

1 **Minutes of the Public Hearing**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**
4 **June 14, 2017**
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7 CALL TO ORDER:

8 The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 7:25 p.m.
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10 ROLL CALL:

11 Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Patrick KELLY, Joe CHATFIELD, Don
12 DEBLAUW, David EVANS, Krista ZAPPONE, Tallon SHREEVE and Jill BOELSMA. Absent:
13 Paddy TATUM.
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15 ORDINANCE 17-06, Version A:


16 An ordinance transferring the balance of the Land Enterprise Fund to the Land Management
17 Capital Fund
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19 There were no public comments.
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21 ADJOURNMENT:


22 The public hearing was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
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26 APPROVED:



Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer
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31 ATTEST:



Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk
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36 Date Approved:

7/12/2017

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**
4 **June 14, 2017**
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7 CALL TO ORDER:

8 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 7:25 PM. Mayor
9 Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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11 ROLL CALL

12 Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Joe CHATFIELD,
13 Patrick KELLY, David EVANS, Tallon SHREEVE, Krista ZAPPONE and Jill BOELSMA.
14 Absent: Paddy TATUM
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16 Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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18 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to excuse Ms. Tatum. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by
19 show of hands was unanimous.
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21 PUBLIC COMMENTS

22 Kris Capps, Fairbanks Daily News Miner, commented that the News Miner has plans to
23 retrieve paper boxes that are no longer being used due to the cancellation of paper delivery
24 to the Healy area.
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26 James Gauvin, Dry Creek resident, commented that he has been asking the assembly to
27 address ATV use on borough land in the Otto Lake area for three years, and that he is
28 curious to see what will happen with the current land use planning efforts. Mr. Gauvin
29 expressed hope that ATV use will be addressed as a result of these planning efforts.
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31 AGENDA

32 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was
33 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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35 MINUTES

36 May 10, 2017 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
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38 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 Public Hearing and
39 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of
40 hands was unanimous.
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42 REPORTS

43 April 2017 Financial Report

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2 Patrick KELLY MOVED to receive the April 2017 financial report. The motion was
3 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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5 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

6 Planning Commissioner Susan Braun reported that the planning commission had a quorum
7 of five members for their May meeting. The commission approved Resolution PC 17-01
8 regarding road and easement standards. The commission also approved Resolution PC 17-
9 04 in support of the borough accepting land at Otto Lake from Golden Valley Electric
10 Association.

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12 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

13 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Board Chair Vernon Carlson

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15 DBSD Board Chair Vernon Carlson thanked the assembly for supporting the school district
16 to the full amount of their request, and reported that there will be no school board meetings
17 in June or July due to a lack of a quorum and staff absences. Mr. Carlson noted that there is
18 a vacant seat representing the Healy area, a seat that has been vacant for eight months.

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20 **MAYOR REPORT**

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

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- 24 • Mayor Walker attended Tri-Valley School's School to Work barbeque celebrating
25 another year of partnership with Denali National Park.
 - 26 • Alaska Metal Corporation (AMC) visited the borough on June 8 to tour our solid waste
27 facilities and to discuss recycling options and the segregation of evacuated
28 refrigerators and other metals. Mayor Walker commented that the partnership with
29 AMC may eliminate the need to charge \$25 for dry vehicles that are taken at the landfill.
 - 30 • A number of staff changes have taken place over the last month. Travis Olson, a landfill
31 employee who served the borough exceptionally well, resigned and Scott Wright has
32 accepted an offer to fill that position. Misty Smart, a landfill employee, has accepted
33 the position of administrative assistant at the borough office, and her position of landfill
34 laborer/gatekeeper has been posted, with several applications received. Planning
35 Commissioner Dorothy Leake resigned, leaving another northern district seat vacant.
 - 36 • Mayor Walker provided comment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in
37 broad support of an application filed for the proposed Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas
38 Project. Included in the comments were specific requests for a local offtake point and
39 minimized impacts on communities and view-sheds, as well as a reference to assembly
40 Resolution 16-04 supporting an alternative route with a bike path.
 - 41 • The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, proposed
42 amendments to the characterization and management of specific types of waste in the
43 Alaska Administrative Code. The proposed amendment could specifically exclude coal
44 ash from being categorized as inert waste. Mayor Walker provided comment on the

1 amendment expressing concern for an environmentally sound disposal method for coal
2 ash, and asked that the exclusion of coal ash from the inert waste classification not be
3 included in the final amendments.

- 4 • The State of Alaska Department of Transportation is soliciting comment on draft
5 scoring criteria for their Community Transportation Program. Updated criteria have
6 been modified to reflect the fiscal challenges of our current economic environment.
7 The borough “needs list” contains improvement projects that may fit within the program.
- 8 • Mayor Walker attended the Clear Air Force Station Change of Command Ceremony
9 on June 12.
- 10 • Three firms submitted proposals for the Healy Transfer Station design. An engagement
11 for this project is expected soon.
- 12 • On June 7, the Local Emergency Planning Committee held a well-attended meeting
13 that included a table top exercise focusing on a hazardous waste emergency scenario.
14 More information from this meeting will be presented at next month’s assembly
15 meeting.
- 16 • Mayor Walker shared several ideas for capital projects he received from Tri-Valley
17 School’s third grade class including an indoor pool, an indoor hockey rink, and
18 recreational trails.

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20 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

21 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for attending both the planning
22 meeting and the assembly meeting, and thanked Agnew Beck for facilitating the
23 planning meeting.

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25 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that, for the assembly to effectively address issues
26 brought to them, the borough may need to assume more powers. Mr. Zimmerman further
27 commented that it is important for people to make their voices heard to authorize the
28 assembly to take action.

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30 Don DEBLAUW commented that he understood the goal of the planning meeting was to
31 help develop borough planning documents, but he heard talk about taxes. Mr. DeBlauw
32 further commented that most people don’t want the borough to grow, but they want
33 amenities, and that he did not feel a good cross section of the public attended the
34 meeting.

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36 David EVANS welcomed Amber Renshaw to her first meeting as Borough Clerk,
37 expressed appreciation to Travis Olson for the exceptional job he did at the landfill, and
38 thanked Paul VanDyke for the excellent work he continues to do at the landfill. Mr. Evans
39 commented that he is glad to see the borough pursuing metal recycling, and hopes that
40 people will see it as worthwhile to bring metals to the landfill. Mr. Evans further
41 commented that the borough would need to assume parks and recreation powers to
42 maintain trails, which would be different from road powers.

1 Joe CHATFIELD thanked Travis Olson for his service to the borough, and thanked
2 Amber Renshaw for stepping up to the Borough Clerk position. Mr. Chatfield commented
3 that he is in favor of enhancing our communities, but not in favor of creating an undue
4 burden on people who live here. Mr. Chatfield urged thoughtful and responsible growth,
5 including a look at expanding our revenue base and prioritizing services for guests and
6 community members.

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8 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

9 There were no communications or appearances.

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11 DRAFT ORDINANCES

12 Ordinance 17-07: An ordinance approving a donation of land offered to the Denali Borough
13 by Golden Valley Electric Association located near Otto Lake, Healy, Alaska

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15 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-07. The motion was seconded. Points of
16 discussion that followed include the stipulation that the land to be donated be designated as
17 a public park, the fact that the borough has not assumed parks and recreation powers, the
18 lack of a specified timeline for the transfer, and the possibility of liability associated with the
19 property. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 17-07 was unanimous.

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21 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-07 to the next meeting. The motion was
22 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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24 PENDING ORDINANCES

25 ORDINANCE 17-06, Version A: An ordinance transferring the balance of the Land
26 Enterprise Fund to the Land Management Capital Fund

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28 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 17-06. The motion was seconded. The roll call
29 VOTE was unanimous.

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31 RESOLUTIONS

32 RESOLUTION 17-09: A resolution to reappoint check signers to the Denali Borough
33 accounts

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35 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve Resolution 17-09. The motion was seconded. The
36 roll call vote was unanimous.

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38 OTHER BUSINESS

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40 There was no other business.

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42 PUBLIC COMMENTS

43 Susan Braun, Panguingue Creek resident, commented that Panguingue Creek
44 Homeowner's Association was lucky to be organized and able to get State of Alaska grants

1 to build roads when there was money to be had, and stated that it would be interesting to
2 look into service areas as a way to build and maintain roads in our borough.

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4 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

5 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance.

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7 Dave EVANS commented that the assembly missed an opportunity to amend the
8 mayor's salary in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget approved at the May meeting, and that he
9 will ask staff to develop an ordinance on this topic for the next meeting.

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11 Jared ZIMMERMAN congratulated Amber Renshaw on her first meeting as borough
12 clerk.

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14 Krista ZAPPONE commented that entertaining the idea of expanding borough powers
15 does not exclude the will of the people, and stressed the importance of the public
16 comment.

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18 Patrick KELLY commented that a compromise is done right when nobody is really
19 happy, and that it is important for the public to voice their opinions.

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21 Jill BOELSMA thanked Agnew::Beck for their involvement in planning discussions, and
22 invited the public to participate in the Healy Tundra Challenge Golf tournament on July 8,
23 noting that fundraising from this annual event has provided \$35,000 to students of our
24 community via the Scott Menke Memorial Scholarship fund. Denali Education Center's
25 Discovery Camp will take place next week, and there will be a two week program in
26 partnership with the Nenana School District where students will earn high school credit
27 for hiking in Denali National Park.


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29 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

30 The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the Cantwell
31 School; Cantwell, Alaska; Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting following the
32 public hearing.

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34 ADJOURN:

35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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40 APPROVED: 
41 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

1 ATTEST: 
2 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk
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6 Date Approved: 7/12/2017