

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
January 11, 2017

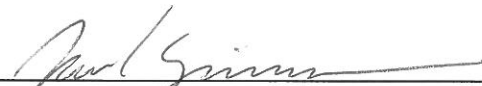
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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at
8 6:06 p.m.
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Jill BOELSMA,
11 Krista ZAPPONE and David EVANS. Absent: Paddy TATUM Tallon SHREEVE, Joe CHATFIELD
12 and Patrick KELLY.
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14 ORDINANCE 16-12, Version B: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title 4,
15 Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal
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17 There were no public comments.
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21 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.
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26 APPROVED: 
27 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer
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32 ATTEST:  Date Approved: FEBRUARY 08, 2017
33 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:09
8 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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10 ROLL CALL

11 Assembly members present: Don DEBLAUW, David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA
12 and Krista ZAPPONE. Absent: Paddy TATUM, Tallon SHREEVE and Patrick KELLY. Mayor Clay
13 Walker was also present. Joe CHATFIELD arrived at 6:14 PM.
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15 The clerk reported that Mr. Chatfield will be attending the meeting but is running late.
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17 David EVANS MOVED to excuse Mr. Shreeve, Ms. Tatum and Mr. Kelly. The motion was seconded.
18 The vote by show of hands was unanimous.
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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS

21 There were no public comments.
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23 AGENDA

24 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.
25 David EVANS MOVED to add a communication from Borough legal counsel under Item G)
26 Communications and Appearances. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to
27 amend the agenda was unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands on the main motion to approve the
28 agenda was unanimous.
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30 MINUTES

31 December 14, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Special Meeting to Certify the Election
32 December 14, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
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34 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Special Meeting, the
35 December 14, 2016 Public Hearing, and December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes as
36 presented. Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik noted several typographical errors that had been corrected.
37 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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39 REPORTS

40 November 2016 Financial Report
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42 David EVANS MOVED to receive the November 2016 financial report. The motion was seconded.
43 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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45 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

46 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta
47 Superintendent Polta verbally highlighted events included in a written report, including
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- 1 • DBSD strategic planning action teams convened on Friday to develop specific steps to
2 implement the four strategies identified in the DBSD Strategic Plan.
- 3 • The Cantwell Sprinkler Project has one single item remaining before completion – a small
4 piece of equipment is being replaced by the manufacturer. A request for proposals (RFP) will
5 go out soon for the design and engineering of the Cantwell School Roof Replacement
6 project.
- 7 • The DBSD finance committee is working with Superintendent Polta to develop an additional
8 Fiscal Year (FY) budget that anticipates a ten percent reduction in funding. Discussions will
9 be held at each school to seek public input regarding budget priorities, while holding to the
10 belief that classroom teachers are a priority. Governor Bill Walker announced his state
11 budget proposal for FY 2018, and it includes flat funding for education. Mr. Polta reported
12 that a revenue generating option being considered is the placement of a new PEAK office in
13 the Wasilla/Palmer area, and explained that roughly \$1.5 million comes through PEAK
14 funding to Denali Borough students.

15 MAYOR REPORT

16 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted activity included in a written report, including the following:
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- 19 • Mayor Walker thanked Joe and Linda Chatfield for helping with an accident that occurred
20 after last month's meeting, noting that the incident highlighted the hazards and danger of
21 driving to meetings.
- 22 • The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) landfill inspection report
23 showed a score of 99% for the second year in a row, with the only compliance issue the
24 timeliness of the completed as-built survey. The report noted that there has been a reduction
25 in windblown litter and slope adjustments along with increased vegetative cover at the
26 facility.
- 27 • Kids in Motion responded to a request for proposals from non-profit organizations, and will
28 help coordinate Winterfest events during the last weekend in February. Kids in Motion will
29 receive a donation from the borough for its work on Winterfest.
- 30 • Nominations are now being accepted for the Mayor's Community Service Award with a
31 closing date of January 19.
- 32 • Mayor Walker recently attended a National Association of Counties Pacific Northwest
33 Executive Directors and Presidents meeting in Seattle in his role as Alaska Municipal League
34 (AML) President.
- 35 • Tallon Shreeve and Jared Zimmerman have expressed interest in attending the February
36 AML Legislative Conference in Juneau.
- 37 • There is an open seat on the planning commission from the northern district. The
38 commission did not have a December meeting, and at their January meeting rights of way
39 and easements are on the agenda, as well as a nomination for land classification related to
40 the proposed Healy Transfer Station.
- 41 • Work is being done to prepare a RFP for the redesign and permit renewal for the landfill. The
42 redesign idea was originated with landfill employees as a way to extend the life of the facility.
- 43 • Chris Beck has indicated he needs a bit more time to put forth a quality proposal regarding
44 land use planning, and we can expect to see a proposal soon.
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1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting, and thanked Mayor
3 Walker and Superintendent Polta for providing written reports in addition to verbal highlights.
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5 Don DEBLAUW thanked Mayor Walker, Joe and Linda Chatfield, and staff at the Clear Air Force
6 Station Medical Clinic for helping with a recent moose/vehicle accident.
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8 David EVANS commented that road miles are a matter of exposure, the more you drive, the
9 more apt you are to be in an accident.
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11 Krista ZAPPONE commented on the importance of keeping vehicle lights on and bright.
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13 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that it is exciting to get started on the DBSD strategic planning
14 process, and that school staff has been very involved and welcoming. Mr. Zimmerman further
15 commented that the assembly has a role to play in school funding, and that investing in our
16 schools helps to make them the best that they can be.
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18 Jill BOELSMA warned attendees to watch for two moose that have been near the Nenana River
19 bridge when driving home.
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21 Joe CHATFIELD urged all to be careful while driving.
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23 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

