Bitler asked for a meeting notice including the Zoom Link.

**Membership:** No report.

**ByLaws:** No report.

**Gaming:** Chair Ariel Cannon reported on the gaming event at the Palmer Depot in November. The next event will be held on January 20 in Palmer, with additional events occurring in February, March and April. Ariel asked for nominations of the names of charities to which our 2023 gaming funds could be distributed.

**Safety:** No report.

**Parks and Trails:** Chair Lori Benner-Hansen gave thanks to Dewey Bitler and others who have participated in maintaining the Visnaw-Little Su trail.

**Education:** No report.

**Council Coordinator:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Vice President:** Steve Edwards reported that Assembly Person Tew removed funding for Sand Storage from the Road Service CIP list. Tim Hale objected for his district and got the funds restored. Meadow Lakes Assembly person Bernier did not object and Meadow Lakes lost the funds. Steve plans to bring this up at the next Big Board meeting and may write a resolution regarding the funds.

Secretary Fisher reported that the Assembly had accepted the report of the Road Service Area Task Force at the meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The report did not recommend moving to a Time and Materials contract.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Trish Jacob gave a report of the highlights of the financial report.



## Meeting Minutes January 11, 2023

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### **Presentation: Parks Highway Alternative Study.**

Camden stated that the Council will discuss comments and prepare a formal statement for vote at the February Council meeting:

Representatives from Dowl Engineering gave a presentation on the Parks Highway Alternative Study: Jovie Garcia and Renee Whitesell represented the project group. A video on the project was shown, and then the representative answered questions from members. The Plan is funded by the Federal Department of Transportation and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation. It currently includes 9 possible routes. The Study group is now refining alternative routes for further consideration.

#### **Questions:**

Patti Fisher: What is the northern boundary of the study area? Ms. Whitesell reported that the edge of the study area is Big Lake Road. What is the cost of the study up to this date? Ms. Whitesell estimated the amount to be 2-1/2 million.

Ms. Whitesell reported that the study group is in the process of adding detail to the plans and will have a narrower list in the spring (perhaps 3 to 6 routes). She acknowledged that the Alternative Plan has been studied since the 1980s, with the most recent analysis undertaken during the 2010s. This study will be completed in 2024.

Sherri Rusher: Stated that she will need time to review the routes before giving her responses. She commented that this work is a "study" with no guarantee that it will actually be built.

Dewey Bitler: What is the plan for the size of the roadway? Ms. Whitesell reported that it is planned to be 4 lanes with controlled access. She is hopeful that the criteria will be available in a week and will be put on the website soon.

Kendra McLean: Kendra commented that Hollywood and Sunset have a large number of driveways. How would this impact the Hollywood route.

Ms. Whitesell stated that Hollywood would be a complete rebuild, which is a major challenge for that option. Kendra also asked why the Plan does not stop at Johnson and the Parks, rather than continue to Big Lake Road. Ms. Whitesell commented that BL is not definite as a termination point of the plan.

Steve Edwards: Steve commented that the stage we are at now should have been done 20 years ago.

Ms. Whitesell says that the team is aware that the issue has previously been studied; however, conditions have changed: population, safety issues.

Patti Fisher: Patti asked for clarification of the status between federal and state funds. Ms. Whitesell: All federal funds are funneled through the state. There is a state match which is required.

Kendra McLean: Kendra asked about road maintenance. Ms. Whitesell: It is most likely that road maintenance will be managed by the State.

Camden Yehle: Camden is concerned about the "Greenfield" routes, and believes that it has become a question between cutting down trees and cutting down houses. She wants more consideration of changes to the existing Parks Highway to accommodate traffic. She also is concerned by the apparent lack of participation by various stakeholder groups: MSB, City of Wasilla, Road Service Area Boards, other community councils. Ms. Whitesell asked that Camden's comments about the existing highway be included in our Council's formal comments. Ms. Whitesell stated that the planning group is making personal contact to various groups to encourage participation.

**Business:** Camden stated that the 2023 budget will be presented at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

### **Agency Reports:**

Senator David Wilson reported that he is currently in Juneau preparing for the legislative session. Steve Edwards thanked the Senator for being part of the group that is working together to get things accomplished. He is concerned about legislative changes to "defined benefits" as a means to solve the employee retention problem, and hopes that this issue will be discussed.

Camden announced that there will be a Zoom meeting of the CIP Committee on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at

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6:30pm.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, February 8th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Camden Yehle, President    Date 2/15/23

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Patricia Fisher, Secretary    Date



**Talkeetna Community Council Minutes**  
**Monday, Oct. 3, 2022**  
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1. **Call to Order.** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council was called to order at 7:01 PM at the Talkeetna Library and on Zoom. **Establish a quorum:** Members in attendance were Jon Korta, Kathy Trump, Frannie Christensen, Jeffry Hesse, Krister Bowman, and Pam Young. Jodi Rodwell was absent
2. Kathy Trump will take the minutes
3. **Approval of agenda:** Jeffry makes a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Prunus padus grant extension under New Business b. Seconded by Krister. Motion passed.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Jeffry makes a motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022. Seconded by Krister. Motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** See report. Frannie included an amended September report which corrects the notation on the report for the 8/17 deposits to the recycling account.
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s)** Kelsey Anderson MSB Planning Re: CIP Process.
  - Kelsey Anderson was tasked with revamping the CIP list. She developed five criteria, a scoring matrix, and a team to review projects. Four projects made it through the CIP process this year. The handouts she brought to the meeting can be found here: <https://cip.matsugov.us/> . For an actual cost estimate of future projects, committee can contact Kelsey and she will help. She will also lead a workshop for the CIP committee. She will help identify which projects have the best shot at succeeding.
  - Mat-Su Bike and Ped Plan: Plan can be found at <https://www.matsubikeandped.com/> Kelsey brought two documents: draft recommendations and draft existing conditions and issues. Both are working documents.
  - Kelsey suggested sending a letter to her regarding the safety issues about biking on Comsat Road. We can send her the letter we sent to DOT.
  - Krister asked about how to make getting to the library safe from the bike path. Kelsey suggested sending her an email to get this issue on the bike and ped plan.
7. **Correspondence.** Jon ran through the correspondence list
8. **Announcements: none**
9. **Persons to be heard: none**
10. **Assembly Update.** Ron Bernier. He did not attend our meeting.

**11. Fire Dept. Report:** Chief Chappel

- Tested hydrants last week. Things have slowed down with lodges closing. Fire department along with CERT expects to get CO monitors out into the community for residential structures. Contact fire department at 907-861-8336. Additionally, they need more volunteer responders.

**12. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board.** The Water and Sewer Board needs two additional members for a full five person board. To get on board contact Amanda Fleming for an application at 907-795-6664.

**13. Talkeetna Road Service Area 29 Report.** John Strassenburgh. The following items were discussed:

- Estimated cost and scope of the repair of Montana Creek dike at the Yoder Road bridge
- Nature, scope, and expected cost, and need to identify a funding source, for the Woodpecker resurfacing project
- Chipseal remediation project on 5400 feet of Yoder Road west of the Montana Creek bridge
- Remediation of Madison (hill to Freedom Hills) and Hillside have been awarded to an out of area contractor
- Flooding on the east part of Romano towards Montana Creek
- New urgency to fix the drainage problem on the South Alley west of D Street intersection
- Use of calcium chloride for dust control

Next meeting is October 13

**14. Committee/Board Reports**

- TPAC:** Whitney gave a Ridge Trail update. Committee members walked through with MSB Greg Prawley and got a good line on reroute 12. Finalizing package and trying to get out to bid in time to have people walk through this fall for work in spring.
- Recycling:** Cici Schoenberger: Volunteers for regular recycling and cardboard recycling are desperately needed. Contact Cici at 907-355-8324. Recycling is still in negotiations for one time electronics and book recycling. Next meeting will be in October tba.
- Community Assistance Program.** No report
- Comsat Quarry:** Krister. No update and no planned meeting. CALLA has a lawsuit and could use donations to offset costs. To donate visit their website: <https://comsat-area-lakes-and-land-alliance-calla.ghost.io/>
- CERT:** Bill Was. Bill attended the Mat-Su VOAD meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> and gave a brief synopsis of TKA CERT. Willow CERT Basic Training class to be held in Willow this November, residents from Talkeetna are welcome. Talon Boeve gave CERT an award on behalf of the Mat-Su Borough for over 150 hours of setting up/taking down COVID-19 testing sites and staffing COVID-19 vaccination locations. Margo Jones was singled out for more than 60 hours of volunteer work and Bill for 35 hours.
- Technology Committee:** Jeffry Hesse. No meeting



**15. Unfinished Business**

- a. Nominating Committee: Whitney Wolff. Motion by Krister to nominate Maleia Grabinski and the four rerunning incumbents: Jon Korta, Jodi Rodwell, Jeffry Hesse, and Pam Young to run for the Community Council board. Seconded by Jeffry. Motion passed.

**16. New Business**

- a. **Approval of Sign Purchase for Talkeetna Lakes Park..** Motion by Kathy to approve approximately \$3,000 for signs for Talkeetna Lakes Park. Seconded by Jeffry. Motion passed.
- b. **Prunus Padus grant extension.** Tim Stallard from Alien Species Control cannot make it to Talkeetna this year because of the wet summer. He needs a window of dry days to make treatment effective. Jim Renkert from State Forestry will allow us to extend. Motion by Krister to extend the Prunus padus grant to the spring. Jeffry seconded. Motion passed.

