



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Assembly

*Kelly Cooper, President*  
*Hal Smalley, Vice President*  
*Norm Blakeley*  
*Jesse Bjorkman*  
*Kenn Carpenter*  
*Tyson Cox*  
*Willy Dunne*  
*Brent Hibbert*  
*Brent Johnson*

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Tuesday, August 11, 2020

2:00 PM

The meeting will be held through Zoom - Meeting ID:  
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Chambers

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### Special Assembly Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Jesse Bjorkman, Norm Blakeley, Tyson Cox, Willy Dunne, Brent Hibbert, Brent Johnson, Hal Smalley, and Kelly Cooper  
**Excused:** 1 - Kenn Carpenter

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Smalley moved to approve the agenda.

President Cooper called for public comment with none being offered.

**The motion to approve the agenda carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper  
**Excused:** 1 - Carpenter

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Resolutions

##### [2020-056](#)

A Resolution Amending the Payment Thresholds and Spending Plan Approved in Resolution 2020-047 for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Received from the State of Alaska (Mayor, Cooper)

Hibbert moved to adopt Resolution 2020-056.

President Cooper called for public comment with none being offered.

**President Cooper passed the gavel to Vice President Smalley, and moved to amend the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Spending Plan.**

Amend the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Spending Plan approved in Resolution 2020-047 as follows:

- Allocate \$650,000 for 13 senior centers identified in the FY21 budget, at \$50,000 each from CAR01, Grants to Small Business, for emergency protective measures related to COVID19.
- Move \$130,000 from CAR19, Grants to Small Business - Second Distribution, to CAR04, Volunteer Fire and Emergency Management Services, to provide a \$40,000 increase to each of the volunteer fire departments that have current grant agreements with the borough for emergency protective measures related to COVID19. The volunteer fire departments are: Cooper Landing, Lowell Point, Moose Pass and Port Graham.

**The motion to amend the spending plan carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

**Absent:** 1 - Carpenter

**President Cooper moved to amend the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Spending Plan.**

Amend the award from 3.5% grant to maximum amount allowed within each funding threshold to protect the proprietary information of each grantee.

**The motion to amend the spending plan carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

**Absent:** 1 - Carpenter

**Vice President Smalley returned the gavel to President Cooper.**

**The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-056 as amended carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

**Absent:** 1 - Carpenter

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Cooper called for public comments.

**Paul Ostrander**, Kenai spoke in support of Resolution 2020-056.

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

## **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Vice President Smalley thanked the KPB team for all their hard work on the spending plan.

Assembly Member Bjorkman wished everyone a great afternoon.

Assembly Member Blakeley thanked everyone for their great work and stated he hoped we were able to continue to help the community.

Assembly Member Cox thanked the administration, the cities and their teams. He stated it is no small feat to administer this program and to have issued more money to our communities than any other. Mr. Cox congratulated everyone for their hard work and stated he hoped we were able to continue our efforts.

Assembly Member Johnson echoed everyone's comments and thanked President Cooper and Mayor Pierce for their leadership. He stated he was happy to see that the cities were able to participate more with these funds.

Assembly Member Hibbert echoed everyone's comments. He especially thanked Brenda Ahlberg, Grants Administrator, Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director, as well as the Maintenance and Purchasing Departments. Mr. Hibbert also thanked President Cooper and Mayor Pierce's administration for all their work on the amendments to the spending plan. He also thanked the clerks for putting together the special meeting.

President Cooper echoed everyone's comments and thanked Mayor Pierce and his administration. She especially thanked Brenda Ahlberg, Grants Administrator, Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director and borough staff who all worked hard on this process. Ms. Cooper stated she was thankful for our relationships with the cities and local governments, as we were all one borough. She also thanked Tim Dillon, Kenai Peninsula Economic Development for all his hard work. She expressed her appreciation of everyone's time and willingness to meet outside the normal meeting schedule.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of August 11, 2020.

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_