Introduced by:

Long, Mayor

Date:

06/17/08

Shortened Hearing:

07/08/08 Enacted

Action: Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2007-19-53

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$8,000 IN INTEREST INCOME FROM THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE PROGRAM TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION FOR MOOSE PASS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

- WHEREAS, more than one million acres within the Kenai Peninsula Borough have been infested with spruce bark beetles during at least the past 15 years; and
- WHEREAS, Congress has appropriated almost \$15 million since 1998 to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for wildland fire mitigation, hazardous tree removal, and other projects designed to minimize the devastation caused by the spruce bark beetle; and
- WHEREAS, the congressional appropriations did not restrict the use of interest on earnings from the above-described grants; and
- WHEREAS, currently, approximately \$350,000 in unappropriated interest income remain from the above-described grant funds; and
- WHEREAS, Ordinances 2002-32 and 2002-19-02 authorized the appropriation of \$100,000 to Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company ("MPVFC") for firefighting-related construction and equipment purchases; and
- WHEREAS, since 2002, MPVFC has been building a satellite fire station on MPVFC property located near the "Y" of the Seward and Sterling Highways; and
- WHEREAS, MPVFC is in need of an additional \$8,000 for costs associated with completion of the satellite fire station; and
- WHEREAS, it would be consistent with the purposes of the spruce bark beetle grants to appropriate this interest income to MPVFC, an organization in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, to fund firefighting facilities, which will allow MPVFC to provide timely response in the event of fire and other emergencies from the spruce bark beetle infestation as well as providing other emergency responses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI **PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

- SECTION 1. That \$8,000 in interest income earned by the spruce bark beetle program is appropriated from the Environmental Protection Fund Balance to account 262.21320.3INT5.43011 to address costs associated with construction of a satellite station for Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company.
- **SECTION 2.** That the mayor is authorized to execute all documents, including mutual aid and other agreements, deemed necessary to complete this project in accordance with this ordinance and applicable law.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2008.

Grace Merkes, Assembly Presiden

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes:

Fischer, Gilman, Knopp, Long, Martin, Smith, Sprague, Superman, Merkes

No:

None

Absent:

None