

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Steve Colligan, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara J. Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

Telephonic: 2 - Assemblymember Steve Colligan, and Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to taking up the public hearings for Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-046, 17-051, 17-047, 17-052, 17-048, 17-053, 17-049, 17-054, 17-050, and 17-055 together.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Moosey requested that Resolution Serial No. 17-042, be pulled from the agenda and no action be taken.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Bonnie Quill, Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[17-027](#) A. Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/04/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

1. Reports From Cities

Mr. Nathan Wallace, Palmer City Manager, reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Monica Goyette, School District Superintendent, requested full funding for the School District.

3. Mat-Su Convention And Visitors Bureau

Ms. Bonnie Quill, Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director, reported on the activities of the Bureau to promote tourism within the Borough.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

Assemblymember Beck reported on the most recent meeting of the Committee.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor Halter reported on the mock meetings that he and Ms. McKechnie conducted for Snowshoe Elementary School third graders.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mayor Halter presented a proclamation to Willow Fire Chief Mahlon Greene in honor of his many years of service to the Borough.

Mr. Moosey reported on the reasons that he requested to pull Resolution Serial

No. 17-042, from the agenda; and the ongoing budget issues in Juneau.

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. Updated Schedule And Clarification For Title 17 Zoning And Title 43

Subdivision Updates

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director, provided an updated schedule and clarification for amendments to Title 17, Zoning; and Title 43, Subdivisions.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos reported on several lawsuits that are ongoing in the Superior Court.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the coming meeting schedule and reminded the Mayor and Assembly to evaluate the Manager with the link that was provided.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

17-029

1. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/14/17
2. Greater Butte RSA Board Of Supervisors: 02/02/17
3. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/09/17
4. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 03/16/17, Resolution No. 17-01
5. Planning Commission: 11/07/16, 12/19/16, 02/06/17, 03/06/17, Resolution Nos. 17-04, 17-05, 17-11, 17-13, 17-14, 17-18
6. Platting Board: 03/02/17
7. Port Commission: 03/20/17
8. Talkeetna Flood Control Board Of Supervisors: 01/25/17, 02/22/17
9. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 03/08/17
10. Talkeetna Community Council: 03/06/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 17-095

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 14-032B To Scarsella Bros., Inc. For South Big Lake Road Realignment Improvements, For The Final Contract Amount Of \$5,059,989.42.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

The meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)

(Requires 11 Days Advance Notice And Must Otherwise Be In Compliance With The Necessary Code Requirements. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing To Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.)

There were no persons to be heard.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 17-040](#) An Ordinance Adopting An Update To The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Recreational Trails Plan Component Of The Borough's Comprehensive Plan That Adds, Amends, And Removes Trails And Trail Systems, MSB 15.24.030(B)(16).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-040.

Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-040, to a time certain of June 6, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-044](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$35,000 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Continuity Of Operations And Continuity Of Government Plans And Emergency Operations Plan Writing Software.
RS 17-029: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Continuity Of Operations And Continuity Of Government Plans And Emergency Operations Plan Writing Software.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-045](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$90,000 From The Fiscal Year 2017 Assessment Division Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, Project No. 47523, For The Assessments Mobile Application Project.

RS 17-030: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Assessment Mobile Application Project.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-046](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Portion Of Stepan Lake Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 554, And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 17-051: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$68,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Portion Of Stepan Lake Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 554, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-047](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Rangeview Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 566, And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
OR 17-052: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$69,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The West Rangeview Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 566, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-048](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The McCombs Road And Melanie Lane Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 572, And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
OR 17-053: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$65,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The McCombs Road And Melanie Lane Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 572, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-049](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The 3588 South Dawn Lake Drive Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 576 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
OR 17-054: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$10,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The 3588 South Dawn Lake Drive Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 576, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-050](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The 2207 And 2287 East Carney Road Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 577, And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
OR 17-055: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$24,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The 2207 And 2287 East Carney Road Noncontiguous

Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 577, And Fixing
Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos.
17-046, 17-051, 17-047, 17-052, 17-048, 17-053, 17-049, 17-054,
17-050, and 17-055. The motion passed without objection by
the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and
Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-056](#) An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation In The
Amount Of \$20,000 From The Sutton Fire Service Area Fund
Balance, Fund 253, To The Sutton Fire Service Area Fiscal Year
2018 Operating Budget To Cover Wages And Benefits For The
Remainder Of Fiscal Year 2018.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt. The motion passed
without objection by the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and
Assemblymember Kowalke

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns with the Borough banning wood stoves,
in support of Resolution Serial No. 17-042 being removed from the agenda, and
in support of full funding for the School District: Mr. Tim Kelly

The following person spoke in opposition to the intent of Resolution Serial No.
17-042: Mr. Craig Anderson.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 17-042: Mr. Brian Endel, Ms. Carol Carmen, Mr. Mike Shower, and Mr. Steven Renner.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 17-034](#) A Resolution Approving Certain Unincorporated Communities And Their Incorporated Nonprofit Entity For Participation In The Fiscal Year 2018 Community Assistance Program.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[RS 17-042](#) A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation For Air Quality Coordination.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Resolution Serial No. 17-042 was pulled from the agenda at approval of the agenda. No action was taken.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 17-037](#) Award Of Proposal No. 17-082P To Architects Alaska For The Contract Amount Of \$1,276,699 For Palmer And Wasilla Pool Improvement Designs.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-038](#) Award Of Proposal No. 17-083P To Burkhart Croft Architects In The Contract Amount Of \$410,319, for Brett Memorial Ice Arena Improvements Design.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-040](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-107B To Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$372,349 For Foothills Boulevard At Lucille Creek Fish Passage.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-041](#) Award Of Request For Proposal No. 17-077P To Byler Contracting In The Amount Of \$1,384,000 For The Design Build Of The Borough Parks And Recreation Maintenance Shop.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-042](#) Award Of Request For Proposal No. 17-041P To Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. In The Amount Of \$149,400 For The Borough Solid Waste Business Roadmap/Study.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-043](#) Authorization For The Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement In The Amount Of \$25,000 With The Iditarod Trail Committee, Project No. 15015.

Sponsors: Kowalke

[AM 17-045](#) Authorization For Paul Feather, Current Emergency Services Director, To Accrue Personal Leave At The Rate Of 12.7691 Hours Per Pay Period.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[AM 17-035](#) Award Of Bid 17-101B To D & S Road Services In The Amount Of \$930,020 To Provide Crack Sealing Services.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[RS 17-031](#) A Resolution To Approve And Adopt The Fiscal Year 2018 Schedule Of Rates And Fees Effective July 1, 2017.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 17-031.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to amend the fees table as follows: Community Development - Hourly private ice rental/Primetime (September 1 through March 31) Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. - by striking "\$225" and inserting "\$235" in its place; Community Development - Hourly private ice rental/non-primetime (April 1 through August 31) Outside primetime September 1 through March 31, all hours - by striking "\$180" and inserting "\$190" in its place; Community Development - Hourly private rental/paid gate/primetime (September 1 through March 31) Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. - by striking "\$250" and inserting "\$260" in its place; and Community Development - Hourly private rental/paid gate/non-primetime (April 1 through August 31) Outside primetime September 1 through March 1, all hours - by striking "\$200" and inserting "\$210" in its place.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt. The main motion passed as amended without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing May 16, 2017, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 17-032](#) An Ordinance Approving Classification Of Borough-Owned Lands For Inclusion In The 2017 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale And Future Over-The-Counter Land Sales (MSB007249).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-041](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.27, Borough Area School Site Selection Committee; And MSB 19.08.020(D), Location Of School Buildings, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-042](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.58, Health And Social Services Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To

Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-043](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.43, Transportation Advisory Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-057](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$134,000 From Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Fund Balance, Fund 281, To Fund 410, Project No. 30047, For Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-059](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$115,000 From Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Fund Balance, Fund 282, To Fund 410, Project No. 30048, For Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-062](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies In The Amount Of \$1,778,688 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management And The Federal Emergency Management Agency To Fund 445, Project No. 55017.

RS 17-033: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies, Project No. 55017.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-065](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Funds For Revision No. 2 In The Amount Of \$300,000 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service To Fund 410, Project No. 30114, For Up To 24 Culvert Replacements As Part Of The Fish Passage Improvements Project, Project No. 30114.

RS 17-035: A Resolution Amending The Budget For Revision No. 2 In The Amount Of \$300,000 For Replacement Of Up To 24 Culverts For Fish Passage Improvement, Project No. 30114.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-067](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$171,513 From The Capital Projects Department Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 100, To Fund 435, Borough Facilities Capital Projects, For The Fireweed Building

Improvements, Project No. 10178.

RS 17-036: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fireweed Building Improvements, Project No. 10178.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-068](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,500 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$833.33 From The Butte Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 251, To Project No. 20144, Fund 405, For Fire Hose, Foam, And Shipping.
RS 17-037: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Butte Fire Service Area, Project No. 20144, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-069](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,015 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$779.44 From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 248, To Project No. 20150, Fund 405, For Fire Hose And Shipping.
RS 17-038: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Caswell Fire Service Area, Project No. 20150, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-070](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,015 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$779.44 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 258, To Project No. 20146, Fund 405, For Fire Hose And Shipping.
RS 17-039: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Willow Fire Service Area, Project No. 20146, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-071](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,347.36 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$816.37 From The Sutton Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 253, To

Project No. 20255, Fund 405, For Radios And Pagers.
RS 17-040: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Sutton Fire Service Area, Project No. 20255, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-072](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,484.80 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$831.64 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 249, To Project No. 20151, Fund 405, For Fire Equipment And Clothing.
RS 17-041: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For West Lakes Fire Service Area, Project No. 20151, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-074](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Enact A Sales Tax Not To Exceed 3 Percent Of Sales, Services, And Rentals Within Service Area No. 36, Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area And Submitting The Question To The Qualified Service Area Voters At The October 3, 2017, Regular Borough Election.
OR 17-075: An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.70, Service Area Sales Tax; To Adopt A 3 Percent Sales Tax Within Service Area No. 36, Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area.

Sponsors: Kowalke

[OR 17-076](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.10, Aviation Advisory Board To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the clerk and set the public hearings for May 16, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[17-031](#) Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Historical Preservation Commission:

Mark Murray

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Brian Ritchie

Ryan Pierce, resignation

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board:

Tom Phillips

Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board:

William Nall

Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

D. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)

There were no referrals presented.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations presented.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember McKee spoke to concerns with the construction of the Parks and Recreation maintenance facility.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the body for a good meeting. Noted his appreciation of staff for their input. Thanked the public for expressing their concerns regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) attached to Resolution Serial No. 17-042. Commented that the real issue is not the MOU, but the guidelines that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expects the Borough to abide by when it comes to air quality standards. Stated that there is a need to help the public understand the EPA process.

Assemblymember Kowalke stated that he was delighted to be present at the presentation of proclamation to Chief Mahlon Greene. Spoke to numerous meetings

he has been attending.

Assemblymember Mayfield stated that it is good to be able to discuss the issues that are important to the public. Noted that it is important to him to have open discussion. Thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Doty spoke to her appreciation of the input from the public on the air quality issue. Commented that air quality is about the health of the public. Related that respiratory disease is on the rise due to the poor quality of air. Stated her preference for local community engagement. Commented that the discussion regarding procurement was beneficial.

Assemblymember Colligan opined that it is important to follow the procurement process rules. Noted that it is an administrative process and not an Assembly process. Noted that the Borough has been steadily working to meet certain standards for services over the years. Stated his appreciation of the discussion during the meeting.

Assemblymember Bec thanked staff for all of their hard work. Thanked the public for their participation. Advised the body that he will be calling in for the next two weeks for budget deliberations.

Mayor Halter expressed his disdain for the patently false information on social media that woodstoves would be banned by the Borough. Noted the budget deliberations that would be occurring tomorrow evening. Stated that he would like to take the school budget amendments first and then to follow the order the Clerk has suggested for the remainder of the amendments.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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