**17. Board Comments**

- Pam: Thanks to Kelsey Anderson for attending our meeting.
- Jeffry: Sad to see Kathy go.
- Krister: CALLA could use funding for their lawsuit.
- Frannie: Thank you to nominating committee for finding a candidate and to Kathleen for running the election
- Kathy: Thanks to Kathleen for running elections.
- Jon: Su Valley Soccer team came in fourth at their league tournament

18. Adjourn. Motionby Krister to adjourn at 8:35 PM Seconded by Jeffry. Motion passed.

Attested by:



Witnessed by:

**Talkeetna Community Council Minutes**  
**Monday, November 7, 2022**

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1. **Call to order.** The regular Talkeetna Community Council meeting at the Talkeetna Library and on Zoom was called to order at 7:00. **Establish a quorum:** Jon Korta, Jodi Rodwell, Kathy Trump, Frannie Christensen, Jeffry Hesse, Krister Bowman and Pam Young were in attendance
2. Kathy Trump will take the **minutes**
3. **Approval of agenda.** Motion by Kathy to approve the November 7 agenda with the addition of Alaska Long Trail (ALT) under announcements. Seconded by Jeffry. Motion passed
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kathy to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Krister. Motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** See Report
6. **Out-of-Town Guest(s):** MSB Staff Re: New Restroom Facility in Village Park. Eric Phillips and Don Gibbs: A federal grant was available and will provide a new restroom in Village Park. All bathroom facilities need to be hooked up to sewer and our toilet downtown was a pit toilet. Community request to have a water spigot included or at least plumbing for a possible spigot in the future. Mat-Su believes a water spigot is a risk management issue. Don and Eric will discuss feasibility and let us know.
7. **Correspondence.** Jon ran through the correspondence packet
8. **Announcements:** State of AK Hazard Mitigation Survey. Participate by going to this link.  
[https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Documents/Mitigation/AK%20State%20HMP%20Update%202023\\_Public%20Flyer.pdf](https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Documents/Mitigation/AK%20State%20HMP%20Update%202023_Public%20Flyer.pdf)

Alaska Long Trail is looking for a Mat-Su Borough coordinator. Apply [Alaska Long Trail Mat-Su Coordinator](#).

9. **Persons to be heard:**  
**Margaret Stern from the Susitna River Coalition:** West Susitna Access Road: Project introduced in 2014 as a Roads to Resources project. Popped back up in 2019. The players involved include AIDEA, Nova Minerals, and Mat-Su Borough. AIDEA is the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. Nova Minerals–Australian mining company. Mat-Su Borough–a partner because the road travels through Borough land Road starts at Port MacKenzie and travels 100 plus miles crossing the Susitna River.

The road itself will include trucks going by every 7 minutes. 182 stream crossing, 171 culverts with only 83 for fish passage, with 11 bridges and 1 complex over the Susitna River.

If you want further details or to get involved contact Susitna River Coalition at [info@susitnarivercoalition.org](mailto:info@susitnarivercoalition.org)

**Anders Gustafson Executive Director Alaska Range Alliance.** He worked with Stop Pebble Mine. <https://www.alaskarangealliance.org/> Contacted by lodge owners along the proposed road corridor and now involved with this project. Why isn't the company which benefits paying for the road instead of Alaskans?

**Shawn Williams:** Pacific Dataport. Parking at the end of Comsat Would like a different parking lot where DOT right-of-way exists. He has contacted Roger Robinson and Whitney Wolff of TPAC, and would like a community working group to investigate solutions to his problem.

10. **Assembly Update:** Ron Bernier. He was invited to the meeting and did not attend.

11. **Fire Dept. Report:** Chief Chappel.

Fire Dept will install CO detectors and have 40. If you need one, call the fire department. FD experienced 18 calls this past month. Fire department has two programs to help the community. 1. Prefire Plan. FD will come to your house to assess wildfire risk. 2. community connect. You can input information about your house: <https://www.facebook.com/Talkeetnafire/>

12. **Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board:** Drew Haag Chair of Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board.

- 2 board positions remain open.
- Board sent a resolution to Mat-Su Borough requesting funding for improvements to water and sewer system. Borough engineer checked our system and we need a \$28 million upgrade. Advisory board cut down the upgrades to \$2 million. We need a water storage facility. Relocation of wells out of the floodplain area. Need a real time notification when anything goes wrong for the water system.
- A boil water notice went out to businesses and residents on Main Street after an incursion on the line.
- Meetings 1:00 PM quarterly first Weds of the month.

13. **Talkeetna Road Service Area Report:** John Strassenburgh.

Final consideration of the 2023 Road Improvement Project list was put off until our November meeting, in order to:

Further assess the cost and availability of Calcium Chloride for dust control, investigate the feasibility and rough cost of a permanent fix to address flooding on Romano, resolve the uncertainty as to whether some of the road improvement projects, currently underway, would be completed this construction season.

Update on projects: South Alley repair is complete and seems to have fixed



the problem (at least until the ACS fiber optic cable project dug up part of the repair), remediation project of 5400 feet of Yoder west of the Montana Creek bridge is complete. Madison Road repair is 65% complete. Matching fund is apparently available for paving east ¾ mile on Woodpecker. Kalispell dike is a problem but decisions are being handled by the Borough.

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Next meeting November 10. 2nd thursday of each month. Zoom 6:30 PM

#### **14. Committee/Board Reports**

##### **a. TPAC: Roger Robinson**

##### **RIDGE TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee has been working with MSB land management specialist Gregg Pralle to fine tune the Ridge Trail Phase 3 bid / RFP package. The goal has been to get the package out for potential trail builders to be able to walk the trails pre snow cover.

