

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 21, 2008, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard for the purpose of certifying the October 7, 2008, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle Church, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7 (*arrived at 5:07 p.m.*)

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Rob Wells, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Amanda Charles, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Mary Kvalheim.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Borough Seal to Assemblymember Mary Kvalheim.

Mayor Menard:

- presented the Borough Seal to former Assemblymember Kvalheim; and
- thanked her for her dedication and years of service.

B. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- acknowledged the staff of the Clerk's Office for their outstanding efforts during the election;
- recognized the members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- asked Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chairperson, to provide the Canvass Board's report of the election.

Ms. Keeling:

- reported on the number of questioned and absentee ballots voted and counted;
- provided an overview of the Canvass Board's process; and
- discussed the voter turnout for the October 7, 2008, election.

C. Certification of October 7, 2008, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to certify the election results for the October 7, 2008, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board.
(See attached Election Certification.)

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Assemblymember Bettine and Assemblymember Ewing.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

(There was no one present who wished to speak.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Kvalheim thanked the Borough staff and expressed her appreciation for them.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated his appreciation for Assemblymember Kvalheim's great ideas, support, and council; and
- thanked her for her years of service.

Assemblymember Church thanked Assemblymember Kvalheim and welcomed Assemblymember Ewing.

Assemblymember Bettine thanked Assemblymember Kvalheim for her service.

Mr. Spiropoulos thanked Assemblymember Kvalheim for her support and stated that it was great working with her.

Ms. McKechnie stated that it was great experience working with Assemblymember Kvalheim, and noted that she will be greatly missed.

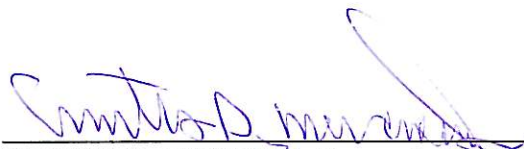
Assemblymember Woods thanked Assemblymember Kvalheim and wished her well.

Assemblymember Kluberton noted his appreciation for Assemblymember Kvalheim.

Assemblymember Houston thanked Assemblymember Kvalheim for her encouragement.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 12/02/08