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Public Hearing: 02/16/16  
Adopted: 02/16/16

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 16-009**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A BEST INTEREST FINDING IN SUPPORT OF THE EXCHANGE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND FOR PRIVATELY-OWNED LAND FOR PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PUBLIC SAFETY WARM STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 45274, FUND 405 (MSB006716).

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Department of Emergency Services received a state grant for \$388,000 through the Designated Legislative Grant Program (said grant expires on June 30, 2018) to construct a warm storage building near Four Mile Road off Willow-Fishhook Road; and

WHEREAS, the new fire station will provide improved response time and lower home insurance rates because a fire station will be close by; and

WHEREAS, no Borough-owned land in the area was deemed suitable for development due to proximity to flooding, lack of access and other mitigating circumstance; and

WHEREAS, the Schachle family's offer of private land located on Four Mile Road in exchange for Borough-owned land comes from their long-time support of the Willow Fire Service and its commitment to the emergency needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, entering into a land exchange is in the best interest of the Borough and is allowed under Borough code; and

WHEREAS, the exchange parcels are located in the Willow area and a remote area within the Borough, and are more particularly described as:

**Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parcels**

Lots 18 and 19, Block 1, Trinity Lake Alaska State Land Survey No. 74-013, filed under Plat No. 74-218 in the Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, state of Alaska; and

Government Lot 24, Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, state of Alaska.

**Schachle Parcel**

Lot 15, 4 Mile Estates, recorded as Plat No. 2015-119, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, state of Alaska.

WHEREAS, pursuant to MSB 23.05.030 the Borough may acquire real property by donation if it is a benefit to the Borough and the Manager, with the consent of the Assembly, may negotiate an exchange of real property with another entity where it is in the best interest of the Borough to do so; and

WHEREAS, an exchange of land between the Borough and the Schachles is a fair exchange of value and the most efficient and expeditious method to facilitate the Willow Fire Service Area project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly approves the best interest finding and finds it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into a land exchange with Ted and Valarie Schachle for the parcels herein described.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 16 day of February, 2016.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk  
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke