

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community  
February 08, 2017

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at  
8 6:03 p.m.  
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA, Krista ZAPPONE,  
11 David EVANS, Paddy TATUM, and Tallon SHREEVE. Absent: Don DEBLAUW and Joe  
12 CHATFIELD.  
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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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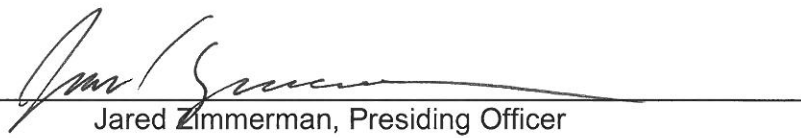
19 ORDINANCE 17-01, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$215,000 from the Capital  
20 Improvements Fund to construct a Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station  
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22 There were no public comments.  
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24 ORDINANCE 17-02, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances  
25 Chapter 6.15 titled Solid Waste, adding Section 6.15.65 titled Solid Waste Fund  
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27 There were no public comments.  
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30 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.  
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35 APPROVED:   
36 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer  
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41 ATTEST:  Date Approved: MARCH 8, 2017  
42 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
February 08, 2017**

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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:06  
8 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 OATH OF OFFICE

11 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik administered the oath of office to newly elected members Tallon  
12 Shreeve and Patrick Kelly.

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14 ROLL CALL

15 Assembly members present: David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA, Joe CHATFIELD,  
16 Krista ZAPPONE, Paddy TATUM, Tallon SHREEVE and Patrick KELLY. Absent: Don DEBLAUW.  
17 Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

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19 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to excuse Mr. DeBlauw. The motion was seconded. The vote by show of  
20 hands was unanimous.

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22 PUBLIC COMMENTS

23 Vanessa Juszczak, Chamber of Commerce Director, introduced herself and commented that the  
24 Chamber has a new website and regular business hours Monday through Thursday.

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26 AGENDA

27 David EVANS MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.  
28 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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30 MINUTES

31 January 11, 2017 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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33 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular  
34 Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was  
35 unanimous.

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37 REPORTS

38 December 2016 Financial Report

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40 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to receive the December 2016 financial report. The motion was seconded.  
41 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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43 MATCHING GRANT COMMITTEE

44 The 2017 Matching Grant Committee members will include Tallon Shreeve, David Evans and Don  
45 DeBlauw. Krista Zappone volunteered to serve as the alternate committee member. The committee  
46 meeting to review and score applications will be held at 5 PM on Monday, March 2, 2017 at the Tri-  
47 Valley Community Center.

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2 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

3 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta

4 Superintendent Polta verbally highlighted events included in a written report, including

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- 7 • The Cantwell Sprinkler Project should be finalized soon. After some damage to the heating  
8 system due to an overloaded shelf's fall, everything is back up and functional, and  
9 replacement equipment should be arriving before the next meeting. A request for proposals  
10 (RFP) for design work to replace the Cantwell School roof has been published.
  - 11 • The PEAK office suffered a burglary in late January. Thirty ipads and a couple desktop  
12 computers were stolen. The office is insured, and has a \$10,000 deductible, which will likely  
13 be exceeded.
  - 14 • The DBSD Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget is expected to be approved in March, in time for the  
15 April 1 for submission to the assembly. PEAK staff is excited at the prospect of opening a  
16 new office in the Palmer/Wasilla area.
  - 17 • Twenty staff members recently attended a Response to Intervention conference, focusing on  
18 identifying and supporting students with learning and behavior needs. These staff members  
19 shared their experiences on February 3 during in-service training.
  - 20 • DBSD and the Denali Education Association reached a tentative agreement for a three year  
21 contract after significant adjustment by both parties.
  - 22 • PEAK accreditation is a work in progress, and should be accomplished by the end of the  
23 school year.

24 Jill BOELSMA moved to suspend the rules to allow for a planning commission report that was not  
25 included on the agenda. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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27 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

28 Planning Commission Chair Kesslyn Tench reported that the planning commission is working on  
29 updating and improving Chapter 9.10 regarding subdivisions. Ms. Tench further reported that last  
30 year the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determined that the borough is responsible for all  
31 platted easements within the borough, including those that were previously taken on by the state.  
32 The commission expects two applications for road easements to be requested soon, and in  
33 preparation, may include guidelines for road and easement standards in resolution form to provide  
34 guidance to the land planner.