Phase three includes two new hiking trails and a redo of RRT12 trail to replace the current RRT12 ( current trail does not meet the required criteria from the state trail handbook)

On September 22nd the committee met via zoom to discuss two alternative trail lines for RR12 suggested by Gregg Pralle. The committee voted to not include these alternatives but supported utilizing the original trail concept by John Underwood during the Ridge Trail, Trail Development Plan. Karl Swanson and Chris Mannix GPS'ed this trail concept and committee members Whitney, Karl, Chris, and Matt Kaso walked the line with Gregg Pralle Sept 23rd. Gregg was very supportive of the new "gold" line and has included it in the package.

In a review of hiking trail #13 Gregg caught an error that a portion of the trail was on state land. Committee members Whitney Wolff and Jon Korta walked with Gregg Pralle on Oct. 7 to ground truth rerouting the section of trail from state land to borough land. The group found an acceptable alternative and ground truth both hiking trails #13 and #16.

While walking Oct 7, the group explored an alternative route for a section of RRT#12 which re- places a steep side hill of the original concept with more moderate terrain close to the alignment for the new hiking trail #16. It was discussed on the walk that both the hiking trail and RRT12 could share an alignment. The committee has not met to discuss but there was concern later from some that combining two trails with different trail criteria could be problematic. Committee members are actively hashing out these alternatives. Chris Mannix has put forth an alternative route which utilizes the more moderate terrain for RRT12 but keeps the hiking and RRT12 trails separate.

New signs are complete and starting to be put up on trails. Transitioning to groomed ski trails, which means the end of walking and biking on ski trails. Next meeting is December 13.

- b. **Recycling: Cici Schoenberger:** Businesses will either keep their time frame or bring in cardboard on Saturdays as long as it remains below the one cubic yard maximum. Moving connexes and laying concrete pad needed to be delayed until the Spring. \$5000.00 will be used for this project. TRW has \$18,000.00 on hand from donations and grants. Donations made at the site have increased. Book collection is on 11/5/2022 and is a collaboration with VCRS and Bright Lights Book Project. Next spring will be a borough-wide electronics collection. Reusable cup committee is



working on how to get reusable cups into the community. Still working with SuValley for recycling at tournaments. As always, volunteers are needed.

- c. **Community Assistance Program:** Kathy Trump. MOA for 2023 funds signed and sent to the Borough. Finished application for 2024 funds. CAP process for 2023 will open on February 1 through March 15. Successful grantees can expect their money by April 15.
- d. **Comsat Quarry:** Krister Bowman. No meeting
- e. **CERT:** Sarah purchased CO detectors and CERT will work with the fire department to distribute. CERT class November 12, 13, 19 and 20 at Willow Community Center. Possible CERT class in Talkeetna in March
- f. **Technology Committee:** Jeffry Hesse. They will meet next week.

#### 14. Unfinished Business

- a. **Update on status of MSB Code 17.05 – Essential Service Utilities.** MSB Code 17.05 assures public hearings regarding special utility services. Assemblymember Sumner wants to repeal the code. Assembly Member Hale successfully introduced a motion directing the borough manager and planning staff to collaborate with the planning committee to develop standards of approval as part of a 17.05 amendment for future assembly consideration. TCCI submitted a letter asking to amend the code. Further meetings regarding this issue are: **11/22/22 @ 6PM – MSB Assembly Meeting /Public Hearing on Ordinance to Repeal Code 17.06 (Electric Generating Facilities)** – mandates utilities complete public outreach and acquire MSB permits for any new power plants.  
**12/6/22 @ 6PM – MSB Assembly Meeting /Public Hearing on Ordinance to Repeal Code 17.05 (Mandating Public Outreach for Essential Service Utilities)** – last chance to provide public feedback against the repeal and for an amendment to include standards of approval instead.

#### 15. New Business

- a. **Selection of Color/Style Options of Restroom Facility in Village Park.** Capital Improvement Projects Process, next steps.

Motion by Frannie to form an ad hoc committee to determine the materials for the bathrooms in the downtown park including Michelle Crow from DAC, Sue Deyoe from Historical Society, someone from the Chamber possibly Trisha Costello, and Jon Korta or Jodi Rodwell. This committee will make a decision before Thanksgiving. Seconded by Jeffry. Motion passed.

- b. **Capital Improvement Projects Process,** next steps. We will make a space on website where community members can submit ideas for capital projects and TCCI can compile the ideas. Ideas have to be on an adopted plan. Put an announcement on KTNA to let community know. Will revisit next steps in Jan.

#### **Board Comments:**

- Kathy: Thank you to our community for being so competent, especially

committee heads.

- Jodi: Thank you Anders and Margaret for the presentation. Important to have this in front of the community.
- Jeffry: Thank you Drew for showing up to our meeting
- Pam: Thank you to Anders and Margaret for coming to our meeting
- Krister: Appreciated the presentation on the Access Road
- Frannie: Thank you to Kathy
- Jon: Remember to vote

16. **Adjourn.** Motion by Kathy to adjourn at 9:33 PM. Seconded by Jodi Motion passed.

