Sponsored By: Borough Manager

Introduced: 05/15/18
Public Hearing: 05/15/18

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## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 18-033

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FROM THE MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 15019, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION NEEDED TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE THE LAKE LOUISE BOAT LAUNCH AND PARKING LOT.

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$40,000 to be used for much needed improvements at the Lake Louise boat launch and parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the public boat launch and parking lot located at the end of Lake Louise Road was constructed using \$80,000 of the Parks, Recreation, and Trails bond money approved in 2001 to provide a cement boat launch and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has identified required upgrades and repairs at the boat launch and parking lot which are now needed to alleviate parking congestion and a safety hazard with the boat launch; and

WHEREAS, water levels have dropped on Lake Louise and erosion has occurred at the bottom of the launch creating a dangerous drop off; and

WHEREAS, due to the low water levels, patrons of the lake must off-load their boats further out into the lake causing trailer

wheels to drop into the eroded area; and

WHEREAS, improving the grade and extending the end of the boat launch will help to alleviate this hazard; and

WHEREAS, parking, pedestrian traffic, and people offloading snow machines or launching boats (depending on the season) compete for limited space; upgrades to and expansion of the parking lot are necessary to alleviate congestion and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the boat launch and parking lot are located on State land; and

WHEREAS, Borough and State staff have worked cooperatively to find solutions to this highly-used public area; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project was initially approved in the State's fiscal year 2017 capital appropriation, but was pulled upon notification of Governor Walker's budget vetoes; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution Serial No. 17-044, the Assembly accepted and appropriated \$25,000 from the Louise Susitna Tyone Community Association and \$115,000 from the Land Management Permanent Fund, fund 203, to support this project, and

WHEREAS, repairs and upgrades to the boat launch and parking lot are now critical and need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly must pass an ordinance accepting the grant from the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, funds must be appropriated prior to expenditures and no expenditures will be made until a scope of work and budget has been approved by the Assembly.

## BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Acceptance and appropriation source. The Assembly hereby accepts and appropriates \$40,000 to fund 440, project no. 15019, from the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation for the construction needed to repair and upgrade the Lake Louise Boat Launch and Parking Lot.

Section 3. <u>Effective date</u>. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of May, 2018.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, and Kowalke