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# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## *Assembly Meeting Minutes*

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April 3, 2012

Regular Meeting - Soldotna, Alaska

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly was held on April 3, 2012, in the Borough Assembly Chambers, Soldotna, Alaska. President Knopp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Corbie Cross from the Star of North Lutheran Church.

### **There were present:**

Gary Knopp, Presiding  
Mako Haggerty  
Brent Johnson  
Sue McClure  
Linda Murphy

Charlie Pierce  
Hal Smalley  
Bill Smith  
Ray Tauriainen

comprising a quorum of the assembly.

### **Also in attendance were:**

Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney  
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk  
Shellie Saner, Deputy Clerk

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Assembly Member Smith said the Finance Committee met and discussed its agenda items. *(07:02:12)*

Assembly Member McClure said the Lands Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Haggerty said the Policies and Procedures Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Smalley said the Legislative Committee met and discussed its agenda item.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

(07:16:11)

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: Pierce moved for the approval of the agenda and consent agenda.

President Knopp called for additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda or consent agenda.

Copies having been made available to the public, Borough Clerk Johni Blankenship noted by title only the resolutions and ordinances on the consent agenda.

- March 13, 2012 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes
  - Resolution 2012-018: Authorizing Road Service Area Capital Improvement Project: Greenwood Court #C2GRE Contract Award and Allocation (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - Resolution 2012-019: Authorizing Road Service Area Capital Improvement Project: Inukshuk Court #C4INU Contract Award and Allocation (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - Resolution 2012-020: Authorizing Road Service Area Capital Improvement Project: Vio Road, Anna Lane, Eldorado Way, Elsa Lane and Bonanza Way #C1VIO Contract Award and Allocation (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
  - Resolution 2012-021: Approving a Residency Requirement for Fire and Emergency Service Area Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, and Battalion Chiefs to be Included in their Job Descriptions (Mayor, Haggerty, Johnson) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)
  - Resolution 2012-022: Supporting the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project (McClure, Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
  - Resolution 2012-023: Authorizing South Peninsula Hospital to Enter into a Five-Year Operating Lease to Expand and Upgrade its Pyxis Pharmacy System (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)
- [Clerk's Note: A technical amendment was made to Resolution 2012-023 as follows: The seventh whereas to read, "the South Peninsula Hospital Inc., board of directors at its March 28, 2012, meeting [RECOMMENDED] approved SPH, Inc. Resolution 12-04 approving a lease upgrade to the Pyxis Pharmacy System; and"]*
- Resolution 2012-024: Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Stream Watch Program Between the Kenai Peninsula Borough, United States Forest Service/Chugach National Forest, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, City of Soldotna, City of Kenai and the Kenai Watershed Forum (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)

- Resolution 2012-025: Classifying Certain Borough Land Located in the Trading Bay Area as Resource Development Pursuant to KPB 17.10.080 (Mayor) (Referred to Lands Committee)
- Resolution 2012-026: Authorizing the Borough, on Behalf of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area, to enter into Three Lease Agreements for Medical Office Space Located in Homer, Alaska, and Authorizing an Amendment to the Sublease and Operating Agreement with South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. to Include These Leases (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)

*[Clerk's Note: Amendments were made to Resolution 2012-026 as follows: The third whereas to read, "three leases are being negotiated including (1) a five-year lease of a 4,904 square foot building with two one-year renewal options, a first right of refusal and option to purchase; (2) a five-year lease of approximately 1,500 square feet of clinical space; and (3) a two-year lease of 700 square feet of business office space, all of which are located in Homer; and", the tenth whereas to read, "the KPB Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of March 26, 2012, unanimously recommended that the resolution be amended to include the square footage of the business office space and adopted as amended;"; Section 3 to read, "That the borough is authorized to lease 700 square feet of office space located a 309 W. Fairview, Homer, Alaska 99603, situated within the property described as follows: Lot 14 Block 4, Fairview Subdivision, as shown on Plat No. 56-2936, Homer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska. The lease term shall be for two years with a monthly rental of \$1,500.", Insert a new ninth whereas to read, "the SPH, Inc. Board at its regularly scheduled meeting of March 28, 2012, recommended approving a 5-year lease of 1,500 square foot of space for \$3,000 per month and a 2-year lease of 700 square feet of office space for \$1,500 per month; and"]*

- Resolution 2012-027: Approving the Purchase of Equipment by South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- Ordinance 2012-08: Amending the Borough Code to Revise Assembly and School Board District Boundaries and Providing for Truncation of the Term for Assembly Seat Number 2, Kenai (Redistricting Committee) (Hearing on 05/01/12) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)
- Ordinance 2012-09: Amending KPB 4.50.015 and Designating Absentee By-Mail Precincts as Authorized in Alaska Statute 29.26.010 (Knopp at the Request of the Borough Clerk) (Hearing on 05/01/12) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)
- Ordinance 2012-10: Authorizing a Land Exchange to Facilitate a Joint Plan of Subdivision with Cook Inlet Region, Inc. for Widgeon Woods Phase 2 Subdivision (Mayor) (Hearing on 05/01/12) (Referred to Lands Committee)
- Authorizing an Application for a Transfer of Ownership and Relocation of Liquor License Filed by JFS, Inc. dba Log Cabin Liquor from Current License Holder K.G.B. & Associates, LLC dba Clam Shell Lodge (Referred to Finance Committee)

- Confirming Appointments to the Board of Equalization (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Board Seat</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Donna Miller	Alternate A	December 31, 2014
Les Crane	Alternate B	December 31, 2014

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED: Unanimous.

### COMMENDING RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

(07:28:19)

Mayor Navarre presented Jeanette Browning of the Lee Shore Center with a proclamation declaring April, 2012 as, “Sexual Assault Awareness Month.”

### PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

(07:31:40)

**Terry Thompson**, Manager of Kachemak Bay Research Reserve gave a status update of the, “Coastal Uplift and Habitat Changes in Kachemak Bay Study.”

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

(07:45:15)

President Knopp called for public comment.

**Noelle Schmitter-Schrier**, PO Box 3194, Soldotna, addressed the Assembly regarding the non-profit organization, “Matti’s Farm.”

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

### MAYOR’S REPORT

(07:49:03)

1. Assembly Requests/Responses - None.
2. Agreements and Contracts - None.
3. Other
  - a. Spruce Bark Beetle Program Monthly Status Report February, 2012
  - b. Revenue-Expenditure Report February, 2012
  - c. Budget Revisions February, 2012
  - d. Implementation Status of KPB Ordinance 2011-12, Adding Additional Water Bodies to the Anadromous Stream Habitat Protection District

ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA - None.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

*(08:00:14)*

**Ordinance 2011-19-76: Appropriating \$35,000 from Central Emergency Service Area (CES) Capital Projects Fund Balance for a New Generator at the Funny River Station (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)**

MOTION: Smith moved to enact Ordinance 2011-19-76.

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ENACT:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION TO ENACT PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

*(08:01:45)*

**Ordinance 2011-19-77: Accepting and Appropriating \$106,350 from the Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to Purchase Disaster Management Equipment, Emergency Sheltering Supplies and to Conduct CERT Training (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)**

MOTION: Smith moved to enact Ordinance 2011-19-77.

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ENACT:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION TO ENACT PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

*(08:03:50)*

**Ordinance 2011-19-78: Appropriating \$625,000 in the Borough's School Revenue Capital Project Funds for Improvements to School Facilities (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)**

MOTION: Smith moved to enact Ordinance 2011-19-78.