Approved by: *Pam Young*

Attested by: *Jonathan Korte*

**Regular Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council**  
**Monday, December 5th, 2022 @ 7pm**  
**Talkeetna Public Library w/ Zoom link**

Minutes

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**1. Call to order**

Establish a quorum: 6 were in attendance

Attending: Jon Korta, Jodi Rodwell, Krister Bowman, Maleia Grabinski, Frannie Christensen, Pam Young

**2. Pam Young will take the minutes**

**3. Approval of agenda**

Motion by Krister Bowman. No discussion. Seconded by Jodi Rodwell.  
Motion approved.

**4. Election of Officers**

Nominations for Officer Positions: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary  
Jon Korta, Council Chair – Frannie C nominates, Jodi R 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved  
Jodi Rodwell, Co-Chair – Maleia G nominates, Krister B 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved  
Frannie Christensen, Treasurer – Jodi R nominates, Maleia G 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved  
Pam Young, Secretary – Krister B nominates, Maleia G 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved  
Comments: Positions are for 1 year  
Be aware of position tasks.  
Post position duties on the website.

**5. Approval of Minutes from 11/07/2022**

Motion Jodi K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Krister B. No discussion. Motion approved.

**6. Treasurer's Report – Frannie Christensen**

See the Correspondence Packet.

Talkeetna Lakes Parks trail signs cost \$720; Balance \$14,928.13

Submitted year in transaction log for Year 2022 thru December.

Consider this log as a draft report because Year 2022 is not over.

To be included: CAP funds for 2023; expect final report in Jan 2023 with all transactions for calendar Year 2022.

Thank you for transaction details via check register.

A few checks had not been cashed.

Presently, all checks are now deposited and reported in the account

**7. Out-of-Town Guest(s)**

Alex Strawn, Mat-Su Borough Planning and Land Use Director

See discussion in Unfinished Business.

**8. Correspondence**



Refer to the Correspondence Packet.  
SOA survey in Announcements and in the Packet.  
AMCO licensing information.  
Thank you to committee chairs for submitting your reports.  
Hydrology report re Comsat Quarry  
Ordinance to repeal MSB 17.05  
Comments: The Assembly repealed permit requirements for power plants MSB 17.06. The Assembly will consider the proposed repeal of MSB 17.05 Essential Services Utilities on Dec 8.

**9. Announcements**

DOT&PF Winter Maintenance Priority System Survey – see link to Survey in Packet

**10. Persons to be heard**

no sign ups

**11. Assembly Update**

No report from Assembly member Bernier.

This past October, TCCI invited Assemblymember Bernier to attend a meeting or submit an update. No response.

**12. Fire Dept. Report – Eric Chappel**

November was a slow month with only 6 calls unlike a normal monthly average of 14+ calls. It was a relatively safe month.

The Talkeetna and Susitna rivers ice jams raised concerns for flooding particularly along Beaver Road. The Fire Dept responded to a 911 call about Talkeetna River's rapid rise. However, after monitoring, no flooding risk was apparent. Historically, the Fire Dept received alerts from the local radio station.

If a rapid rise spills over the revetment, call 911.

Carbon Monoxide detectors are sponsored by TCCI CERT.

The first 5 detectors were installed this past month.

More detectors will be installed in December.

The Fire Dept needs more volunteers and is actively recruiting weekly at local businesses.

The Mat-Su Borough region has a flu outbreak. Flu vaccines are available.

Willow Elementary is hosting a shot clinic from 330 PM to 530 PM for Covid and flu vaccines. Seventy shots have been administered.

RSV is reported in the area but is less prominent than in the lower 48 states.

**13. Talkeetna Water and Sewer Board – Drew**

no report.

**14. Talkeetna Road Service Area (RSA) – John Strassenburgh**

See report in Correspondence Packet.



RSA met on Nov 10 and approved the road improvement project list.  
Calcium Chloride application was submitted for reconditioning the gravel roads.  
The Calcium Chloride order is seasonally ordered for Big Lake and Talkeetna.  
The product is locally available from Anchorage and should be available as needed.  
Three quarters of Woodpecker Rd will be paved.  
Dike extension improvements are under review.  
The Committee reviewed two main problems to downtown roads from the ACS fiber optic conduit installation project:  
1. The conduit blocked 2 cross culverts.  
2. The project dug up part of the recent road repair near D Street.  
After discussions with the road superintendent, repairs and restorations will hopefully correct the problems.  
The December meeting was canceled. The next meeting is January 2023.

Discussion about MSB road problem online reporting. Anyone can fill out an online report that is routed to the correct staff member. The road problem reporter is supposed to help generate a quick response on the website.  
<https://problemreporter.matsugov.us/>

The MatSu Trails and Parks Foundation seeks a Board member to represent the northern Susitna Valley. Contact John Strassenburgh for more information.  
See John's contact info in the chat box at the end of this document.

