

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

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, MAY 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 19, 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

Mayor DeVries queried if there were any changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to remove Ordinance Serial No. 26-065 from introduction.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

Mayor DeVries queried if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Carter Fickes, a member of the Northern Knights Robotic Team.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

[26-076](#)

Mayoral Proclamation Honoring the Northern Knights Robotic Team

Mayor DeVries presented a proclamation in recognition of the achievements of the Northern Knights Robotics Team.

Carter Fickes and the Northern Knights Robotics Team presented on their participation in the first robotics competition in Alaska.

Mayor DeVries noted that it is also Emergency Services Week and spoke to the hardwork of the Borough's first responders.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[26-079](#)

A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/07/26

B. Assembly Departmental Budget Presentation Minutes: 04/09/26

C. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/21/26

D. Assembly Budget Public Hearing Minutes: 04/23/26

E. Assembly Budget Public Hearing Minutes: 04/28/26

F. Assembly Budget Public Hearing Minutes: 04/30/26

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

Palmer City Mayor, Jim Cooper, noted that the city is in opposition to the proposed sales tax legislation.

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 Committees

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Fonov reported on his attendance at the World Fair at Academy Charter School. Noted that it is Public Works Week and thanked the Borough's Public Works Department for their hard work.

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. Henry spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[26-080](#)

1. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/09/25, 06/09/25
2. Fishhook Community Council: 10/23/25, Resolution No. 26-01
3. Glacier View Community Council: 03/26/26
4. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/07/26
5. Lazy Mountain RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/05/26, 05/07/26
6. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 03/23/26
7. Planning Commission: 04/20/26
8. Talkeetna Community Council: 03/02/26, 04/06/26
9. Tanaina Community Council: 03/23/26

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-098](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 24-144B With Nodak Electric And Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$344,200 For The Supply And Install Of Generators For Emergency Services.

[IM 26-104](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 24-157B With Orion Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$1,072,202.93 For The Animal Care And Regulation 2023 Upgrades To The Animal Care Facility.

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 spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 26-021: Patricia Fisher.

The following person spoke to concerns with the lack of road maintenance in Meadow Lakes Road Service Area: Esther Huddleston, Meadow Lakes RSA Board Member.

The following persons spoke to concerns with pornographic books in Borough Libraries: Jackie Goforth and Karen Lewis.

The following persons spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 26-041: Joshua Shepherd, George Fougerson, and Colleen Vague.

The following person opined that the United States is a constitutional republic and not a democratic society and to concerns with books in libraries: Linda Spohn.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 26-041](#)

An Ordinance Creating Republican Way Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 672, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 26-041: Cheryl Fougerson, Tom Chipman, and George Fougerson.

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

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-041.

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 26-050](#)

An Ordinance Approving A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Nine Borough-Owned Properties To The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For A Public Purpose.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 26-050: James Sowerwine, Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-050.

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 26-051](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$338,000 From The United States Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

RS 26-038: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Sushana Drive Drainage Improvement Phase 1.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 26-051 and Resolution Serial No. 26-038: Scott Lindbloom.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 26-051 and Resolution Serial No. 26-038: Dixie Banner.

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. 26-051 and Resolution Serial No. 26-038.

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 26-052](#)

An Ordinance Approving Land Classification Of Three Borough-Owned Properties In The Big Lake Area As Reserved Use Lands, Resource Management Lands, And General Purpose Lands.

Ms. Henry 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 adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-052.

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 26-053](#)

An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion Of The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project Through June 30, 2027.

RS 26-040: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Retitling The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project.

Ms. Henry 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 Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-053 and Resolution Serial No. 26-040.

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 26-056](#) An Ordinance Establishing The Board For Advisory Review Of Kennel Standards (“BARKS”) As An Advisory Board To Review And Make Recommendations Regarding Kennel Licensing And Enforcement.

Sponsors: Sumner, Fonov and Bernier

Ms. Henry 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 Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-056.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Section 2. Membership, to insert a nonvoting Assembly member seat.

