

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

## BOROUGH MAYOR

Edna DeVries

## BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

## BOROUGH MANAGER

Michael Brown

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Tim Hale, District 1  
Stephanie Nowers, District 2  
Dee McKee, District 3  
Robert Yundt, 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, JANUARY 16, 2024

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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:** 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

**Telephonic:** 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, and Assemblymember Dee McKee

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator, Bill Stoltz.

### V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

**A. Designation of Assemblymember Yundt to Run Meetings on Behalf of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in their Absence.**

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection to the designation of Assemblymember Yundt to run meetings on behalf of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in their absence.

There was no objection noted.

**VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

There were no minutes presented.

**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**

Katie Gardner, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations, reported on the activities of the School District.

**3. State of Alaska**

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the status of the legislative session.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**

Assemblymember Nowers reported on the most recent meeting.

**2. Assembly Public Relations**

There were no reports provided.

**C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

**1. State/Federal Legislation**

**2. Strategic Planning Issues**

**3. Annual Assessor Update**

[24-028](#) Annual Assessor Update

Oliver Querin, Borough Assessor, provided the annual assessor update.

#### **4. Update To The Online Payment Changes**

[24-023](#) Online Payments Handout

Mr. Brown, Borough Manager, reported on the status of the upgrade to online payments.

#### **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There was no report provided.

#### **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

#### **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

[24-021](#)

1. Abbreviated Plat: 12/27/23, 01/03/24
2. Agriculture Advisory Board: 10/18/23
3. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 11/13/23
4. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/07/23, Resolution Nos. 04-23, 05-23
5. Chickaloon Community Council: 12/19/23
6. Glacier View Community Council: 11/21/23
7. Greater Willow RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/24/23, 10/26/23, Resolution Nos. 24-01
8. Platting Board: 12/07/23, 12/21/23

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

#### **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

[IM 24-019](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 22-054B With Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$581,342.54 For The Road Service Area No. 16 Belair Estates Road Improvements Project.

[IM 24-025](#)

Informing The Assembly Of Grant Amendments For Time Extensions Only From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development That Are To Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 24-028](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Approval And Submittal Of The 2024 Online Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Applications For The Department Of Emergency Services For The Fire Service Areas Of Talkeetna, Caswell, And Willow.

[IM 24-029](#) Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 24-014B With MacKenna Brothers Paving Inc. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$585,475.84 For The 2023 Road Paving Project.

[IM 24-030](#) Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 23-112B With Big Dipper Construction, Inc. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$607,664.41 For Road Service Area No. 9, South B-Shannon Street, East Brenda Avenue, And East Carefree Road Improvements Project.  
The informational memorandums were presented, and no comments were noted.

## **VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

There were no persons to be heard.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

[OR 24-009](#)

An Ordinance Changing The Mayor And Assembly Term Of Office From Three Years To Four Years For Future Terms Without Altering The Length Of Current Terms.

**Sponsors:** Yundt and McKee

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of sending the question to the voters: Vicki Malone, Dan Mayfield, Ellen VanderVisse, Patrica Fisher, John Strausenburg, Ruth Wood, Allen Leonard, and Stephen Edwards.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 24-009: Mary Robinson and Camden Yehle.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 24-009: Ron Johnson, David Miller, Jackie Goforth, Mary Revetta, Travis Friesen, Kendall Kruse, Lacy Libby, Mike Coons, and Max Sumner.

The following person spoke to pros and cons of the legislation: Terry Gorlick.

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

[Clerk's Note Assemblymember Fonov exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and reentered at 7:08 p.m.]

**Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-009.**

**Assemblymember Hale moved to primary amendment as follows:**

- \* to place the question on the ballot for the November 5, 2024, regular Borough election;**
- \* to bring back ballot language to the Assembly at the May 7, 2025, regular Assembly meeting; and**
- \* to make the effective date November 5, 2024, if ratified by the voters.**

**Assemblymember Bernier called for the question (to stop debate).**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Nowers

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate).**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Nowers

[OR 24-010](#)

An Ordinance Allowing Candidates For Mayor, Assembly, And School Board To Designate A Political Affiliation.