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36 MAYOR REPORT

37 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted activity included in a written report, including the following:

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- 40 • Mayor Walker welcomed Patrick Kelly to the Assembly.
  - 41 • Letters were provided to the Cantwell and Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Departments to support  
42 Code Blue grant applications.
  - 43 • Kami MacIver, Jo Kovach, and Susan Carlson served on the Mayor's Community Service  
44 Award committee, and the artwork for this year's award is by Sonya Bitz. The award will be  
45 presented during Winterfest.
  - 46 • Winterfest will take place February 24 – 26, with a chili cook-off, a kid's bake-off and a talent  
show, as well as activities at Denali National Park.

- 1 • An open house was held to provide information to the public regarding the recommendation  
2 to classify the potential Healy Transfer Site as a heavy industrial area. It was a productive  
3 meeting with strong interest and good discussion. The tentative opening of the transfer  
4 station is August 2018.
- 5 • Planning commission Seat H is vacant. Mayor Walker encouraged anyone from the northern  
6 district interested in serving to complete an application for the seat.
- 7 • The landfill permit is due for renewal in August 2017, and a redesign of the facility is being  
8 considered in conjunction with the permit renewal. An RFP was published for the redesign  
9 and permit renewal, and cost proposals have been received. The cost proposals for this  
10 service will exceed the current amount budgeted, and an adjustment will be included in the  
11 upcoming FY2017 budget amendment.
- 12 • Tallon Shreeve and Jared Zimmerman will join Mayor Walker at the Alaska Municipal League  
13 Winter Legislative Conference in Juneau on February 22 – 24. Mayor Walker will then attend  
14 a National Association of Counties conference in Washington, DC.
- 15 • Nearly two years ago, the Department of Environmental Conservation began working on a  
16 groundwater monitoring program for the Denali Borough. The fourth revision of this  
17 document was recently received, and the document is now 274 pages.

#### 18 19 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

20 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting, and thanked Mayor  
21 Walker and Superintendent Polta for providing written reports in addition to verbal highlights.

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23 David EVANS commented that there will be a finance committee meeting on March 27, and  
24 invited all to attend.

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26 Krista ZAPPONE offered kudos to the volunteers and dedicated individuals of the Denali  
27 Borough.

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29 Jared ZIMMERMAN offered thanks to all citizens of the Denali Borough who serve on various  
30 committees.

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32 Jill BOELSMA welcomed new assembly member Patrick Kelly, and warned the public of a  
33 number of thefts along the highway.

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35 Joe CHATFIELD commented positively on the proposed Healy Transfer Station, stating that it  
36 would benefit the people of the area. Mr. Chatfield further commented that the school district is in  
37 need of drivers to transport students on school trips.

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39 Paddy TATUM commented that she would like to see assembly meetings moved to Sundays  
40 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM for safety reasons, at least during the winter months.

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42 Patrick KELLY thanked the assembly for allowing him to join them, and commented that he is  
43 happy to perform his civic duty.

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45 Tallon SHREEVE commented that the work session with the school board was informative.

#### 46 47 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

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1 PENDING ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 16-12, Version B: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title  
3 4, Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal

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5 David EVANS MOVED to amend by substitution Ordinance 16-12, Version C for Version B. The  
6 motion was seconded. It was noted that Version C incorporated changes suggested by borough  
7 legal counsel Jim Gorski, as well as revisions to commercial permit language and maximum gravel  
8 quantities for personal use. Points of discussion that followed include extraction limits for gravel and  
9 timber, how revised road standards could affect limits, concerns expressed by the public in early  
10 public comments, and the need for management plans for specific areas. The VOTE by show of  
11 hands to amend by substitution was unanimous.

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13 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-12, Version C to the April meeting. The motion  
14 was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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16 ORDINANCE 17-01, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$215,000 from the Capital  
17 Improvements Fund to construct a Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station

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19 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 17-01. The motion was seconded. Discussion that  
20 followed indicated that if a grant is not received from the legislature, the assembly would be looking  
21 at another ordinance to appropriate funds to complete the project. The roll call VOTE was  
22 unanimous.