24 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to receive communication from Denali Borough Legal Counsel James
25 Gorski regarding the proposed revisions to DBC Title 4 (Ordinance 16-12, Version B). The
26 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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28 DRAFT ORDINANCES

29 ORDINANCE 17-01: An ordinance appropriating up to \$215,000 from the Capital Improvements
30 Fund to construct a Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station
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32 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-01. The motion was seconded. Mayor Clay
33 Walker explained that the intent of the ordinance is to put borough funds toward the proposed
34 Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station, a capital project for which additional funds will be requested
35 from the state legislature. Points of discussion that followed include the recommended site for
36 the transfer station, if neighboring property owners had been provided notice, and if the
37 appropriation would be reversible. It was noted that a resolution recommending a site location
38 will be considered later in the meeting. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.
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40 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-01 to the next meeting. The motion was
41 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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43 ORDINANCE 17-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code (DBC) of Ordinances
44 Chapter 6.15 titled Solid Waste, adding Section 6.15.65 titled Solid Waste Fund
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46 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-02. The motion was seconded. Mr. Evans
47 explained that the ordinance would formalize accounts that are currently active, but not included in
48 current code language. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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2 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-02 to the next meeting. The motion was
3 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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5 PENDING ORDINANCES

6 ORDINANCE 16-12, Version B: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title
7 4, Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal
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9 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-12 to the next meeting. The motion was
10 seconded. Points of discussion that followed include the need to review the communication just
11 received from borough legal counsel; the fact that significant changes to the language of the
12 ordinance has not been included in a public hearing in all communities; the need to clarify language
13 regarding leases, licenses and permits for commercial and noncommercial uses; and discussion of
14 the requirements for various quantities of gravel or other resources. A Version C, incorporating Mr.
15 Gorski's comments, will be considered at the next assembly meeting. The VOTE by show of hands
16 on the motion to postpone Ordinance 16-12 was unanimous.
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18 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a ten minute recess at 7:18 PM. The meeting
19 resumed at 7:31 PM.
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21 RESOLUTIONS

22 RESOLUTION 17-01: A resolution approving the destruction of records
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24 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 17-01. The motion was seconded. Borough Clerk
25 Gail Pieknik noted several typographical errors that were corrected. The roll call VOTE was
26 unanimous.
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28 RESOLUTION 17-02: A resolution supporting a site recommendation for the proposed Healy Solid
29 Waste Transfer Station
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31 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 17-02. The motion was seconded. Mr. Evans did
32 not favor this location because site number one was located closer to where the locals drive to
33 work and school but understands that it would have been located on land not owned by the
34 borough. Mr. Evans would like to see landscaping done on the site because it would be seen
35 from the highway. Mayor Clay Walker explained that the site identified in the resolution was one
36 of three supported by the planning commission in Resolution PC 15-04, and is considered the
37 best site due to borough ownership of the land, the security of the capital investment, site control
38 factors, and the travel time for transfer of waste to the landfill. If approved, the site would be
39 recommended to the planning commission for classification, and a town hall meeting would be
40 held to gather public input and to inform the public. Discussion that followed focused on potential
41 restrictions of the site posed by powerlines, the use of the area as an unofficial shooting range,
42 the grade variations of the site, and how a transfer station in Healy might affect collections at the
43 existing Cantwell Transfer Station. The roll call VOTE on the motion to approve Resolution 17-02
44 was unanimous.
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46 OTHER BUSINESS

