

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
June 08, 2016

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at
8 6:20 p.m.

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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David EVANS, Don DEBLAUW,
11 Kimberly BURROWS, Tallon SHREEVE, Jill BOELSMA, Krista ZAPPONE. Absent: Paddy TATUM
12 and Joe CHATFIELD.

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14 ORDINANCE 16-06, Version C: An ordinance for the Denali Borough to establish and adopt the
15 budget for Fiscal Year 2017

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17 There were no public comments.

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19 ORDINANCE 16-07, Version B: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement
20 Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 through 2022

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22 There were no public comments.

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25 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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30 APPROVED: 
31 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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34 ATTEST:  Date Approved: JULY 13, 2016
35 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:21
8 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 Roll Call

11 Assembly members present: David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Kimber
12 BURROWS, Jill BOELSMA, Tallon SHREEVE, and Krista ZAPPONE. Absent: Paddy TATUM and
13 Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

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15 David EVANS MOVED to excuse Mr. Chatfield and Ms. Tatum. The motion was seconded. The
16 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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18 PUBLIC COMMENTS

19 James Gauvin, Healy resident, commented that he appreciated the work session in the Otto Lake
20 area, and that he looked forward to discussion at tonight's meeting regarding Planning Commission
21 Resolution PC16-02.

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23 Kyle Davis, Denali ATV Adventures, thanked the assembly for looking at Otto Lake area concerns,
24 and commented that he is looking forward to resolution of the issues.

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26 AGENDA

27 Jill BOELSMA 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 May 11, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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33 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 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 April 2016 Financial Report

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40 David EVANS MOVED to receive the April 2016 financial report. The motion was seconded. The
41 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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43 MAYOR REPORT

44 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted activity included in a written report.

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 - Mayor Walker attended the summer AML Board Meeting where the agenda included a
47 discussion of a City and Borough of Juneau lawsuit regarding a tourism head tax.

- 1 • Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training was held at the Tri-Valley Community Center on
2 May 19, with many local fire departments participating, as well as Alaska State Troopers and
3 Denali National Park personnel. Mayor Walker thanked Marge Nord of Cantwell Volunteer
4 Fire Department for her lead on the training, and thanked Emergency Services Coordinator
5 Chris Noel for organizing the event.
- 6 • The Denali Borough 25th Anniversary Picnic was held on May 21. Past employees, assembly
7 members, planning commissioners, and school board members attended, including former
8 mayor Representative Dave Talerico.
- 9 • Mayor Walker commended the Alaska Department of Transportation for an open house held
10 May 26, and for responding to public comment with adjusted night closure times in the
11 Nenana Canyon area.
- 12 • Mayor Walker attended the Denali Square Opening Ceremony where Senator Lisa
13 Murkowski spoke and Denali Borough School District (DBSD) students performed music
14 selections as well as accepted, along with DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta, a \$20,000
15 donation from Holland America Princess.
- 16 • The school facility condition survey conducted at the request of the assembly has proven
17 very helpful in creating a revised capital improvement program. Borough staff met with DBSD
18 Superintendent Dan Polta and Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Hamel to discuss capital
19 projects recently, using the condition survey as a guiding document.
- 20 • Work has begun on the Cantwell Sprinkler project.

21 22 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

23 Denali Borough School District Superintendent Dan Polta

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25 DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta highlighted activity included in a written report including:

- 26 • A strategic planning session will be held in the Fall to update the DBSD Strategic Plan
27 document.
- 28 • Work on the Tri-Valley boiler tie-in project has been delayed by the contractor.
- 29 • Maintenance staff has begun work on small projects around school buildings as identified in
30 the condition survey, including additional plug ins at Tri-Valley School.
- 31 • The end of year unrestricted carryover amount is projected to be roughly \$300,000.
32 Compared to two years ago, DBSD financial records are in much better shape.
- 33 • Hiring was done for two positions – Anderson School Language Arts/Social Studies and Tri-
34 Valley grade 4/5 combined classroom. There is currently a Special Education vacancy at Tri-
35 Valley School and Information System Officer vacancy.
- 36 • Superintendent Polta thanked Holland America Princess for their recent donation, and
37 explained that it will be used to improve interactive instruction at all three schools.
- 38 • Superintendent Polta thanked the assembly for considering a budget that included funding of
39 the full DBSD request for funding.
- 40 • A productive capital projects meeting was held recently, and capital improvement programs
41 reflect a shared redesign and joint view of coming projects.

42 43 44 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

45 Assembly members commented favorably on the information value of the Otto Lake area work
46 session as well as the following comments.

1 Kimber BURROWS announced that she will be vacating her assembly seat in July due to a
2 move out of state.

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4 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that the Title 4 rewrite is a large undertaking, and that the intent
5 is to prepare Denali Borough Code to tackle land management issues. He expressed regret at
6 Ms. Burrows resignation.

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8 David EVANS commented that it is has been fantastic to have an assembly member of Ms.
9 Burrows' caliber, and that she has accomplished much while serving the borough.

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11 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

12 **Appearance by Steve Oswald, QAP Project Engineer, will discuss Parks Highway road**
13 **construction projects planned for this summer within the Denali Borough**

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15 Steve Oswald, QAP Project Engineer, presented information on the Rock Slope Mitigation
16 Project MP 239-241. The project will involve rock climbing with tools to separate larger rocks and
17 slabs from the rock face, as well as blasting to remove unstable rock from areas identified by
18 Western Federal Lands Highway Division. Much of the work will need to be done by hand.
19 Debris from the project will be separated into usable and other material, and will be deposited in
20 existing DOT rights-of-way to the east and north of the project site. Nightly 45 minute road
21 closures will occur between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM, with blasting planned through mid-
22 September. Daytime delays are not expected to exceed five minutes.

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24 PENDING ORDINANCES

25 ORDINANCE 16-06, Version C: An ordinance for the Denali Borough to establish and adopt the
26 budget for Fiscal Year 2017

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28 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-06, Version C. The motion was seconded.
29 The roll call VOTE to adopt Ordinance 16-06 was unanimous.

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31 ORDINANCE 16-07, Version B: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital
32 Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 through 2022

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34 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to amend by substitution of Version C for Version B. The motion
35 was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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37 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-07, Version C. The motion was seconded.
38 Mayor Clay Walker noted that the Livingston Slone School Condition Survey was instrumental in
39 the revision of Ordinance 16-07, and he thanked the assembly for moving forward with that
40 survey, especially thanking David Evans for the intial suggestion. The roll call VOTE was
41 unanimous.

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43 RESOLUTIONS

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45 OTHER BUSINESS

46 **Liquor License Application Approval:**

- 47 • Cantwell Lodge Longhorn Bar #5470
48 New Application/ Transfer Ownership

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2 David EVANS MOVED to approve the Cantwell Lodge Longhorn Bar liquor license application. The
3 motion was seconded. It was noted that there have been no comments regarding the license. The
4 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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6 **Clear View Proposed Landfill**

7 The assembly received copies of correspondence relating to the proposed Clear View landfill
8 including a letter Mayor Clay Walker submitted to the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC)
9 commenting on a proposed lease of land to Central Monofill Services, Alaska Department of
10 Environmental Conservation (ADEC) letter of response to the original application for Class I landfill,
11 a letter from Environmental Management Incorporated on behalf of Central Monofill Services
12 requesting removal of the request for a Class I landfill from the application, and public comment
13 received. Points of discussion include the following:

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- 16 • Central Monofill Services has requested the assembly create an ordinance to approve the
17 project. The land lease has not yet been granted by ARRC.
 - 18 • ARRC Board of Directors did not consider the land lease at their May meeting, and it does
19 not appear to be included on the June meeting agenda. There is some confusion regarding
20 the sequence of requested approvals. Three different entities are involved, and approvals
21 seem to be contingent upon each other. The Department of Environmental Conservation
22 (DEC) approval of a landfill permit would be helpful to the assembly in their decision
23 regarding approval of another landfill in the borough.
 - 24 • Central Monofill Services is the largest recycler in the state, and there are things worth
25 considering in their business proposal.
 - 26 • Assembly members may prepare an ordinance to be considered at a meeting.
 - 27 • DEC was invited to a meeting to explain ground water monitoring regulations, and said they
28 would consider attending a meeting if there was an actionable item before the assembly.
 - 29 • Tonnage coming from the demolition project is uncertain, and the assembly does not have
30 information regarding what could have potential to be recycled. If much of the material is
31 recycled, the remaining debris may fit in our annual allowance for construction and
32 demolition material in the current borough landfill. More information is needed.
 - 33 • Clear Air Force Base has closed out their monofill and Class II landfill, and is currently a
34 patron of the borough landfill.
 - 35 • The benefit to the borough of approving an additional landfill is questionable. Adjacent
36 property owners have not viewed the project favorably.