**Sponsors:** Yundt and McKee

The meeting recessed at 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie record the legislation into the record.

Mr. Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No.

24-010: Vicki Malone, Ralph Baldwin, Stephan O'Brien, Sara Lynn Ackermann, D.J. McBride, Ellen VandeVisse, Stephen Edwards, Kathy Kysar, John Strausenburg, Camden Yehle, and Ruth Wood.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No.

24-010: Ron Johnson, Karen Lewis, Mike Coons, Jackie Goforth, Mary Revetta, Terry Gorlick, and David Miller.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No.

24-010: Allen Lenard.

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

**Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-010.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 24-010, to June 4, 2024, and bring ballot language back to the Assembly.**

**Assemblymember Yundt moved a secondary amendment by striking "June 4, 2024" and inserting "February 20, 2024" in its place.**

**The secondary amendment passed by the following vote.**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-007](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 23.20.090(C), To Change The Requirement Of Preparing A Five-Year Harvest Schedule Every Three Years, To A Voluntary Schedule.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into record.

Emerson Krueger, Resource Manager, provided a staff report.

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 adopted Ordinance Serial No. 24-007.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-011](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2023 September Talkeetna Flooding Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$763,703.21 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 24-009: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Susitna River Revetment And Trail As A Result Of The 2023 September Talkeetna Flooding.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries moved to open 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. 24-011 and Resolution Serial No. 24-009.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-012](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2023 September Talkeetna Flooding Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$20,692.50 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 24-010: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Repairs To Moose Meadows And Sushana Roads As A Result Of The 2023 September Talkeetna Flooding.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries moved to open 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. 24-012 and Resolution Serial No. 24-010.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-013](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$54,762.37 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency; And \$18,254.12 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 24-011: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Damages To The Dorothy Swanda Jones Building As A Result Of The 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries moved to open 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. 24-013 and Resolution Serial No. 24-011.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-014](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$36,839.03 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency And \$12,279.68 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 24-012: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Damages To The Central Landfill As A Result Of The 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries moved to open 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. 24-014 and Resolution Serial No. 24-012.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

### C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns with Resolution Serial No. 24-021: D.J. McBride.

The following person requested that the Big Lake RSA RIP List be postponed: Pat Daniel, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member.

The following persons spoke to concerns with pornographic books in Borough libraries and to the need to protect children from pornography: Jackie Goforth, Karen Lewis, Mike Coons, and Mary Revetta.

The following person commented on the high quality of the Borough's publication, It Takes Fish to Make Fish.: Peter Probasco, MSB Fish & Wildlife Commission member.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 24-021: Ellen VandeVisse and Linda Sloan.

The following person spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 24-021 and opined that AM 24-003 should have gone to the road service area boards prior to being presented to the Assembly: Stephen Edwards.

**Assemblymember Yundt moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. not to exceed 11 p.m.**

#### **The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The following person spoke to concerns with the Borough's book review policy: Kathy Kysar.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 24-021: Camden Yehle, John Strausenburg, Ruth Wood, and Sherry Rusher.

The following person opined that no action should be taken on AM No. 24-003: Jill Parson, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution No. 24-021: Ron Johnson.

The following person opined that the Big Lake RSA RIP List should be stricken from AM No.24-003: Andrew Traxler, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member; and Terry Gorlick.

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

[RS 24-019](#) A Resolution Amending The Composition Of The Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues.

[RS 24-020](#) A Resolution Supporting The MSB Fish And Wildlife Commission Efforts And Policy Recommendations Identified In The 2024 "It Takes Fish To Make Fish" Booklet At The 2024 Board Of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting.

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 Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[RS 24-021](#) A Resolution Encouraging Residents To Maintain Firearms, Together With Ammunition Therefor.

**Sponsors:** McKee and Bernier

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 24-021.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

## **2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**

[AM 24-003](#) Approval Of The Road Service Area Road Improvement Project List For 2024.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt AM No. 24-003.**

**Assemblymember Gamble moved a primary amendment, page 27 by striking the Big Lake Road Service Area Road Improvement List.**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**The main motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[AM 24-004](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 6 For Contract No. 23-091B With H5 Construction, LLC. To Add \$26,440 For The Brett Memorial Ice Arena Roof Replacement Project, To Repair The Damage Found During Work On The Project.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Yundt declared a conflict of interest as two of the owners of H5 construction are like family to him.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Yundt had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

(Assemblymember Yundt exited the meeting.)

**Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopted AM No. 24-004.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Recused:** 1 - Assemblymember Yundt  
(Assemblymember Yundt re-entered the meeting.)

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **X. VETO**

There were no vetoes presented.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 02/06/24, Assembly Chambers)**

[OR 24-017](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Borough-Owned Property Identified As Lot 99 Rustic Wilderness Division 2 To The Adjacent Property Owner, Roar Ingebretsen.

[OR 24-018](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$675,000 From The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance To Repair Pumper-Tender 62.

RS 24-018: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Facilitate Repairs For Pumper-Tender 62 For Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.

[OR 24-019](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 From Areawide Fund Balance To The Arctic Winter Games Project For An As Needed Grant To Supplement Funding For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

RS 24-022: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For An As Needed Grant To Supplement Funding For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

**Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for February 6, 2024.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

[24-022](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation  
Borough Area School Site Selection Committee  
Rob Yundt  
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board  
Joel Butcher (City of Wasilla seat)  
Joel Butcher (resignation from City of Wasilla alternate)  
Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues  
Rob Yundt  
Ole Larson  
Tom Bergey, resignation  
Kathy McCollum  
Brooks Pitcher  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Michael Gavarrete  
Wastewater & Septage Advisory Board  
Terry Gorlick  
Amanda Fleming  
Knik RSA No. 17  
Geary Cooper, resignation

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

**Assemblymember Bernier moved to divide the question to take up the confirmation of Terry Gorlick to the Wastewater & Septage Advisory Board separately.**

**The motion to divide the question passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Gamble

**FIRST SEGMENT: Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointments and resignations as requested by the Mayor except for the appointment of Terry Gorlick to the Wastewater & Septage Advisory Board.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**SECOND SEGMENT: Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointment of Terry Gorlick to the Wastewater & Septage Advisory Board.**

**Assemblymember Nowers called for the question (to stop debate).**

**The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 11 p.m. and not to exceed 11:30 p.m.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone the confirmation of Terry Gorlick to February 6, 2024, vacancy report.**

**The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Fonov

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

**The second segment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 2 - 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)**

There were no referrals.

### **XII. RECONSIDERATION**

There were no reconsiderations presented.

### **XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymember McKee apologized for attending telephonically and noted that she is not feeling well.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission. Stated that she is looking forward to the budget cycle. Stated that she is looking forward a committee being formed regarding election transparency.

Assemblymember Bernier stated that he would like to disband the Wastewater & Septage Advisory Board.

Assemblymember Yundt spoke to the need to upgrade substandard roads to Borough standards. Opined that a substandard road could be in a road service area, pay taxes and not be maintained. Noted that he has some budget amendments in mind and encouraged other members to begin looking at things they may want to amend. Spoke to issues with the Big Lake RSA No. 21. Expressed his enthusiasm to ensure as many fish passage projects are included in the budget as possible.

Assemblymember Gamble stated he learned a lot tonight. Related that he is the newest member of the MSB Fish and Wildlife commission. Thanked Mayor DeVries for appointing him. Spoke to his agreement with Assemblymember Yundt about substandard roads needing to be upgraded to Borough standards.

Assemblymember Fonov wishes everyone a goodnight.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.