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24 ORDINANCE 17-02, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code (DBC) of  
25 Ordinances Chapter 6.15 titled Solid Waste, adding Section 6.15.65 titled Solid Waste Fund

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27 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 17-02. The motion was seconded. The roll call VOTE  
28 was unanimous.

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30 RESOLUTIONS

31 RESOLUTION 17-03: A resolution requesting the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation  
32 (DOT), to engage a traffic study in the McKinley Village/Carlo Creek area in order to review the  
33 appropriate speed

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35 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 17-03. The motion was seconded. It was noted  
36 that this resolution is similar to one passed in 2013 requesting the same type of study. The study  
37 was performed, but there was no recommendation to reduce the speed limit. The roll call VOTE  
38 to approve Resolution 17-03 was 7-1, with Joe CHATFIELD opposed. The motion passed.

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40 OTHER BUSINESS

41 Liquor License Application Approval:

42 Denali Princess Lodge: Music of Denali

43 License No: 4902

44 Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy

45 Beverage Dispensary-Tourism

46 Licensee: Alaska Hotel Properties

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1 Denali Princess Lodge/Grizzly Bar & Grill  
2 License No: 4901  
3 Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy  
4 Beverage Dispensary-Tourism  
5 Licensee: Alaska Hotel Properties  
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7 Denali Princess Lodge/Denali North Star Inn  
8 License No: 3724  
9 Mile 248.8 Parks Hwy  
10 Beverage Dispensary-Tourism  
11 Licensee: Alaska Hotel Properties  
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13 Courtyard Café  
14 License No: 4876  
15 Mile 238.9 Parks Hwy  
16 Beverage Dispensary- Tourism  
17 Licensee: Westmark Hotels, Inc  
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19 Dinner Theater  
20 License No: 4313  
21 Mile 238.9 Parks Hwy  
22 Beverage Dispensary- Tourism  
23 Licensee: Westmark Hotels, Inc  
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25 Nenana View Bar and Grille  
26 License No: 4308  
27 Mile 238.9 Parks Hwy  
28 Beverage Dispensary- Tourism  
29 Licensee: Westmark Hotels, Inc  
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31 Moose-Aka's  
32 License No: 5527  
33 Mile 238.9 Parks Hwy  
34 New Application: Restaurant/Eating Place-Public Convenience  
35 Beverage Dispensary - Tourism  
36 Licensee: Michael & Maja Waring  
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38 Sled Dog Liquor  
39 License No: 4838  
40 Mile 238.4 Parks Hwy  
41 Package Store – Seasonal  
42 Licensee: David Coleman  
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44 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the above listed liquor license applications. The motion was  
45 seconded. It was noted that there have been no comments or complaints regarding any of the  
46 businesses. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

2 Kris Capps, McKinley Village resident, commented that the Fairbanks Daily News Miner will stop  
3 delivering daily papers south of Nenana on February 19. Ms. Capps informed the assembly that the  
4 publisher and circulation director would come to Healy for a public meeting, if wanted. Participation  
5 in Fairbanks' Hockey Week is extended to the Denali Borough this year. On February 14, Cantwell  
6 students will perform a play they wrote at the Fairbanks Children's Museum as part of the week-long  
7 celebration, and free tickets to the Fairbanks Children's Museum will be available at the Big Dipper  
8 Ice Arena during Hockey Week. Ms. Capps commented that the Young Americans will be in our  
9 area March 21 – 24, and that local students will perform with the group on March 24 as part of a  
10 school-wide program. Finally, Ms. Capps commended Patrick Kelly on his work with students as part  
11 of the Zero Landfill Initiative.

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13 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

14 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance. David EVANS, Tallon  
15 SHREEVE, and Jill BOELSMA commented that they will not be able to attend the March  
16 meeting.

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18 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

19 The Matching Grant Committee will meet at 5:00 PM on March 2, 2017 at the Tri-Valley  
20 Community Center.

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22 The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 08, 2017 at the Tri-Valley  
23 Community Center in Healy; Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting following the  
24 public hearing.

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26 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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31 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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Gail Pieknik  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: MARCH 8, 2017