37 **Otto Lake/Dry Creek access road**

38 Prior to the meeting, a work session was held in the Otto Lake area to view the road and trails that
39 have been the topic of concern for residents and commercial operators. Points of discussion include
40 the following:

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- 42 • Revision of Title 4 of Denali Borough Code is currently being worked on to improve land
43 management processes;
 - 44 • The role of the planning commission in dealing with land management issues that arise;
 - 45 • The need to research existing permit stipulations, and DNR prior actions, before bringing
46 land issues before the assembly;

- 1 • It is not appropriate for the assembly to be dealing with a land issue regarding permits,
2 regress and right of ways;
- 3 • The value of information gained through the work session regarding Title 4 issues, and
- 4 • The need to complete the Title 4 revision to enable action to be taken on a number of land
5 issues.

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7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

8 Sandra Trumbower, Anderson resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Clear View landfill,
9 commenting that if mistakes are made with the landfill, residents may suffer.

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11 Shirley Speer, Healy resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Clear View landfill, commenting
12 that the military has resources to take care of their own debris.

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14 James Gauvin, Healy resident, commented that there have been road/trail issues in the Otto Lake/
15 Dry Creek area in which he resides since 1998, when Cripple Creek Ranch applied for a DNR
16 permit, which required the posting of a bond, to operate horse tours. The horse operation damaged
17 the road, and Cripple Creek Ranch was required to repair it. Mr. Gauvin further commented that
18 there needs to be some sort of “pay to play” in the revised Title 4.

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20 Courtney Carlson, Mile 275 Parks Highway, spoke in opposition to the proposed Clear View landfill,
21 commenting that two landfills in the area had been closed.

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23 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

24 The assembly members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. In addition, the following
25 comments were made:

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27 Don DEBLAUW commented that it is good to see the school district installing head bolt heaters.

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29 David EVANS commented that individuals opposed to the proposed Clear View landfill should
30 consider attending the next ARRC Board Meeting to testify.

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32 Kimber BURROWS commented that the assembly has no ordinance before them regarding a
33 landfill, and that the assembly is currently in the information gathering stage regarding the issue.
34 Ms. Burrows suggested that those concerned about the project stay engaged in the processes of
35 the project.

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37 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he appreciates inclusion of the proposed Clear View landfill
38 on the agenda, and that more information is needed before an ordinance comes into place. Mr.
39 Zimmerman thanked Mayor Clay Walker for his diligence in obtaining documents.

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41 Tallon SHREEVE commented that he appreciated the information provided at the work session
42 as well as the rock hazard mitigation work.

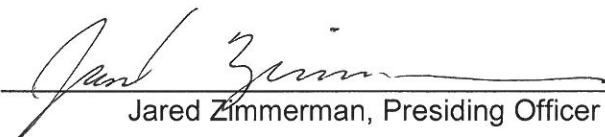
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44 Jill BOELSMA commented that she will miss Kimber Burrows’ voice on the assembly, and noted
45 that a new deputy presiding officer will need to be appointed when Ms. Burrows’ seat becomes
46 vacant.

1 Krista ZAPPONE commented that a revision of Title 4 is coming, and that time and effort is being
2 put into creating Code language, and that public comments are being heard. Ms. Zappone
3 further commented that the assembly is catching up on available information regarding the
4 proposed landfill.

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6 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

7 The next regular meeting will be at the Cantwell Community Hall (Note venue change) on
8 Wednesday, July 13, 2016: Assembly Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular meeting
9 following the public hearing.

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11 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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16 APPROVED:  _____
17 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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22 ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: JULY 13, 2016
23 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk