

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 19, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager
Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager
Ms. Marcia VonEhr, Document Specialist
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Division Administrative Specialist

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter 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 Mr. John Wood, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 03/01/16
- B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 03/01/16
- C. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting: 03/08/15
- D. Special Assembly Meeting: 03/15/16
- E. Regular Assembly Meeting: 03/15/16

Mayor Halter inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the special meeting minutes of March 1, 2016, the regular meeting minutes of March 1, 2016, the joint Assembly/School Board meeting minutes of March 8, 2016, the special meeting minutes of March 15, 2016, or the regular meeting minutes of March 15, 2016.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle reported on the upcoming activities and events in the city of Wasilla.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update regarding the School District budget and reported on upcoming activities of the School District.

3. Mat-Su Borough Library Board – Ms. Marci Hawkins

Ms. Marci Hawkins, a member of the Mat-Su Library Board, reported on the Board's activities.

4. Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Ms. Bonnie Quill

Ms. Bonnie Quill, Executive Director of the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau reported on the activities of the Bureau to promote tourism within the Borough.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- reported on attending the start of the repairs on the M/V Susitna;
- spoke to the reasons he chose to observe the event;
- stated that at this time all four engines have been removed;
- summarized the damage that the engines sustained in the rain event;
- noted that the complete rebuild of the engines was appropriate and definitely required;
- reported on the issues surrounding who was to perform the extraction of the propulsion shaft;
- spoke to the possible sea trials that could occur; and
- summarized other smaller repairs that would need to occur prior to sea trials.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke to discussions that he has been involved in regarding the Veteran's Wall;
- stated that he has requested staff to prepare a resolution to tie up loose ends; and
- noted that until that is done the project is at a stall and the developer cannot move forward.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Manager Evaluation Process

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to conversations he has been having with Mr. Harris, the Borough's State Lobbyist;
- advised that the Legislators have been discussing a reduction in revenue sharing;
- summarized where the Legislature is at in their session; and
- stated that there is a budget open house tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Assembly chambers, where department directors will be on hand to answer questions of the public.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There was no report provided.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- stated that there is a memorandum with procedures for the upcoming budget process with a budget amendment work sheet attached; and
- requested as much information as possible be included when members are submitting budget amendments.

Mayor Halter stated that the body would be getting amendments to the Clerk at least 48 hours before they would be taken up.

Assemblymember Sykes reported on the status of the Manager's evaluation process.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to amend the Manager's evaluation process to delete the department directors evaluation of the Manager and to disregard any unsigned or anonymous evaluations.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymember McKee in support.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Big Lake RSA Board Of Supervisors: 10/29/15
- b. Caswell Lakes RSA Board Of Supervisors: 10/07/15
- c. Central Mat-Su FSA Board Of Supervisors: 01/11/16
- d. Emergency Medical Services Board: 10/07/15
- e. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 12/08/15
- f. Library Board: 11/21/15
- g. Planning Commission: 12/07/15, 12/21/15, 01/04/16, 02/01/16, Resolution Nos. 16-09, 16-13, 16-18
- h. Transportation Advisory Board: Resolution No. 16-01
- i. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/18/16

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Sutton Community Council: 11/18/15

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. **IM No. 16-064:** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-151B To Haakenson Electric For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Lighting Upgrades At 14 Schools, For The Final Contract Amount Of \$686,351.74.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-027:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.45, Capital Projects Department.
 - a. IM No. 16-044

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the number of public hearings for the ordinance:
Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 16-027: Ms. Patty Rosnel.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-027.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-045:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.27, Attorney, To Update, Organize, And More Fully Describe The Functions And Duties Of The Borough Attorney. *(Sponsored by Mayor Halter)*
 - a. IM No. 16-072

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the number of public hearings for the legislation:
Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following persons spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 16-045: Mr. David Straub and Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-045.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-036:** An Ordinance Approving Classification Of Borough-Owned Lands For Inclusion In The 2016 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale (MSB007129).
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-035:** A Resolution Approving A Best Interest Finding Recommending Classification Of Borough-Owned Lands Identified Herein For Inclusion In The 2016 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale (MB007129).
- (1) IM No. 16-055

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-036 and Resolution Serial No. 16-035.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-037:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.28.090(A), Adding An Interim Materials District Known As Alsop East Pit, Located On A Portion Of Tract A, Point Mack Phase 1 Subdivision, Within Township 15 North, Range 4 West, Section 27, Seward Meridian.
 - a. IM No. 16-056

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-037.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 16-037 to a time certain of May 17, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-038:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$30,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training, And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-036:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training,

And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.

(1) IM No. 16-060

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-038 and Resolution Serial No. 16-036.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-032:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Mollies Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 550 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-033:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$44,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The West Mollies Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 550, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 16-062

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 16-032 and 16-033.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-034:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Coghlan Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 557 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-035:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$85,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The West Coghlan Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 557, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 16-063

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 16-034 and 16-035.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

8. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-039:** An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$16,000 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 258, To The Fiscal Year 2016 Willow Fire Service Area Operating Budget To Cover Wages And Benefits For The Remainder Of Fiscal Year 2016.
 - a. IM No. 16-065

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-039.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

9. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-040:** An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$24,000 From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 248, To The Fiscal Year 2016 Caswell Fire Service Area Operating Budget To Cover Wages And Benefits For The Remainder Of Fiscal Year 2016.
 - a. IM No. 16-066

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 16-040: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-040.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

10. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-041:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.012 Service Area No. 7: Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area, To Establish The Board Of Supervisors, And MSB 5.15.010(A), Organization Of Boards Of Supervisors. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Kowalke)*
 - a. IM No. 16-067

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-041.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

11. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-042:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$182,500 From Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Fund Balance, Fund 281, To Fund 410, Project No. 30047, For Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Capital Projects.
 - a. IM No. 16-068

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-042.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

12. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-043:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$220,000 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance, To Fund 258, Project No. 45274, For The Construction Of A Willow Fire Service Area Warm Storage Building At Four Mile Road.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-037:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For Project No. 45274, To Allow For The Construction Of A Willow Fire Service Area Warm Storage Building At Four Mile Road.
 - (1) IM No. 16-069

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-043 and Resolution Serial No. 16-037.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

13. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-044:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$4,290 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Fund 425, Project No. 45158-4415, For Exercise Supplies And Contract Support.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-038:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Fund 425, Project No. 45158-4415, For Emergency Operation

Center Software, Incident Command System Training, And Exercise Supplies And Contract Support.

(1) IM No. 16-071

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-044 and Resolution Serial No. 16-038.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke in support of putting a marijuana sales tax on the October 2016 ballot: Mr. Timothy Hale.

The following persons spoke in opposition of a moratorium on commercial marijuana: Ms. Amy Tuma, Mr. Tim Clark, Mr. David Straub, Mr. Russell Gleason, Mr. Tel White, Mr. Joe MacAneney, Ms. Cheryl Bowie, Ms. Sara Williams, Ms. Tina Smith, Mr. Cory Wray, and Mr. Conrad Dailey.

The following person spoke to concerns with the initiative petition banning commercial marijuana on the October 2016 ballot: Ms. Ashley Tuma.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 16-049: Ms. Suzette Longachre and Ms. Carol Kane.

The following person spoke in support of a moratorium on commercial marijuana: Mr. Brian Endle.

The following persons opined that a moratorium is illegal and in opposition to a moratorium: Mr. Don Hart, Ms. Ronda Marcy, and Ms. Crystal Dietrich.

The following person spoke to concerns with the expansion of the Central Landfill: Mr. James Walker.

The following person spoke to concerns with the recreation bond package: Mr. Brad Empey.

The following person spoke to concerns with Resolution Serial No. 16-039: Ms. Patty Rosnel.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-039:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Project No. 45051, To Include Paving, Lighting, And Safety Bollards At Sutton Fire Station 1-1.
(1) IM No. 16-075

b. **Resolution Serial No. 16-040:** A Resolution Approving The Use Of Material From Borough-Owned Parcel 26N04W17D001, Classified As Resource Management Lands For Talkeetna Airport Improvements.
(1) IM No. 16-081

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 16-025:** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

b. **AM No. 16-026:** Award Of Bid No. 16-091B To LN Curtis And Sons In The Amount Of \$133,506 To Purchase A High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor System And Rehabilitation Trailer For The Greater Palmer Fire Service Area.

c. **AM No. 16-027:** Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Purchase Order No. 2016-1589 To General Communications, Inc. In The Amount Of \$119,252 For The Old Glenn Highway Pathway Extension Project.

d. **AM No. 16-028:** Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Purchase Order No. 2016-1587 To Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$339,612 For The Old Glenn Highway Pathway Extension Project.

e. **AM No. 16-029:** Award Of Bid No. 16-094B To F-E Contracting In The Contract Amount Of \$1,645,908 For Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Heating, Ventilation, And Air Conditioning Upgrades At Palmer Middle Junior And Wasilla Middle Schools.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

IX. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 04/28/16, Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building; 05/02/16, Mat-Su College Glenn Massay Theater; and 05/05/16, Willow Community Center)
1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-016:** An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund, And Capital Funds; Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016, And Ending June 30, 2017, And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2016, Through June 30, 2017.
- B. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 05/03/16, Assembly Chambers)
1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-047:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,516 From The Planning Department Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480; For The Planning Office Modification Project, The Housing Analysis Project; And The Regional Transportation Project.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-041:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 47035, 47038, 47046, 47047, And 47520 And Extending The Time Of Completion For Project Funding And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Planning Office Modification Project, The Housing Analysis Project, And The Regional Transportation Project.
 - (1) IM No. 16-073
 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-048:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$120,000 From Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Fund Balance, Fund 279, To Fund 410, Project No. 30045, For Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Capital Projects.
 - a. IM No. 16-074
 3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-049:** An Ordinance Approving An Interim Materials District Known As Lakeside Sand And Gravel, Located Within The Northwest 1/4 Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 04 West, Seward Meridian.
 - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-049 (SUB):** An Ordinance Adopting Reasons For Denial Of A Proposed Interim Materials District Known As Lakeside Sand And Gravel, Located Within The Northwest 1/4 Of The Northwest 1/4 Of Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian.
 - (1) IM No. 16-076
 4. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-050:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$13,003.20 From Matanuska Telephone Association To Fund 440, Project No. 20323, For Upgrading

And Enhancing The Telecommunications And Information Services Within The Matanuska-Susitna Library Network.

a. IM No. 16-077

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-046:** An Ordinance Establishing A Temporary Moratorium On Marijuana Establishments To Expire On October 19, 2016. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Kowalke)*

a. IM No. 16-078

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for April 28, 2016, May 2, 2016, May 5, 2016, and May 3, 2016, respectively.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following appointments for confirmation:

Agriculture Advisory Board
Ken Peltier
South Colony RSA No. 16
John Van Diest
Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area No. 36
Paul Button

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no other new business.)

D. REFERRALS (For referral to the Planning Commission for 90 days or other date specified by the Assembly)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-051:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.55.005, Setbacks And Screening Easements; Adopting MSB 17.55.030 Riparian Buffer Standards To Protect Anadromous Fish, Wildlife Habitat And Water Quality In Designated Streams; Amending MSB 17.55.040 Violations, Enforcement, And Penalties; And Amending MSB 17.125.010, Definitions.

a. IM No. 16-057

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 16-051 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey queried if the Assembly would like to schedule a special meeting on May 9, 2016, at 4 p.m. for discussion regarding the West Lakes Fire Station and the Central Mat-Su Fire Station training facility to discuss certificates of participation.

[Clerk's note: Discussion continued regarding when to discuss the certificates of participation and the Assembly directed the Manager to provide a report at the May 3, 2016, regular Assembly meeting, rather than to hold a meeting on May 9.]

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was objection noted.

Mayor Halter requested a written report by May 3, 2016, and to address it under Manager's comments.

Assemblymember Doty thanked the public for providing testimony.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the public for their testimony;
- commented on the Leaf Lake fire and the number of fire fighters working on it;
- spoke to the need to be fire wise;
- stated that he believes there will be campaigns for and against commercial marijuana;
- advised the public that the Borough cannot spend funds to advocate for any ballot measure;
- noted that it might be possible in the future to have parties from either side of the issue provide statements in the election brochure like the State does;
- spoke to the safety reasons that necessitated Resolution Serial No. 16-039 for the Sutton Public Safety building; and
- queried when the budget book would be available.

Mr. Moosey advised that Assembly copies of the budget book are in the adjoining conference room.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- thanked the public for their participation; and
- noted that he would like to get an answer to the question on whether the properties used for a tax assessment comparison in in the Sockeye fire had a building on them as was asked by a member of the public.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- spoke to his appreciation of the public testimony provided this evening; and
- spoke in support of the Assembly approving the certificate of participation for the new fire hall.

Assemblymember Beck:

- advised that he will not be in town for the April 28, budget public hearing;
- thanked RadioFree Palmer for broadcasting Assembly meetings;
- spoke to the Who Let the Girls out event on April 22 and 23, which highlights local Palmer businesses;
- noted that spring cleanup events are beginning;
- spoke to his appreciation of the update regarding the libraries;
- noted that he has walked around the Central Landfill and saw a lot of loose debris that has been blown around; and
- spoke in support of cleaning up the debris from the landfill that is near the trails in the area.

Mayor Halter:

- noted that the Manager's proposed budget is proposing to keep the mill rate at the same level as last year;
- spoke in support of cleaning up the loose debris from the landfill that is near the trails;
- stated that he does not think that the Borough should even regulate marijuana;
- spoke in support of the respectful testimony provided by folks on either side of the marijuana issue;
- opined that there are more important issues that the Borough should be dealing with rather than marijuana;
- spoke in support of the efforts of staff getting the ferry ready to go to the Philippines; and
- thanked the body for their attendance.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/03/16