## 15. Committee/Board Reports

- a. **Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee (TPAC)** - Roger Robinson  
See the report in the Correspondence Packet.  
The proposed new ski trail, G Loop, will be discussed at TPAC meeting on Dec 13, 2022 at 7PM in the Library. The public is invited to attend in person or by Zoom. TPAC will their website with Technology Committee help.  
Comment: Any update on the RFP for Ridge Trail improvements?  
Response: Assembly approval for funding is anticipated.  
Expect a report from Whitney Wolff later this month.
- b. **Recycling (TRW)** - Cici Schoenberger  
See report in Correspondence Packet.  
General reminder: Recycling is closed when the Transfer Site temperature is 0 or below, accounting for windchill, by noon.  
Nearby forecasts, such as for the airport, are not accurate for the transfer site.  
The borough discourages calls to the attendant. Instead, ask Cici.  
The cardboard baler has a new oil heater.  
The transfer site is closed on Xmas Eve and is open New Year's eve.  
New projects: Encourage local merchants to sell reusable cups.  
Install refillable water stations.  
The recycling team always needs volunteers.  
The Recycling Committee needs a Board representative.  
The next meeting is Tue Dec 6 at Cici's house at 4PM via Zoom and in person.  
Meetings are fall thru spring. There are no meetings during summer.

**c. Community Assistance Program (CAP)**

No report.

Discussion: Kathy Trump, former Board member, was the CAP Board representative. The position is seasonal and will start soon.

The Council should find a new Board representative.

The committee chair, Christie C, also wants to find a replacement for her position.

Annually, TCCI receives \$15,000.00 and CAP recommends fund distributions during Feb, Mar, Apr. JonK and JodiR will follow up.

**d. Comsat Quarry - Krister Bowman**

See report in Correspondence Packet. There is no timetable for next actions.

**e. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

no report

**f. Technology Committee Jeffry Hesse**

no report; next meeting is Wed Dec 7, 2022

**16. Unfinished Business**

**a. Comsat Quarry hydrology report**

The Comsat Quarry hydrology report indicated concern for the breached water table. MSB provided no response to the report. There is disagreement among the experts. However, the water feature is more likely a seep and less like a water table breach, so states Alex Strawn, MSB. TCCI's October 2022 letter (see December 2022 Correspondence Packet) sought clarification about why there is disagreement among experts.

Alex Strawn (AS), MSB: The state hydrologist and borough engineer's opinions differ from the opinions of the hydrologists hired by CALLA. If the Borough were to revoke the state's exemption, then they should be on solid footing. There will likely be an appeal before the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Years ago, a vertical clay seams was breached and caused wells to dry and septic systems to flood. MSB sought to avoid future breaches and contamination. Since 2007, MSB has regulated water table codes and dredging operations.

Comment: Is there any benefit to meeting with borough experts and sharing information?

AS: Yes, the Borough is open to considering additional information.

Comments: It makes sense to check with a hydrologist. At issue is the concern about water being visible. What remains to be resolved is whether the source is a seep or a more concerning problem.

Comments:

Request for Bathroom update

The Bathroom subcommittee met before Thanksgiving and looked at pamphlets and color options. Suggestions for river rock bottom, green board siting, and a cedar shake roof were submitted to Don Gibbs, project engineer. Staff expect the



project to begin late next summer.

Comments:

Requesting update about water points.

Response: JonK asked Trapper Creek about their water point installation and will provide more information at the next meeting. Sunshine Health Clinic also wants a water point.

## **17. New Business**

### **a. MSB OR 22-088 Repealing MSB 17.05 Essential Services Utilities**

"MSB 17.05 is a code that provides for public participation to determine where and how essential service utilities are built. It was enacted to help ensure public health, safety, and welfare, while minimizing negative impacts."

- from KTNA Dec 2, 2022 report

MSB 17.05 requires a public process and must hold two public meetings and provide a report for the meetings. Assemblymember Sumner sought to repeal 17.05 because there are no standards for approval. Other Assembly members supported the Commission's recommendation to amend 17.05 and add standards for approval. The prior discussions regarding 17.05 were a referral process. The upcoming December 8 Assembly meeting will again consider Assemblymember Sumner's ordinance to repeal 17.05 - MSB OR 22-088.

FrannieC moves to write another letter or resubmit the letter authored by Ruth Wood opposing the repeal of MSB 17.05 and support amending the code to add standards for approval.

PamY seconds.

Discussion

The previous letter should be updated to oppose the repeal and amend the code to add standards for approval. The code preserves the opportunity for public

Comment

It is important that we send the letter stating that we oppose the repeal and favor adding standards for approval. Without 17.05 and no public input, if coal bed methane comes back, pipes will go down your street. Even if MSB just notifies, they must listen to public input. We should all strongly support Frannie's motion and must send that letter. Send a copy to the clerk and request that it be handed out to Assembly members.

FrannieC moves to edit the letter with added language supporting the recommendation to amend the code with standards for approval.

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Motion approved.

Comment

Asking Alex Strawn (AS) about the repeal of MSB 17.06. [Background: At their November meeting, the Assembly voted 5 -2 to repeal MSB 17.06 Permit requirements for power plants 10 Mw or greater]

AS: The Assembly didn't discuss the reason for their vote. One comment indicated



that the 10 Mw threshold requirement was arbitrary. No conditional use permit (CUP) applications had been submitted.

Many years ago, following a successful grassroots campaign to prevent the construction of a new coal power plant, MEA relocated the plant. Thereafter, MEA formed an energy commission to repeal old regulations and establish a CUP process that included notifications and standards for approval. Significant time and effort went into creating MSB 17.06 and now it is repealed in its entirety.

The result is that any new powerplant no longer needs a permit from the borough unless it is in a special land use district (spUD).

FrannieC: There is a strong trend by the Assembly toward deregulation. Everyone is urged to pay attention and take the opportunity to speak out and subscribe to the Planner Platform.

Ordinance 22 – 131 Increase annual exemption limit for CUPs from 10K cubic yards to 30K cubic yards

Motion: Write a letter opposing CUP gravel limit changes.

AS: This proposed 10K cubic yard exemption was referred at the last November meeting. It will go back to the Assembly in their February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for a public hearing on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

FrannieC withdraws motion because we have more time to review this topic at a future meeting.

AS continues: In the near future, Assembly members Tew and Yundt will submit an ordinance to reduce the required construction setback from a water body from the current 75' to 70'. A referral on December 20<sup>th</sup> is anticipated.

Historically, ca 1987, the setback from a water body was moved from 45' to 75'.

MSB is revamping their Planning page and will have a link to the new web page and the planner platform.

Link to the Planners Platform <https://planning.matsugov.us/#>

Comments:

What/how can the public provide input?

Suggestion: Prepare and submit initiatives.

## **18. Board Comments**

FrannieC thanks Alex Strawn for attending and appreciates the opportunity to comment on Assembly and borough issues.

JodiR thanks Alex Strawn for attending, for the online Chat information, and for keeping an eye on activities.

KristerB thanks everyone for their input and for a review of the issues.

MaleiaG thanks all for comments and looks forward to learning the Council's process and is glad to have joined the Board.

PamY thanks everyone for attending and for their help preparing meeting materials.

JonK thanks Alex Strawn and everyone for attending.

**19. Next meeting** is Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 at the Library at 7PM

**20. Adjourn** Motion Jodi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Krister, No Discussion, Motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

*Jonah Korta*

Approved by: Jon Korta, Chair Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Pam Young*

Attested to: Pam Young, Secretary Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Notes from Zoom chat:

Education Center to Everyone

JR <https://problemreporter.matsugov.us/>

J Strassenburgh to Everyone 7:49 PM

JS there is a vacancy on the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation Board. the Board is looking for someone from the Susitna Valley. If interested please contact me, John Strassenburgh, jsandrw@matnet.com or phone 907-733-6874 Thank you.

Becky Long to Everyone 8:11 PM

BL was not this voted on by the voters, the 75 foit setback

Alex Strawn to Everyone 8:14 PM

AS <https://us6.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=e04bc3968a35cf78b1c5a70e9&id=54bb481ab2>

Whitney Wolff to Everyone 8:15 PM

WW I have a quick addition to my ridge trail update

Alex Strawn to Everyone 8:15 PM

AS <https://planning.matsugov.us/>

TCCI Inc. is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: TCCI Inc.'s Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 5, 2022 07:00 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4503105937?pwd=RIFWbnRseUM3bzMyRzFIUitnb1hodz09>

Meeting ID: 450 310 5937

Passcode: 610720

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4503105937?pwd=RIFWbnRseUM3bzMyRzFIUitnb1hodz09>

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. TAB 23-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED TRANSPARENCY IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF REVISIONS TO THE 2020 SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION MANUAL THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on transportation-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Construction Manual (SCM) is intended to:

- 1) Establish standards for the design and construction of transportation networks throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- 2) Provide information and guidelines for the design, construction, and upgrade of roads, drainage facilities, and utilities within rights-of-way;
- 3) Develop and maintain a safer and more efficient transportation system; and
- 4) Minimize operation and maintenance efforts; and

WHEREAS, in April 2016, the Mat-Su Borough Assembly signed Resolution 17-003 supporting the rewrite of the 1991 SCM; and

WHEREAS, beginning in June 2018, a group of subject matter experts was formed to review the document. The group consisted of local Land Surveyors, Civil Engineers, Developers, Homebuilders,



Board Members, and Borough staff; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted the 2020 SCM, which went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assembly adopted Ordinance 22-057 on July 19, 2022 making additional revisions to the SCM; and

WHEREAS, that revision process was not advertised or conducted as a part of a public process, outside of public advisory board and Assembly meetings, and the deliberations did not include the same diversity of subject matter experts as was involved in the initial rewrite; and

WHEREAS, public participation directly engages the public in decision-making and gives full consideration to public input in making that decision; and