47 Liquor License Renewal Application Approval:
48 Denali Visions 3000 Corporation

1 49th State Brewing Co.
2 License No: 4946
3 Mile 248.4 Parks Hwy
4 Brewpub License
5 Owners: Jason Motyka and Dave McCarthy
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7 Denali Visions 3000 Corporation
8 49th State Brewing Co.
9 License No: 671
10 Mile 248.4 Parks Hwy
11 Beverage Dispensary License
12 Owners: Jason Motyka and Dave McCarthy
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14 Totem Inn
15 License No: 2694
16 Mile 248.7 Parks Hwy
17 Beverage Dispensary – Tourism
18 Owners: Kevin and Lisa Hamel
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20 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the above listed liquor license renewal applications. The motion
21 was seconded. It was noted there have been no comments or complaints regarding any of the
22 businesses. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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24 Clear View Monofill application to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
25 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman invited Donna Mears, Design Engineer for Clear View Monofill,
26 to update the assembly on the landfill application. Ms. Mears stated that part of what has been
27 accomplished in this application process is discussion about the borough infrastructure for solid
28 waste operations. There are more demolition projects that are coming up at Clear Air Force Station,
29 with waste from military installations no longer going to landfills on their properties. Ms. Mears stated
30 her desire to have continued conversations with the borough regarding establishing a robust
31 recycling infrastructure, and that she looks forward to feedback from the borough on the process and
32 the borough's evaluation criteria. Points of discussion that followed included federal mandates from
33 the military regarding construction demolition recycling that may be ignored if there is no established
34 infrastructure, the consideration of the ADEC application as the borough application, and the amount
35 of recyclable material that would come from demolitions at Clear Air Force Station. Ms. Mears
36 pointed out that Central Recycling Services specializes in this area.
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38 Approve purchase of new video and audio equipment for assembly meetings
39 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik informed the assembly that, in response to assembly requests for
40 streaming meetings online, Caspian Schieber of SkyBear Productions was contacted to develop a
41 proposal for portable equipment to provide online video of assembly meetings. The proposal,
42 totaling \$9,190 for equipment, plus \$1,495 per year for third party web hosting, was provided to the
43 assembly in their meeting packet. To post video on demand of meetings, a third party web provider
44 would be necessary. Because meetings move around the borough communities, video live
45 streaming of meetings is not possible. Points of discussion that followed included if there was a need
46 for video, if video recordings would be searchable, if audio would provide enough information to the
47 public, the dollar amount of the proposal, the types of microphones available, if there is a need for

1 live streaming of some type, the need to upgrade current internet capabilities and the need for
2 improved audio at the meetings themselves.

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4 David EVANS MOVED to request staff pursue a new quote, without video capability, and purchase
5 audio equipment including an upgrade of internet speed, with the cost not to exceed the proposal
6 provided at this meeting. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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8 PUBLIC COMMENTS

9 Marge Nord, Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department, requested a letter of support from the assembly to
10 include in a Code Blue Project grant application to purchase a new EKG machine.
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12 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to request that the administration write a letter expressing the assembly's
13 support of the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department's grant application. The motion was seconded.
14 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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16 Ms. Nord thanked the assembly for their support, and for traveling to Cantwell.
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18 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

19 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance.
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21 Joe CHATFIELD thanked Caspian Schieber for his work on the equipment quote, and
22 commented that he is looking forward to meeting audio being available online.
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24 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he is looking forward to improved audio at meetings and
25 online availability of meeting recordings. Mr. Zimmerman notified the assembly that he will be out
26 of town until February 3, 2017.
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28 Krista ZAPPONE commented that good forward motion is being made on the process of revising
29 DBC Title 4 and the classification of land for a Healy Transfer Station site. Ms. Zappone further
30 commented that DBSD has identified technology as a strategic plan item, and it is good that the
31 borough uses technology to provide citizens the opportunity to be included.
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33 David EVANS commented that he would like administration to put together a schedule of solid
34 waste equipment including the number of hours, expected life, and expected replacement cost of
35 each piece of equipment. Mr. Evans further commented that a replacement schedule could
36 guide the funding of the Solid Waste equipment reserve fund, and that the full impact of the
37 proposed Clear View monofil needs to be formulated, including any revenue stream that would
38 be lost to the borough.
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40 Don DEBLAUW commented that he is looking forward to new audio equipment for meetings. Mr.
41 DeBlauw advised the assembly that he will be out of town until March 1, 2017, and will miss the
42 next assembly meeting.
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44 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING


45 Joint work session with Denali Borough School Board to be held on either Wednesday or
46 Thursday, February 1 or 2, 2017 at the Tri-Valley School in Healy to discuss Denali Borough
47 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) ordinance and School Board budget. The assembly, by
48 consensus, preferred February 2.

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The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in Healy at the Tri-Valley Community Center; Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting following the public hearing.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

APPROVED:  _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: FEBRUARY 08, 2017
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk