

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **Cantwell School**
4 **January 9, 2019**
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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

8 Deputy Presiding Officer Krista ZAPPONE called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
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10 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

11 Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 **ROLL CALL**

14 Assembly members present: Jill BOELSMA, Tallon SHREEVE, Joe CHATFIELD, David
15 EVANS, Don DEBLAUW, and Krista ZAPPONE. Absent: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Eileen
16 HOLMES and Jake HILL. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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18 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to excuse Mr. ZIMMERMAN, Ms. HOLMES and Mr. HILL. The
19 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 There were no public comments.
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24 **AGENDA**

25 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was
26 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda was unanimous.
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28 **MINUTES**

29 December 12, 2018 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
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31 David EVANS MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Public Hearing
32 and Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded.
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34 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to amend the agenda to correct the spelling of the word "gravel".
35 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to amend the agenda was
36 unanimous.
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38 The VOTE by show of hands to approve as amended was unanimous.
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40 **REPORTS**

41 **NOVEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

42 David EVANS MOVED to receive the November 2018 Financial Report. The motion was
43 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

3 There was no planning commission report.
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5 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

6 Superintendent Dan Polta verbally highlighted information provided in a written report,
7 including the following:

- 8 • Superintendent Polta thanked Natalie Brandt for coordinating a school-wide activity in
9 which students wrote 112 cards and letters to our deployed service members.
- 10 • The school board held its first reading of the Fiscal Year 2020 Denali Borough School
11 District draft budget during their December meeting.
- 12 • The school district signed a contract with Northform for engineering and construction
13 of the Anderson roof project.
- 14 • The district activities bus is receiving some necessary maintenance but should be
15 back in service soon.
- 16 • The Tri-Valley School will receive a new PA system.
- 17 • The school board approved contracts for Fiscal Year 2020 for all currently tenured
18 teachers.

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20 **MAYOR REPORT**

21 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted information provided in a written report, including the
22 following:

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24 • The Alaska Municipal League Legislative Conference will be held in Juneau February
25 18 through 21, 2019. All assembly members are encouraged to register and attend.
- 26 • Denali Winterfest is scheduled for the weekend of February 22nd.
- 27 • The borough hired Ms. Trena Haugen to fill the temporary administrative assistance
28 position.
- 29 • Mayor Walker met with our regional State of Alaska, Department of Transportation
30 planners to discuss the Mile 231 bridge replacement project and other possible projects
31 in our borough. One specific topic that was discussed was what the borough will need
32 to have in place in order to take advantage of some of the future project opportunities.
- 33 • The landfill Annual Groundwater Detection Monitoring Report for 2018 has been
34 submitted as well as our revised Operating Permit Application.
- 35 • The updated estimated lifespan of the Denali Borough Landfill is 35 years.
- 36 • Landfill closure fund projections have been increased and additional transfers to this
37 fund will be necessary.
- 38 • The State of Alaska, through the Division of community and Regional Affairs, has again
39 proposed a shared cost mapping project for the Denali Borough. Mayor Walker will
40 provide additional information at the February meeting.

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42 David EVANS asked the administration to put together an equipment replacement schedule
43 for budgeting and planning purposes.

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2 Joe CHATFIELD encouraged the administration to seek local fire and emergency service
3 input and assistance with the mapping project.

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5 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

6 Assembly members thanked the audience for their attendance and for all the reports.

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8 Krista ZAPPONE encouraged everyone to look to our pool of local non-profit
9 organizations when looking for volunteer help.

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11 David EVANS reported that Healy Hockey will host a full day of hockey games during the
12 Denali Winterfest on February 23rd.

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14 **COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

15 **Laurie Gieck, Kohler, Schmidt and Hutchison: Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Audit**

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17 Ms. Laurie Gieck with Kohler, Schmidt and Hutchison reviewed the Annual Financial Report
18 and Auditor's Communication. The borough received a clean audit report with a
19 recommendation for additional training and development of improved internal controls for
20 end of the fiscal year finance reporting.

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22 **Susan Nowland: Opening a Cannabis retail store in the Denali Borough**

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24 Ms. Susan Nowland, owner of Alaska Fireweed, introduced herself, her business, and
25 informed the assembly of her interest in opening a cannabis retail store in the Denali
26 Borough. Ms. Nowland answered questions from assembly members.

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28 **DRAFT ORDINANCES**

29 **ORDINANCE 19-01: An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2019 budget.**

30 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to introduce ordinance 19-01. The motion was seconded.
31 Mayor Walker stated that this budget amendment allocates funding to the Emergency
32 Response Apparatus Fund. The roll call VOTE to introduce was unanimous.

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34 David EVANS MOVED to postpone ordinance 19-01. The motion was seconded.
35 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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37 **PENDING ORDINANCE**

38 There were no pending ordinances for consideration.

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40 **RESOLUTIONS**

41 **RESOLUTION 19-01: Denali Borough 2019 legislative priorities.**

42 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve resolution 19-01. The motion was seconded. Mayor
43 Walker reviewed the identified legislative priorities. The roll call VOTE to approve was
44 unanimous.

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2 **RESOLUTION 19-02: Supporting the development of a plan to improve the Bison**
3 **Gulch parking area and nearby hiking trail**

4 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve resolution 19-02. The motion was seconded. Don
5 DEBLAUW stated that the Bison Gulch parking area is not the only parking area that needs
6 improvement. Joe CHATFIELD agreed that the Kobe Road parking area is in need of
7 improvement. David EVANS asked borough administration to contact the State of Alaska,
8 Department of Transportation area supervisor and encourage Kobe Road parking area
9 improvements. The roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

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11 **RESOLUTION 19-03: Denali Borough FY2020 State of Alaska Capital Budget requests**

12 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to approve resolution 19-03. The motion was seconded.
13 The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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15 **OTHER BUISNESS**

16 **PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS**

17 Mayor Walker recommended Steve Jones be appointed to planning commission Seat B,
18 Eric Haugen be appointed to planning commission Seat F, and Susan Braun be appointed
19 to planning commission Seat G.

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21 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to confirm Steve Jones to planning commission Seat B, Eric Haugen
22 to planning commission Seat F, and Susan Braun to planning commission Seat G. The
23 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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25 **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

26 **Grande Denali, LLC. Beverage Dispensary License Number 4280**

27 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to not-protest the renewal of liquor license number 4280. The motion
28 was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

31 Susan Nowland clarified a comment she made during her communication and appearance.

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33 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

34 Assembly members thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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36 Jill BOELSMA thanked Ms. ZAPPONE for presiding over the meeting.

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38 Don DEBLAUW stated that he is grateful for the funding the Clear Sky Sportsman's Club
39 received through the borough matching grant program.


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41 **NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

42 The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Tri-Valley
43 Community Center, Healy, Alaska. Public Hearing at 6:00 PM and Regular Meeting to
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ADJOURN:

Deputy Presiding Officer Krista ZAPPONE adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

APPROVED: 

Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 

Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: 2/13/2019