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles, and Assemblymember McKee

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bowles moved a secondary amendment to Section 2. Membership, by inserting the following language at the end of that section: "After the investigation report is received, the Mayor may choose to appoint an nonvoting Assembly member seat to BARKS."

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 secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and
Assemblymember Bernier

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a secondary amendment,
Section 2, Membership, to insert the following language at the
end of the paragraph: "The BARKS committee may request
that that a nonvoting Assembly seat be added."**

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

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

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

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended 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.)**

The meeting recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No.
26-065 being removed from introduction: Dana Rafaniello.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- [RS 26-034](#) A Resolution To Waive The \$500 Application Fee For The Nonprofit Wasilla-Knik Historical Society And To Inform The Assembly Of The Borough's Intent To Enter Into A New Management Agreement For A Five-Year Term To Use And Manage Borough-Owned Land And Buildings, Including The Knik Museum And The Bjorn Cabin, Located Within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 3 West.
- [RS 26-041](#) A Resolution Waiving All Application And Land Use Permit Fees For The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game's Use Of Borough Land For Resource Monitoring And Management Activities.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- [AM 26-050](#) Approval Of An Extension Of The Final Completion Date To June 30, 2027, For Contract No. 22-090P(A) With CRW Engineering Group, LLC For The Tex-Al Drive Extension Upgrade And Pathway Project.
- [AM 26-055](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 3 For Contract No. 22-055P With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. For The Seldon Extension Phase II Right-Of-Way Acquisition Map Completion To Extend The Contract To June 30, 2027.
- [AM 26-056](#) Approving The Fiscal Year 2027 Payment To The City Of Palmer In The Amount Of \$1,395,571.64 For The Fire Services Agreement.
- [AM 26-057](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption Applications For The Period Of March And April 2026.
- [AM 26-058](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 2 For Contract No. 26-017C With Wolf Architecture Inc. For American Charter Academy Construction Administration Services To Add \$25,541 For Additional Design Services Related To On-Site Traffic Improvements.
- [AM 26-059](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-127B To Granite Construction Company In The Amount Of \$1,527,531.50 To Construct The Compost And Tire Area Improvements At The Central Landfill.

- [AM 26-060](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 24-060P With RESPEC, Inc. Adding \$9,920 For Continued Construction Administration Services To Design Central Landfill Entrance Improvements Phase I; And Extending The Contract Completion Date To June 30, 2026.
- [AM 26-061](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 3 For The E-911 And Dispatch Services Agreement No. 16-100P Increasing The Annual Cost By \$569,600 In Fiscal Year 2027 For Two Additional Dispatchers And Two Additional Call Takers.
- [AM 26-062](#) Authorizing A Purchase from FERNO In The Amount Of \$868,372.76 Of Power X-2 Ambulance Stretcher Platforms With Pro F1 Mounting Systems.
- [AM 26-063](#) Award Of Bid No 26-167C To Braun Northwest Inc. In The Anticipated Cost Not To Exceed \$506,000 To Remount And Refurbish Two Ambulances.
Ms. Henry read the consent agenda 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

- [RS 26-050](#) A Resolution Amending The Budget For Birchtree Charter School And Approving The Budget For American Charter Academy To Address Unforeseen Conditions, Infrastructure Needs, And Resulting Cost Impacts During Construction.
Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 26-050.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[RS 26-051](#) A Resolution Encouraging Property Maintenance, Community Cleanliness, And The Preservation Of Individual Freedom Of Choice Regarding The Use Of Outdoor Yard Power Tools, Including Leaf Blowers.

Sponsors: Sumner

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 26-051.

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

There was no unfinished business.

X. VETO

A. Motion to Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 26-026)

The Mayor did not present any budget vetoes.

Assemblymember McKee moved to reconsider the removal from introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 26-065.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

[Clerk's Note: The Clerk announced that the motion passed with four affirmative votes. The Assembly disagreed and determined that five affirmative votes were required for passage; therefore, the motion is recorded in these minutes as failed.]

