SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 5.25.024 KNIK ROAD SERVICE AREA No. 17 TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE MEMBER BOARD.

AGENDA OF: March 18, 2025

ASSEMBLY ACTION: Adopted with Assemblymember Bernier opposed.
04/01/25 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	3 / 5 / 2 0 2 5 X N S for Assym Gamble Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Department Director	Recoverable Signature X Tom Adams, PE Signed by: Tom Adams
Borough Attorney	3 / 6 / 2 0 2 5 X Nicholas Spiropoulos Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos
Borough Manager	Recoverable Signature X Michael Brown Signed by: Michael Brown
Borough Clerk	X Lonnie McKechnie Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie

ATTACHMENT(S): Ordinance Serial No. 25-045 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance is sponsored by Assemblymember Gamble to return RSA 17 Knik Road Service Area board of supervisors to a 3 member board.

On September 5, 2023, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly increased the membership of the Knik Road Service Area from a 3 member board to a 5 member board. See OR 23-084, IM 23-184. The reasoning behind the increase in membership was "Expanding the board allows for more members to be involved in road service area activities and also helps bring more people to the table to be involved with and vote on the wide variety of issues the board must discuss."

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However, since the membership was increased, there has never been a full 5 member board. Prior to September 5, 2023, the board had all 3 members. The 2 seats created on September 5, 2023 were never filled.

In January, 2024, one of the board members resigned. This left 2 remaining members. Because the board is a 5 member board and only had 2 seats filled, the board could not meet.

In March 2024, another board member resigned. This left a single member on the board.

In May 2024, the final remaining member resigned leaving the board fully vacant.

As of March 2025, all 5 seats are still vacant.

The ordinance here returns the board membership to 3 members. This way, if at least 2 members can be appointed, then the board could meet. Otherwise, the board cannot meet unless and until at least 3 members are appointed. As it stands now, there is no advice or resolutions from the local RSA to the Borough pertaining to the RSA issues. This change lowers a barrier to attempt to get a functional board up and running.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

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