

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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

## BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

## BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

## BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara J. Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

### ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

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## Election Certification

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Steve Colligan, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

**Telephonic** 1 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Elect for District 4.

## V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person objected to the certifying the election results for the Talkeetna Sewer and Water tax: Ms. Holly Sheldon Lee.

The following person spoke in support of the Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area tax and to concerns with the lack of a tax cap: Mr. Colby Coombs.

## VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie introduced the members of the Canvass Board.

Ms. Barbara Fernandez, Canvass Board Chair, provided the Canvass Board report.

Assemblymember Colligan thanked the canvass board for their hard work.

### B. Certification Of The October 3, 2017, Regular Borough Election

Ms. McKechnie advised Assembly District 5 Candidate Clayton Tew has requested a recount. Stated that she is working to schedule a date with the Canvass Board. Noted that Mr. Tew had requested a hand count, but that code provides for her to make the determination of how the recount is conducted. Stated that she intends to use the Accu-vote units. Advised that Assembly District 5 election would be certified at a later date.

**Assemblymember Beck moved to certify the election results for the October 3, 2017, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board, with the exception of Assembly District 5. (See attached Election Certificate.) The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

### C. Oath Of Office For Newly Elected Officials Taking Office October 23, 2017

Ms. McKechnie administered the oath of office to newly elected Assemblymember Leonard with his term beginning October 23, 2017.

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

Mr. Moosey congratulated Assemblymember Elect Leonard on a successful election. Stated that he is looking forward to working together.

Assemblymember Doty opined that Assemblymember Elect Leonard has big shoes to fill for Assembly District 4. Welcomed him to the Assembly.

Assemblymember McKee welcomed Assemblymember Elect Leonard.

Assemblymember Sykes welcomed Assemblymember Elect Leonard. Stated that he is looking forward to working with him.

Assemblymember Kowalke welcomed Assemblymember Elect Leonard. Advised the body that he is working on a solution for the concerns expressed by Mr. Coombs during audience participation.

Assemblymember Mayfield stated that he looks forward to working with Assemblymember Elect Leonard.

Assemblymember Beck welcomed Assemblymember Elect Leonard. Stated that he is looking forward to working with him.

Mayor Halter welcomed Assemblymember Elect Leonard. Stated that he is looking forward to working together. Noted that he will miss Assemblymember Colligan. Related that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Assemblymember Colligan thanked the Clerk and her staff for all their hard work. Spoke in appreciation of the hard work of the Canvass Board. Stated that he has known Assemblymember Elect Leonard for quite some time and that he will be an asset to the Assembly. Related that it has been a blessing to work with the body and that it has not always been easy. Stated that at times it was a tough job, but that the Assembly always tried to do the right thing. Spoke to his past history of working at the Borough many years ago. Noted that public service assists him in reflecting on the amount of hard work that Borough staff do. Stated that he appreciates staff and understands that those doing the work of the public do not always get to express their opinions. Related that he has learned a lot through his service on the Assembly and has come to appreciate Mr. Moosey and his calm demeanor.

Mayor Halter stated that his biggest regret working with Assemblymember Colligan was the shooting range for the School District shooting program that was never approved.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.