## 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 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, MAY 6, 2025** 

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 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 Tim Hale, 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 an Eagle Scout from the audience.

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## V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mayor DeVries presented certificates of achievement to the following Eagle Scouts for their projects:

- \* Hunter Cameron, Palmer Troop 300 Palmer birdie boxes;
- \* Naythen Daiger, Palmer Troop 54 First-Aid kits for people experiencing homelessness;
- \* Sean Edwards, Wasilla Troop 300 Garden bed/trash can receptacle;
- \* Hans Erickson, Wasilla Troop 300 Trailhead Weslyan Garden, shelving, Gaga Ball;
- \* Ezekiel Fisher, Palmer Troop 300 Colony bench restoration;
- \* Charles Goodell, Wasilla Troop 300 4-H and FFA Market photo backdrop;
- \* Kalebor Inman, Wasilla Troop 300 Finger Lake Elementary picnic tables;
- \* Samantha Ivery, Palmer Troop 2300 Family Promise birthday boxes;
- \* Lucas Mansfield, Wasilla Troop 300 Transportation Museum Kaman SH-2F Exhibit;
- \* Leila Petersen, Palmer Troop 2300 Little Library; and
- \* Seamus Wheeler, Wasilla Crew 359 Flag Box initiative.

## A. Mayoral Proclamation in Recognition of National Public Works Week

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation in recognition of Public Works Week into the record and presented it to Tom Adams, Public Works Director.

## B. Mayoral Proclamation in Recognition of The National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation in recognition of the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive into the record and presented it to Tom Devros.

#### VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

## 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

There was no report provided.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, reported on the most recent meeting of the committee.

## 2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor DeVries spoke to the Drive Your Tractor to Work Day event and noted that it was well attended.

#### C. MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. State/Federal Legislation
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues

There was no report provided.

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and noted that pertinent election dates will be included soon.

## F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 25-079
- 1. Abbreviated Plat: 04/02/25, 04/09/25, 04/16/25, 04/23/25
- 2. Agriculture Advisory Board: 03/19/25, Resolution No. 25-02
- 3. Big Lake Community Council: 03/11/25
- 4. Butte Community Council: 03/12/25
- 5. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/09/25
- 6. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/13/25, 02/03/25
- 7. Chase Community Council: 01/22/25
- 8. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/11/25
- 9. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/13/25
- 10. Lazy Mountain Community Council: 04/14/22, 09/08/22, 10/13/22, 05/11/23, 10/12/23, 04/11/24, 10/10/24, Resolution No. 24-0001
- 11. Library Board: 01/14/25, 02/11/25
- 12. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 01/15/25
- 13. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 01/09/25, 02/13/25, 03/13/25
- 14. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 03/12/25
- 15. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/06/25
- 16. Planning Commission: Resolution No. 25-05
- 17. Platting Board: 04/03/25
- 18. Port Commission: 10/07/24, 01/10/25
- 19. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution Nos. 25-001, 25-02
- 20. South Lakes Community Council: 04/07/25
- 21. Susitna Community Council: 03/06/25
- 22. Talkeetna Community Council: 03/03/25
- 23. Tanaina Community Council: 01/28/25, 02/25/25, 03/25/25
- 24. Trapper Creek Community Council: 03/27/25
- 25. Willow Area Community Organization: 03/05/25
- 26. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/10/25

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

#### G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 25-101 Informing The Assembly Of The Intent To Subdivide Lot 5, U.S. Survey No. 3483 Into Two Lots For The Purpose Of A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough-Owned Property To The Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association For A Public Purpose.
- IM 25-103 Informing The Assembly Of The Submittal Of A Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Application Requesting \$22,935.48 To Purchase Fire Extinguisher Training Equipment.

IM 25-108 Notifying The Assembly Of The Manager's Intent To Amend The Management Agreement With Valley Community For Recycling Solutions, Inc. To Transfer Maintenance Of The Recycling Facility, To The Mat-Su Borough Consistent With Other Borough Facilities.

The informational memorandums were 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 thanked the Public Works Department, Assemblymember Fonov, and Mayor DeVries for their assistance in fixing a flooding issue in her neighborhood, spoke to concerns with road access to Shaw Elementary School, and to the need for traffic calming measures in that area: Melody McCullough.

The following person spoke in support of waiving user fees at Alcantra Ballfields: Tanner Baird, Alaska Polar Fast Pitch.

The following person opined that Borough libraries should utilize RFID tags on books to keep pornographic books out of the hands of children and to concerns with a Borough contract with the Rose Group: Karen Lewis.

The following person noted that locally sourced milk comes from Delta Junction, spoke to the need for a commuter rail, and in support of removing the old train tracks from downtown Palmer: Travis Friesen.

The following person spoke to concerns with pornographic books in libraries and concerns with Marxist social engineering: Jackie Goforth.

The following person urged the Assembly to put all road service area contracts back out to bid: Moke Tew, former member of the Assembly.

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

OR 25-018 An Ordinance Conveying The Borough's Remaining Interest In The Real Property Estate Identified As Tax Id Nos. 21N05W36A002 And 21N05W36A003 To Mark And Sandra Stahl; And Implement Agricultural Covenants, Conditions, And Restrictions.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Suzanne Reilly, Asset 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 adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-018.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 25-055 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$150,000 From The Solid Waste Operating Fund To A Solid Waste Project Fund To Purchase And Improve Software With Automated Lane Support For The New Landfill Entrance And Scale House.

RS 25-044: A Resolution Approving The Reappropriation Of \$150,000 From The Solid Waste Operating Fund To A Solid Waste Project Fund To Purchase And Improve Software With Automated Lane Support For The New Landfill Entrance And Scale House.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Tom Adams, Public Works Director, 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 Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-055 and Resolution Serial No. 25-044.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, 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 was no one present who wished to testify.

#### D. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 1. RESOLUTIONS

- RS 25-047 A Resolution Approving The Amended Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail, Haessler-Norris Trail System, Herning Trail, And Matanuska Riverfront Trail South, For Trail Bridge Reconstruction And Major Improvements Purposes.
- RS 25-048 A Resolution Removing The Driveway Permit Deposit Requirement To Improve Efficiency And Streamline Permitting Processes.

#### 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- AM 25-040 Approval Of Additional Costs To Enstar In The Amount Of \$73,851.70 For Utility Relocation For Midway Road Service Area No. 9 Grading, Drainage, And Paving Improvements Project; And To Extend The Completion Date To December 15, 2025.
- AM 25-041 Award Of Bid No. 25-137B To Alaska Resource Group In The Contract Amount Of \$274,145.60 For Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-043 Award Of Bid No. 25-136B To Alaska Resource Group, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$796,720.90 For Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-044 Award Of Bid No. 25-130B To Battleground, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$189,867.50 For Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-049 Award Of Bid No. 25-158B To Dirtworks Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$484,789.65 To Construct Melanie Lane And Brian Drive Street Improvements.

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- AM 25-050 Award Of Bid No. 25-154B To BSI Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$138,466.88 To Purchase Compost Containers For Recycling At The Central Landfill.
- AM 25-051 Award Of Proposal No. 25-115P To HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$773,636 To Design Engstrom North Extension To Tex-Al Drive.
- AM 25-052 Award Of Proposal No. 25-124P To PND Engineers, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$124,919 For The Wolf And Hart Lakes Drainage Study And Improvements Design.

  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 Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Hale requested to take up AM Nos. 25-042, 25-045, 25-046, and 25-047, together.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

- AM 25-042 Award Of Bid No. 25-131B To McKenna Brothers Paving In The Contract Amount Of \$902,884.40 For Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-045 Award Of Bid No. 25-133B To McKenna Brothers Paving In The Contract Amount Of \$700,139 For Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-046 Award Of Bid No. 25-129B To McKenna Brothers Paving In The Contract Amount Of \$829,879 For Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15 Annual Road Maintenance.

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AM 25-047 Award Of Bid No. 25-132B To McKenna Brothers Paving In The Contract Amount Of \$1,831,460.90 For South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Annual Road Maintenance.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner declared a conflict of interest with the contracts involving McKenna Brothers as he has done business with them in the past and requested an opinion from the Attorney and a ruling from the Mayor.

Mr. Spiropoulos requested a brief recess in order to have that discussion with Assemblymember Sumner and Mayor DeVries.

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

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

Assemblymember Sumner exited the meeting.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt AM Nos. 25-042, 25-045, 25-046, and 25-047.

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 Sumner
Assemblymember Sumner re-entered the meeting.

AM 25-048 Approval Of Change Order No. 4 To Contract No. 23-002P(A) With Kinney Engineering, LLC. For The Fern Street Upgrade And Pathway Design To Add \$188,150 For Engineering Services To Complete Phase II Of The Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM No. 25-048.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

AM 25-050 Award Of Bid No. 25-154B To BSI Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$138,466.88 To Purchase Compost Containers For Recycling At The Central Landfill.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt AM No. 25-050.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

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

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### X. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

## A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/20/25, Assembly Chambers)

- OR 25-023 An Ordinance Conveying And Merging The Borough's Development Rights Interest With The Agricultural Rights Title For Fee Simple Title With Agricultural Covenants For Tax Id No. 19N05W13C002, To Tory And Cynthia Oleck.
- OR 25-031 An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The North Curt Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 650, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 25-032: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$91,490 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The North Curt Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 650; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

- OR 25-033 An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Easy Street And Cozy Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 658, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

  OR 25-034: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$66,625 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Easy Street And Cozy Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.658; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.
- OR 25-035 An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Echo Lake Drive And Necrason Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 663, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

  OR 25-036: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$231,239 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Echo Lake Drive And Necrason Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.663; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.
- OR 25-037 An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Homestead Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 667, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

  OR 25-038: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$68,456 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Homestead Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.667; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.
- OR 25-039 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$113,500 From The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Conduct Education and Outreach To Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution In Riparian Areas Adjacent To Impacted Waterbodies.

  RS 25-030: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Healthy Mat-Su Riparian Areas: Education And Outreach Project To Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution In Riparian Areas Adjacent To
- OR 25-048 An Ordinance Approving The Purchase Of The Big Lake Lions' Club Recreation Center And Adjacent Parking Lot At 2942 And 2863 South Lions Circle, Big Lake, Alaska For \$400,000, Subject To Appropriation In The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget; And Upon Such Terms And Conditions Within The Agreement.

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- OR 25-053 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$90,000 From The Animal Care And Regulation Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget To The Animal Care Project For The Cremator Purchase Subproject.

  RS 25-039: A Resolution Renaming And Amending The Scope Of Work For The Cremator Refurbishment Subproject And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Cremator Purchase.
- OR 25-056 An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For Completion Of Expiring Project Funds Through June 30, 2026.
- OR 25-057 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant For \$2,000 From The State Of Alaska For Reimbursement Of Travel Expensed To Attend The Association Of State Floodplain Managers Training Conference.

  RS 25-045: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Reimbursement Of Travel Expenses To Attend The Association Of State Floodplain Managers Training Conference.
- OR 25-058 An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.142, Annexing Three Parcels Off Of The Glenn Highway Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot; And Finding That It Serves The Public Interest.

  RS 25-049: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Three Parcels Located On The Glenn Highway Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Serves The Public Interest.

**Sponsors:** Hale

OR 25-059 An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.80, Agriculture Advisory Board, To Remove Term Limits For The Board.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

- OR 25-060 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$2,064,750 From The City Of Houston For The King Arthur Drive Reconstruction Project. RS 25-050: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The City Of Houston For The King Arthur Drive Reconstruction Project.
- OR 25-062 An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For The Emergency Services Station 12-9 Building Project To June 30, 2029.
- OR 25-063 An Ordinance Appropriating The 2025 Series B General Obligation School Refunding Bonds And The 2025 Series C General Obligation Transportation System Refunding Bonds Proceeds For Issuance Costs.

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OR 25-064 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2025 Series A General Obligation School Bonds And Series D Taxable General Obligation Transportation System Bonds Proceeds, Including Issuance Costs And Additional Premium To Debt Service.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for May 20, 2025.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

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

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

1. VACANCY REPORT

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## 25-081 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Agriculture Advisory Board

Sharmin Outhout, resignation

Animal Care and Regulation Board

Amanda Taylor

Rebecca Bond-Knuth

**Board of Ethics** 

Patrick McKay, resignation

Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on Funding Issues

Tom Bergey

Ole Larson

Andrew Shane

Library Citizen's Advisory Committee

Aaron Malone, resignation from Member 3 position

Sally Pollen, resignation

Aaron Malone, appointment to Alternate position

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Ky Friedman

**Planning Commission** 

C.J. Koan, resignation

Platting Board

Eric Koan, resignation

Greater Palmer FSA Board of Supervisors

Bill Klebesadel

West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors

Jedediah Cox, resignation

Gold Trail RSA Board of Supervisors

Andy George

Maksim Zagorodniy

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

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, 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)

There were no referrals.

## XII. RECONSIDERATION

RS 25-031 A Resolution Directing The Manager To Subdivide Tracts 10 And 13, Alaska State Land Survey No. 80-111 (Plat No. 82-80, Palmer Recording District), To Separate The Rail Transportation Corridor And Terminal Easements Of The Point MacKenzie Rail Extension Project From The Remaining Agricultural Land, In Preparation For Future Land Disposal.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to reconsider Resolution Serial No. 25-031.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

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

## The main motion passed by the following vote:

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

## XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that there is an upcoming Lawyer Appreciation Day.

Assemblymember McKee noted she had a concern about how the Library Board was moving forward. Shared that she had a meeting with Jilliam Morrisey, Community Development Director, and had all her concerns addressed, which made her feel more comfortable.

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

Assemblymember Hale noted that he is glad he got his hay under cover before the rain storm began.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to her enjoyment of the Drive Your Tractor to Work event. Shared that Eric Koan resigning from the Platting Board is because he recently took the director position at the USDA Rural Development Office. Noted that she read the health care report provided by the Manager and expressed concerns that the Borough's health care billing system is overly complicated and messy.

Mr. Brown requested to schedule meetings, the first, to have a discussion regarding Port MacKenzie, on July 15, 2025, at 4 p.m. in Assembly Chambers; and the second, to have a discussion with the Alaska State Department of Public Safety, on August 2, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Station 6-5

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection to scheduling those meetings.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie related that it is Municipal Clerks Week.

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



## Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

May 6, 2025, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(16 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/03/25