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ENACT:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce,  
Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp  
No: None  
Absent: None  
MOTION TO ENACT PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

(08:05:13)

**Ordinance 2011-19-80: Appropriating \$1,400,000 from the Road Service Area Operating Fund Balance for Additional Snow Removal (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)**

MOTION: Smith moved to enact Ordinance 2011-19-80.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance 2011-19-80:

**Sam McLane**, 41265 Goldeneye Avenue, Soldotna

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Smith moved to amend ordinance 2011-19-80 as follows:

The fourth whereas to read, “the Road Service Area board at its March 6, 2012, meeting recommended approval,”

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Unanimous.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ENACT AS AMENDED:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce,  
Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp  
No: None  
Absent: None  
MOTION TO ENACT AS AMENDED PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

(08:07:59)

**Ordinance 2012-05: Amending KPB Chapter 14.40 to Delete the Provisions for Seasonal Permits Which are No Longer Issued by the Road Service Area (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)**

MOTION: Haggerty moved to enact Ordinance 2012-05.

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ENACT:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce,  
Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp  
No: None  
Absent: None  
MOTION TO ENACT PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

(08:09:32)

**Ordinance 2012-06: Amending KPB 21.18.081, 21.18.100 and 21.18.140 to Permit Certain Structures in Tidally Inundated Areas, and Conditionally Permit Certain Structures Within the Habitat Protection District and Adding Definitions (Smith, Haggerty) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)**

MOTION: Haggerty moved to enact Ordinance 2012-06.

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

MOTION: Haggerty moved to amend Ordinance 2012-06 as follows:

The seventh whereas to read, “at its regular meeting of March 12, 2012, the Planning Commission [RECOMMENDED] denied approval by majority consent;”

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Unanimous.

MOTION: Haggerty moved to postpone Ordinance 2012-06 until April 17, 2012.

Assembly Members Murphy and Pierce spoke in opposition to the postponement of Ordinance 2012-06.

Assembly Members Smith, Tauriainen, Smalley, Johnson, Haggerty and McClure spoke in support of the postponement of Ordinance 2012-06.

President Knopp passed the gavel to Vice President Pierce and spoke in opposition to the postponement of Ordinance 2012-06.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE  
AS AMENDED:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Smalley, Smith,  
Tauriainen  
No: Murphy, Pierce, Knopp  
Absent: None  
MOTION TO POSTPONE AS  
AMENDED PASSED: 6 Yes, 3 No, 0 Absent

**Ordinance 2012-07: Amending KPB Titles 2 Administration, 4 Elections and 16 Service Areas to Provide that All Kenai Peninsula Borough Service Area Boards are Appointed Instead of Elected (Murphy) (Final Hearing on 04/17/12) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)**

MOTION: Haggerty moved to enact Ordinance 2012-07.

President Knopp called for public comment.

The following people spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2012-07:

- Mae Leighton**, P.O. Box 8167, Nikiski
- Rueben Sherwood**, P.O. Box 543, Anchor Point
- Mary Griffith**, P.O. Box 1266, Anchor Point
- Mark Cialek**, P.O. Box 373, Kenai
- Stacy Oliva**, P.O. Box 8567, Nikiski
- Janet Hilleary**, P.O. Box 8301, Nikiski
- Leigh Hagstrom-Sanger**, 49558 Kenai Spur Hwy, Kenai
- Wayne Floyd**, 47110 Autumn Road, Kenai
- Sam McLane**, 41265 Goldeneye Avenue, Soldotna
- Alan Bute**, 50471 Byrd Avenue, Kenai
- George Pierce**, P.O. Box 80, Kasilof
- Dianne MacRae**, 55175 Elaine Avenue, Kasilof

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION: Murphy moved to amend Ordinance 2012-07 as follows:

Section 8, 16.04.065 to read, "Appointment of board members.

Vacancies for service area boards shall be filled by applicants appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board."

Section 10, 16.08.020 to read, "Board – Established – Appointment.

There is established a board of directors for the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area composed of 7 members who shall be



appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 11, 16.12.020 to read, “Board – Established – Appointed.

There is established a board of directors for the Nikiski Fire Service Area composed of (7) members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 12, 16.16.020 to read, “Board – Established – appointment of members.

There is established a board of directors for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area composed of 5 members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board. Board members shall be appointed based on their familiarity with the functions of the service area and financial and budgetary management capabilities.”

Section 13, 16.20.030 to read, “Board of directors.

There is established a board of directors for oversight of the operations of the Kachemak Emergency Service Area composed of five members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 14, 16.24.020 to read, “Board – Established – Appointment.

There is established a board of directors for the South Kenai Peninsula hospital service area composed of 9 members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 15, 16.28.020 to read, “Board – Established – Appointment of members.

There is established a board of directors for the Bear Creek Fire Service Area composed of 5 members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 16, 16.30.030 to read, “Joint operations board.

There is established a joint operations board of directors for oversight of the joint operations of the Central Emergency Service Area with the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service Area, to be composed of five members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board.”

Section 17, 16.40.030 to read, “Joint operations board.

There is established a joint operations board of directors for oversight of the joint operations of the Central Emergency Service Area with the Central Peninsula Emergency Medical Service, to be composed of five members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations

from the service area board. All procedures and authorities of the joint operations board are set out through the express terms and conditions of KPB Chapter 16.30.”

Section 18, 16.50.030 to read, “Board of directors.

There is established a board of directors for oversight of the operations of the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area composed of seven members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board. Seats A, B, C, and F shall be filled by residents of the City of Seward, and Seats D, E, and G shall be filled by residents of the area outside the city limits of the City of Seward and inside the service area boundaries.”

Section 19, 16.55.030 to read, “Board of directors.

There is established a board of directors for oversight of the operations of the Seldovia Recreational Service Area composed of five members who, except as provided below, shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service are board. Notwithstanding the provisions of KPB 16.04.060, the first board shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly for terms expiring upon certification of the regular election held in October 2012. Board seats to be filled at the firs appointment of board members shall be staggered as follows: Seats A and D for one year; seats B and E for two years; and seat C for three years.”

Section 20, 16.60.020(a) to read, “Board of directors.

(a) There is established a board of directors for the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area composed of 5 members who shall be appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board. Members of the board shall be residents of the borough within the service area.

(b) The board shall meet periodically at regular and special meetings call by the board. All meetings shall be open to the public as provided by law.”

Section 21, 16.70.030 to read, “Board – Established – Membership.

There is established a board of directors for the Nikiski Senior Service Area composed of five members who are appointed by the borough mayor and confirmed by the borough assembly. Prior to appointing an applicant the mayor shall solicit applicant recommendations from the service area board. Board members shall be qualified voters of the borough and residents of the Nikiski Senior Service Area.”

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED:

Unanimous.

(09:15:07)

Assembly Member Murphy spoke in support to Ordinance 2012-07 as amended.

Assembly Members Knopp, Tauriainen, Smalley, Johnson, Smith and Pierce spoke in support of amending Ordinance 2012-07 so that it would be an issue brought before the voters on a ballot.

(09:37:00)

MOTION:

Pierce moved to add an additional hearing on May 1, 2012 and postpone Ordinance 2012-07 until April 17, 2012.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADD ADDITIONAL HEARING AND POSTPONE:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL HEARING AND POSTPONE PASSED:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Postponed Item.

(09:37:55)

**Resolution 2012-012: Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement and the Initial Operational Plan Between the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area (APFEMSA) and the City of Homer on Behalf of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department and Ninilchik Emergency Services (Mayor) (Referred to Policies and Procedures Committee)**

*[Clerk's Note: Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-012 was on the floor from the February 28, 2012 meeting.]*

President Knopp called for public comment with none being offered.

MOTION: Haggerty moved to amend Resolution 2012-012 as follows:

The ninth whereas to read, "at its meeting of March 14, 2012, the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area Board considered this resolution and recommended approval;"

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Unanimous.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED:

Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp

No: None

Absent: None

MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED PASSED: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**NEW BUSINESS** - None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

(09:40:46)

President Knopp called for public comment.

**George Pierce**, P.O. Box 80, Kasilof, addressed the Assembly regarding actions taken in the past which did not reflect the general opinion given during public comment.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

### **ASSEMBLY MEETING AND HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(10:05:10)*

The next meeting of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly was scheduled for April 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Seward City Hall Council Chambers, Seward, Alaska.

### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

*(09:42:58)*

Assembly Member Smalley wished everyone a “hoppy” Easter, and thanked Dennis Tidwell and Duane Bannock for their dedication to the borough. He noted Ms. Schmitter-Schrier had done very well in her presentation regarding Matti’s Farm. He thanked Assembly Member Murphy for bringing forward an issue with mixed popularity and thanked the constituents for their comments during the meeting.

Vice President Pierce said he attended the School Board Meeting on April 2, 2012 and stated he was impressed with some of the remarkable programs being offered to students. He said the School District was doing an excellent job teaching the children. He wished everyone a happy Easter, and noted his respect for Duane Bannock. He said out of respect when an ordinance is brought forward it was generally introduced and public discussion took place, it was important to allow the process.

Assembly Member Haggerty said Duane Bannock reminded him of the roles played by actor Harvey Keitel who was the person who came in to fix things. He noted he had just returned from his Dad’s memorial, and stated that his Dad was a City Councilman in Tucson, Arizona, which was an elected position; however, his Dad was appointed, and a signs over his Dad’s desk read, “Sometimes the right thing to do is unpopular, and sometimes a popular thing to do is not right.”

Assembly Member Johnson thanked the constituents who spoke during the meeting, and noted it was a valuable part of government. He said often times after reading the packet he forms a position on a subject, and then after hearing other insight on the matter his position changes. He stated he had attended the Woolly Mammoth presentation at Kenai Peninsula College and said it was fabulous and recommended everyone see it. He reminded everyone that it was over a year ago when he intended to bring forward an ordinance asking if the constituents wanted to continue funding the college, and noted that since mentioning it no one has contacted him supporting the issue; therefore, he would not be bringing it forward.

Assembly Member McClure said her approach while in office was to try and keep an open mind and listen, she tried not to have a preconceived idea, because she was representing people and wanted to hear what they had to say before forming an opinion. She said she was glad to hear that Mayor Navarre had participated in the “Choose Respect Rally,” and noted there was also one held in Seward in which she participated.

Assembly Member Tauriainen thanked the constituents who spoke during the meeting, and noted his appreciation for Mr. Pierce's call for civility. He stated for the most part it was civil; however, sometimes in the political arena civility was forgotten.

Assembly Member Smith said it was refreshing to be serving with philosophers. He stated that he valued being in a borough where individuals could stand up and articulate their positions, and it was always fascinating, interesting and informative. He thanked Assembly Member Haggerty for sharing the message written on the sign in his Dad's office.

Assembly Member Murphy apologized to anyone who took her remarks in the wrong way. She noted that while visiting the Service Area Boards over the last few weeks she had always tried to be respectful of the people in attendance. She stated her intent with Ordinance 2012-07 was not to take rights away from the people, her intent was to increase participation in the public process. She said she respected everyone who participated in the public process. She wished Duane Bannock and Dennis Tidwell the best.

President Knopp stated that prior to being a member of the Assembly his world was black and white, now that he was on the Assembly his world is grey. He noted that he decided to run for Assembly because he did not want one of his friends representing him, and felt he could do a better job. He said it had been an incredible learning experience, there were more failures than reward; however, never a day of regret. He said the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly did not always vote the same on issues, and did always have a lot of debate. He used the example of working hard to make sure Assembly Member Smith would be able to run for his last election, not because he agreed with Assembly Member Smith since roughly eighty percent of the time he did not; however, Assembly Member Smith fought hard for his constituents. He said public testimony was very important to him, and that had a lot of impact on his decisions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Knopp adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of April 3, 2012.

John Blankenship  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by Assembly: April 17, 2012

