

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Michael Bowles, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Maxwell Sumner, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Sumner.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Mayoral Proclamation in Recognition of Education and Sharing Day

26-042 Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation in recognition of Education and Sharing Day and presented it to Rabbi Greenberg.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 26-039** A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 01/06/26
 B. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 01/20/26
 C. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 01/20/26
 D. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 02/03/26
 The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

There were no reports provided.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

3. State of Alaska

Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, spoke to increased property values and the Alaska Permanent Divided Fund. Noted possible sales tax for the State of Alaska and the gas line project.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Brown provided an update on the Request for Interest to evaluate opportunities for attracting data centers and other large power users to Borough-owned lands.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 26-040**
1. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 26-01
 2. Central Mat-Su FSA/West Lakes FSA Joint Board of Supervisors: 10/13/25
 3. Chase Community Council: 07/14/25
 4. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/21/26
 5. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 12/04/25, Resolution No. 26-01
 6. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 05/09/24, 09/12/24
 7. South Lakes Community Council: 01/05/26
 8. Talkeetna Community Council: 01/05/26

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 26-038** Informing The Assembly Of The Managers' Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Mat-Su Health Foundation.
The informational memorandum was presented, and no comments were noted.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Board and spoke to proposed pipeline going through his property: David Palmer.

The following person spoke to the Library Board and obscene library books: Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to starting an advisory group called Mat-Su oil and gas and spoke to the pipeline coming to the Mat-Su: Tom Roberson.

The following person spoke to property taxes: Dawson White.

The following persons spoke to obscene books: Karen Lewis and Linda Spohn.

The following person spoke to black history month and library books. Noted the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson: Mary Robinson

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-102: Joel Stefanski.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-016: Gigi Hersh, Scott Ashmore, Carl Sedloske, Darren Rad, Mallory Smyth, Jamie Harms-Smyth, James Ramey Smyth, Becca Moore, Banyan Smyth, Sarah Lorimer, David (Last name was indiscernible), Carol Tyler, Hannah Hensley, Cathleen (Last name was indiscernible), Maria (Last name was indiscernible), Margaret Goodman, and Matthew (Last name was indiscernible).

The following person spoke to local libraries, snow plowing, flooding, shooting range, and the Big Lake Ice Arena: Jeanne Troshynski.

The following person spoke to Road Service Area contract issues: Terry Gorlick.

The following person property taxes: Jackie Gorlick.

The following person spoke to banning books, the recent MSB Library Board meeting, and Alaska Senate Bill 238: Dana Raffaniello.

The following person spoke to the 250th anniversary of our country and spoke to Randy Trani, Mat-Su Borough School District Superintendent. Noted the upcoming budget cycle: Mark Spohn.

The following person spoke to the proposed Engstrom and Trunk connector: Rod Hasnon, North Lakes Community Council Chair.

The following person spoke to Valley Transit and Trunk Road: Scott Lindbloom

The following person spoke to obscene library books and data centers: Elory Gibbs.

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 25-127 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.67, Tall Structures Including Telecommunication Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, And Other Tall Structures; To Reduce The Minimum Setback Requirements For New Telecommunications Towers.

Sponsors: Fonov

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-127.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 26-013 An Ordinance Extending The Time Of Completion Of The Expiring Beetle Kill Fire Reduction Initiative Grant Match Funds Through September 30, 2027.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-013.

The motion passed by the follow vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 26-015 An Ordinance To Purchase The Adjacent Lot Next To The Big Lake Lions Recreation Center In The Amount Of \$110,000; And To Classify The Land As Reserved Use Lands For The Purpose Of A Sewer System Lot.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Gamble moved to Ordinance Serial No. 26-015.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 26-015 to March 3, 2026.

Assemblymember Gamble moved a primary amendment to strike March 3, 2026, and insert June 2, 2026.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Fonov

The motion to postpone to June 2, 2026 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Fonov

OR 26-016 An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of A Borough-Owned Property As Reserved Use Land For The Purpose Of A Shooting Range. Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-016: Linda Oxley, Willow Area Community Organization member; Sandy McDonald; Thomas Blair; John McDonald; Robert Morgan; Kori Morgan; Jeff Morgan; Kelton Hensley; Darcie Morgan; Mallory Smyth; Jamie Harms-Smyth; Nila Morgan; James Ramey Smyth; Elory Gibbs; and Christopher (Last name was indiscernible).