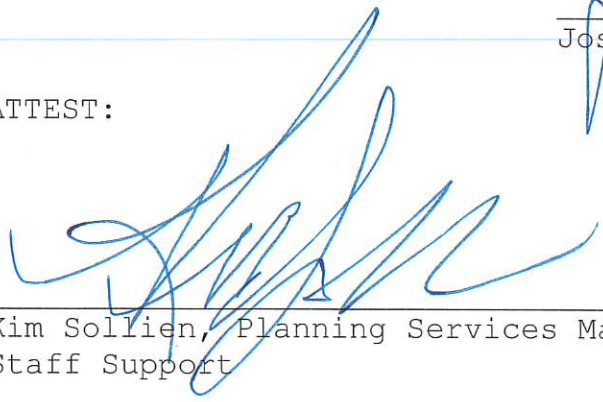
WHEREAS, public participation builds trust, ensures transparency, and creates results that are beneficial to the entire Borough community, instead of individual stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory Board requests a sixty day public comment period as a part of all future updates of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Subdivision Construction Manual.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

  
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Joshua Cross, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager  
Staff Support

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. TAB 23-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE REPEAL OF MSB 4.10 AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD AND THE AMENDMENT OF MSB 4.43.030 COMPOSITION TO INCLUDE A SEAT ON THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR AVIATION INTERESTS.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on transportation-related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board advises the Assembly on aviation and airport-related issues; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has substantially more pilots per capita than other US states, and the aviation community is a vital part of the Borough who's interests should be represented; and

WHEREAS, the Borough does not own any airports and has very limited regulatory authority related to aviation; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Advisory Board has proposed disbanding due to a limited number of advisory items but would like to maintain some representation at the Borough level; and

WHEREAS, as referenced in the Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan, aviation is one piece of the larger transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Board currently has an




at-large seat which could be amended to represent the aviation interests of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Advisory Board supports the repeal of MSB 4.10 Aviation Advisory Board and the amendment of MSB 4.43.030 composition to include a seat for aviation interests.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board this 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

  
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Joshua Cross, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager  
Staff Support

# WEST LAKES FSA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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West Lakes Public Safety Building Station 73  
10073 W. Parks Hwy.  
Wasilla, AK 99623

January 9, 2023

## MEETING MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Cathi Kramer on January 9, 2023

### **II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Board members establishing quorum:

*West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors:*

Cathi Kramer – Chair, Larry Fetchenhier, and Randy Newcomb.

*Present from West Lakes FSA:*

District Chief Tawnya Hightower

*Also Present:*

Director of Emergency Services – Ken Barkley

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ken Barkley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Randy Newcomb moved to approve the agenda. Larry Fetchenhier 2<sup>nd</sup>

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:** Randy Newcomb moved to approve Nov. 14- Joint & Sept. 12, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Larry Fetchenhier second the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This will be Larry Fetchenhier's last meeting as a WLFD Board of Supervisor

### **VII. CHIEF'S REPORT** attached

District 2 Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower

- o Emergency Calls
  - o December 89 Emergency Calls.

## WEST LAKES FSA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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- 9 Structure fires: 6 WLFD, 1 CMSFD, 1 Houston, 1 Willow
- **Community Risk Reduction**
  - 3 Installed Smoke Alarms
  - 3 Installed CO Alarms
- **2022 Summary**
  - Attached

Smoke Alarm Save – On December 11, 2022 at approximately midnight, West Lakes Fire was paged for a chimney fire on Solar Road. The fire had escaped the chimney and spread to the third story of the structure. This was the night of the second snow storm. Roads had accumulated approximately 18 inches of snow and the plows had not been out yet. The homeowner had started a fire in her fireplace earlier in the evening and then gone to bed. She woke up to the sound of the smoke alarm and smoke in the structure at approximately 11:30 PM. West Lakes Fire Personnel had installed the smoke alarms in April 2022 and removed a single non-working 1978 model. With extreme snow conditions, unplowed roads and with apparatus stuck in the middle of the road, crews were able to stop the fire and lessen the loss of property. The homeowner, was woken by the smoke alarm, called 911 and left the structure safely.

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- **Training**
  - Applying Chains to apparatus
  - Review -
- **Upcoming Training**
  - ETT
  - Fire Service Instructor
- **Update/Status Report on Equipment**
  - Rescue 73 back in service.
  - PT73 waiting for manifold shipment back to Alaska after replacement made by Rosenbauer.
  - Engine 72 out of service for wiring harness problem. Rosenbauer electrical specialist coming to Alaska to diagnose and replace.
  - Command Vehicles to be ordered are getting higher on the list. We should hear something from Howard regarding the purchasing process before the next meeting.

### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. 2023 Meeting Schedule** – no objections to proposed dates. Dates have been sent the MSB Clerks office for advertising.
- B. Approval of the proposed FY24 Operating Budget**
  - a. **MOTION:** Randy Newcomb motioned to approve the West Lakes Fire Service Area FY24 Operating Budget. Larry Fetchenhier second.
  - VOTE:** Motion unanimously approved.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Larry Fetchenhier Appreciation presentation



## WEST LAKES FSA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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### X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

XI. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Cathi Kramer asked to adjourn meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 19:11 PM

Cathi Kramer - Chair BOS

Cathi Kramer - Chairman West Lakes FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST:

Tawnya Hightower

Tawnya Hightower - District 2 Fire Chief

Minutes approved on 2/13/23 (West Lakes FSA B.O.S.)