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/02/26, Assembly Chambers)

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

Sponsors: Sumner

[OR 26-054](#) An Ordinance Extending The Completion Date For The Steam Thaw Truck Project Funding To June 30, 2028.
RS 26-044: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Thaw Truck, Cold Planer, Pickup Truck Purchase; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.

[OR 26-055](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$37,700 Received From The Surplus Sale Of Road Service Area Equipment For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.
RS 26-045: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.

[OR 26-057](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$75,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For West Susitna Parkway Improvements.
RS 26-046: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For West Susitna Parkway Improvements.

[OR 26-060](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$523.73 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service And \$583.74 From The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game, Passed Through The Palmer Soil And Water Conservation District For A Total Of \$1,107.47.
RS 26-047: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Caswell Creek/Caswell Lake Streambank Rehabilitation Project.

[OR 26-061](#) An Ordinance Increasing The Marijuana Sales Tax Levy From 5 Percent To 10 Percent; And To Submit The Question To The Qualified Areawide Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Bernier

[OR 26-062](#) An Ordinance Levying A Tax Up To 10 Percent On The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages; And To Submit The Question To The Qualified Areawide Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Bernier

[OR 26-063](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For A Project For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing Sites That Will Be Used To Distribute Medicines Or Vaccines To Residents And Visitors In Our Area In The Event Of An Incident That Requires Large Numbers Of People To Receive Preventive Medicines And Medications.

RS 26-048: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing Sites Project.

[OR 26-064](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$10,000 From The 2023 Fiscal Year Areawide Budget Appropriation To Fish Passage Improvements For The Cottonwood Creek Pike Barrier Project.

RS 26-049: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Cottonwood Creek Pike Barrier Project.

Ms. Henry 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 June 2, 2026.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to divide the question, to take up introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 26-021, separately.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

FIRST SEGMENT: Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for June 2, 2026, with the exception of Ordinance Serial No. 26-021.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

SECOND SEGMENT: Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 and to set the public hearing for June 16, 2026.

Assemblymember Gamble moved a primary amendment by striking "June 16, 2026" and inserting "July 21, 2026" in its place.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

No: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment by striking "June 16, 2026" and inserting June 2, 2026"

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 second segment passed as amended by the following vote:

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

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/16/26, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-065](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.15.036 \$75,000, Owner-Occupied Residential Real Property Exemption And MSB 1.10.170, 1.5 Percent Areawide Sales Tax (With Exemptions For Sales Within The Cities); And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Nowers

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial No. 26-065 was pulled from introduction at approval of the agenda.]

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-081](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Lazy Mountain RSA No. 19
Pierre Stragier, removal
Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the removal 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

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

E. 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.

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember McKee noted that each member of the Assembly works hard on behalf of their constituents and does their best to represent their interests.

Assemblymember Sumner agreed with Assemblymember McKee and stated that he is glad the Borough has unrestricted access to the use of leaf blowers.

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

Assemblymember Nowers opined that legislation titles could be more descriptive so the public can more easily understand the matters under consideration. Expressed dismay that Ordinance Serial No. 26-065 was removed from introduction and noted her intent to bring the legislation back forward. Further opined that it was disrespectful to invite open discussion and alternative ideas regarding taxes, only to subsequently shut down that discussion. Spoke to her attendance at the Palmer Food Bank ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Assemblymember Bowles noted his disagreement with Assemblymember Nowers and stated that he intends to vote against her legislation should it be brought forward again. Further stated his opposition to government overreach and spoke in support of the earth materials extraction legislation. Noted that it is a privilege to serve his district.

Assemblymember Gamble commented that personal earth materials extraction is currently permitted. Expressed concern that the gravel legislation removes a key component of the public process, specifically the opportunity for residents to comment on matters that directly impact their homes. Spoke in opposition to the removal of Ordinance Serial No. 26-065 from introduction and emphasized the importance of hearing differing ideas and allowing them to be voted up or down.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke in opposition to removing items from the agenda and commented that it would require the collective agreement of the Assembly to discontinue the practice. Spoke in support of Assemblymember McKee serving in a nonvoting capacity on the BARKS Committee.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.