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-016.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 26-016 to April 7, 2026.

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to strike April 7, 2026, and insert June 2, 2026.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

The motion to postpone to June 2, 2026, passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

OR 26-018 An Ordinance To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,013,700, In One Or More Series To Finance The (A) The Acquisition, Design, Construction, Major Renovation And Renewal Of Educational And Related Capital Improvement Projects In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, (B) The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Pathways And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith, And (C) The Refunding Of Certain Outstanding General Obligation Bonds Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-018.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 26-019 An Ordinance Repealing MSB 1.10.265, Animal Control In Its Entirety; And Adopting MSB 1.10.141, Animal Control, To Establish Areawide Authority For Animal Control Services Within The Borough, To Include The Cities Of Palmer, Wasilla, And Houston.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-019.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 26-020 An Ordinance Establishing An Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads.
RS 26-010: A Resolution Establishing A Fee For Processing Requests For An Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads.

Sponsors: McKee and Fonov

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to postponing to let the Local Road Service Area Advisory Board to review the legislation: Terry Gorlick.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-020 and Resolution Serial No. 26-010.

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-020 as follows:

*** In subsection (B) strike the words, "one time per day" and insert "one round trip per day" to read "the manager may authorize a vehicle operator to exceed weight limit restrictions one round trip per day upon payment of as fee";**

***inserting section 11.08.025 to read as follows, "11.08.025 Road Weight Restrictions (A) This section establishes a process to allow limited exemptions from road weight restrictions for the transportation of non-divisible equipment. (B) An application for exemption from the weight restrictions shall be filed on a form provided by the Borough. The application shall include: (1) appropriate filing fee as established by the assembly; (2) date of travel; (3) information identifying the subject vehicle, including the make, model, color, and license plate number; and (4) information identifying the vehicle, load, or equipment which is non-divisible."; and**

***inserting section 11.08.040 to read as follows, "11.08.040 Definitions (A) For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.**

***'Non-divisible equipment' means a vehicle, load, or piece of machinery that cannot be readily dismantled, reduced, or separated into smaller components to comply with applicable**

road weight limits without: 1. compromising the structural integrity or intended operation of the load of equipment; or 2. requiring more than eight work hours to dismantle using appropriate tools and equipment."

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11:00 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Nowers moved a secondary amendment to subsection 11.08.025(B)(2) to insert the words, "and route of travel" to read "(2) date of travel and route of travel".

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment to subsection 11.08.025 (B)(2) to insert the words, "and starting point and where traveling to," to read as follows, "(2) date of travel and starting point and where traveling to".

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to subsection 11.08.025(B) by inserting the following words, "(5) if the weight requested exceeds State road limits and the route requires using State roads proof needs to be provided of State approval."

Assemblymember Gamble moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 26-020 and Resolution Serial No. 26-010 to March 3, 2026.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bowels called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

RS 26-009 A Resolution Supporting A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes For The Pipeline Infrastructure Of The Alaska Natural Gas (AKLNG) Project.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 26-009.

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 26-009 as follows:

***Inserting the following additional WHEREAS clauses, "WHEREAS, under current law, the physical value of the pipeline within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough will be counted in the determination of the full and true value of all taxable property within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and**

WHEREAS, this total value number has a large impact on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough because the Required Local Contribution ("RLC") to the School District is 2.65 mills multiplied by the full and true value of all taxable property in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, while a PILT provides certainty for all, if the value of the pipeline is included in the full and true value of all property, it will dramatically raise the RCL without a corresponding increase in revenue sufficient to pay the increase in the RLC while also providing funding to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to address other impacts of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, if a PILT is enacted, it must also specify that the value of the pipeline is not to be included in the property to be calculated by AS 14.17.410(b)(2) and AS 14.17.510; and"

***inserting another BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause as follows, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the support for a PILT is conditional upon also enacting a provision of law that the value of the pipeline is not to be included in the property to be calculated by AS 14.17.410(b)(2) and AS 14.17.510; and".**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bernier moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 26-009 as follows:

***Inserting the following additional WHEREAS clauses, "WHEREAS, the intent of establishing a threshold for a PILT is intended to avoid taxing in-state gas, if and until gas exports begin; and**

WHEREAS, Southcentral Alaska consumes approximately 60 billion cubic feet (BCF) annually and the State has discussed a 1 BCF per day threshold for payments; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal assumes that payments in lieu of taxes are split with the State of Alaska and the State is seeking tax reform to lower project costs."

***inserting another BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause as follows, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a PILT should apply once throughput exceeds 250 million cubic feet (MMCF) per day and, regardless of throughput, payments should apply to all throughput volume after 10 years following completion of the pipeline; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly supports eliminating all payment in lieu of tax costs shared with the State of Alaska, leaving the full payment in organized Boroughs to the local municipality."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

There being no one present who wished to testify audience participation closed.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 26-014 A Resolution Amending The Title And Scope Of Work For A Project To Construct A North-Eastern Borough Communications Tower.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

AM 26-012 Award Of Bid No. 26-099B To Big Dipper Construction, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$1,956,942 To Construct Station 6-2 Training Complex Improvements For Confined Space & Structural Simulation.

AM 26-013 Approval Of Contract Extension For Orion Construction, Inc., Contract No. 25-050B, For Solid Waste Facility Entrance Improvements; And Extending The Contract Completion Date From March 31, 2026, To June 30, 2026.

AM 26-014 Approval Of Contract Extension For Wolf Architecture, Inc., Contract No. 24-071P, For Gateway Visitor Center Professional Services; And Extending The Contract Completion Date From March 31, 2026, To June 30, 2026.

AM 26-015 Award Of Proposal No. 26-093P To Nvision Architecture, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$115,380 To Design The Iditarod Elementary School Cladding Repair.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR 25-102 An Ordinance Amending MSB 43.20, Subdivision Development Standards To Allow Lots To Be Reduced To 30,000 Square Feet Within Single-Family Residential Land Use Districts.

Sponsors: Sumner

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-102.

The main motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

X. VETO

There were no vetoes.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 03/03/26 Assembly Chambers)

OR 26-022 An Ordinance Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project And Accepting And Appropriating A Grant For Project Implementation.
RS 26-013: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project.

OR 26-024 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.225 Board Of Equalization; Hearing, Related To Limiting The Board's Authority To Raise Assessments And Making Findings.

Sponsors: Sumner, Bowles and Gamble

OR 26-025 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$258,328.07 From The United States Geological Survey And \$265,852.19 From The Natural Resources Conservation Service; And Extending The Date Of Completion For Match Funding Through June 30, 2029, For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.
RS 26-015: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.

OR 26-027 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 75 Percent, And Remove The Provisions That Only Returned Ballots Are Considered In Tabulation.

Sponsors: Nowers and Bowles

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for March 3, 2026, respectively.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

26-041 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Agriculture Advisory Board
James Hazlett
Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Claudia Roberts, resignation
Platting Board
Steve Kevan
Alpine RSA # 31
Frank Buzby
Caswell Lakes RSA #15
Michael "Hunter" Leach

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the resignations and appointments requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

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

OR 26-021 An Ordinance Repealing A General Standard Of MSB 17.30, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) For Earth Materials Extraction Activities.

Sponsors: Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

XII. RECONSIDERATION

There was no reconsiderations.

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers requested the Manager provide information about comments regarding North Engstrom Road that the North Lakes Community Council mentioned during audience participation. Spoke to data centers and road weight limit exemptions.

Assemblymember Bowles thanked Assemblymember Bernier and noted his support for additional shooting ranges. Spoke to growth in the Borough and staying autonomous.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to road weight restrictions.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

(19 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 03/17/26