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**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
July 12, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 6:14 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Patrick KELLY, Don DEBLAUW, Krista ZAPPONE, Tallon SHREEVE and Jill BOELSMA. Absent: Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM and David EVANS.

**ORDINANCE 17-07, Version A:**


An ordinance approving a donation of land offered to the Denali Borough by Golden Valley Electric Association located near Otto Lake, Healy, Alaska

There were no public comments.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

Date Approved:

8/9/2017

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**  
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**  
4 **July 12, 2017**  
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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

8 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 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: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Patrick KELLY, David  
15 EVANS (arrived at 6:50 PM), Tallon SHREEVE, Krista ZAPPONE and Jill BOELSMA.  
16 Absent: Paddy TATUM and Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.  
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18 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to excuse Paddy TATUM and Joe CHATFIELD. The motion was  
19 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 Cantwell resident Marge Nord expressed her sadness at the loss of long time borough  
23 resident and former Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department Chief Rusty Lasell. Ms. Nord  
24 stated that Mr. Lasell will be remembered fondly for his dedication to our local emergency  
25 services, for the smile on his face and for the song in his heart.  
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27 **AGENDA**

28 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was  
29 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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31 **MINUTES**

32 June 14, 2017 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
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34 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017 Public Hearing and  
35 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of  
36 hands was unanimous.  
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38 **REPORTS**

39 **MAY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT**

40 The May 2017 financial report was not available to be received.  
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42 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

1 Denali Borough Planning Commissioner Lee Lightfoot reported that the planning  
2 commission is eagerly awaiting a draft of the Land Use and Economic Development Plan  
3 from the consulting firm Agnew::Beck for their review. Mr. Lightfoot reported that the  
4 commission reviewed a plat during their recent meeting to assist an area land owner with an  
5 easement vacation.

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7 Jared ZIMMERMAN asked if there was an update on the timeline to receive a draft of the  
8 Land Use and Economic Development Plan from Agnew::Beck. Mayor Clay Walker replied  
9 that the draft plan is expected in the next few weeks.

## 10 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

11 Denali Borough School District (DBSD)

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14 There was no report from the Denali Borough School District.

## 15 **MAYOR REPORT**

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

- 18 • Mayor Clay Walker asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Rusty Lasell
- 19 • Reported that Waste Connections of Alaska have entered into an agreement to
- 20 purchase Pacific Waste, Inc. Pacific Waste has held the hauling contract for the
- 21 Cantwell Transfer Station refuse and the borough has assigned the existing hauling
- 22 contract, under the same terms, to Waste Connections of Alaska.
- 23 • The Denali Borough Solid Waste permit renewal has been submitted to the State of
- 24 Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation
- 25 • Two seats remain open on the Planning commission
- 26 • Denali Borough Land Planner Marsha Lambert has submitted applications for survey
- 27 instructions for the Otto Lake and Anderson parcels listed as priority locations in the
- 28 Annual Work Plan
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## 31 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

32 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance, expressed  
33 regret at the loss of Mr. Rusty Lasell and offered condolences to his family and friends.

## 34 **COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES**

35 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) report and recommendation regarding area-  
36 wide or non-area wide address system question to be placed on the November ballot.

37 Denali Borough Emergency Planning and Project Coordinator Chris Noel spoke on behalf of  
38 the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Noel reported that the LEPC has  
39 expressed a need for a system of addressing for structures and properties in the Denali  
40 Borough. At the June LEPC meeting, the committee voted to request that the issue of  
41 systemic addressing for the purpose of improved emergency services response within the  
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1 Denali Borough be placed on the ballot for the Denali Borough regular election in  
2 November.

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4 Points discussed by the assembly included:

- 5 • Funding for an address system
- 6 • Specific wording for such a ballot measure
- 7 • Borough commitment for the vote outcome

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9 Jill BOELSMA MOVED for a draft ordinance to be prepared for the August meeting to place  
10 a measure on the 2017 Denali Borough regular election ballot advising the Denali Borough  
11 Assembly to pursue options to establish a system of addressing in the Denali Borough for  
12 the purpose of improved emergency services response. The motion was seconded. The  
13 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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15 **DRAFT ORDINANCES**

16 **Ordinance 17-08: An ordinance to set the Mayor's annual salary for fiscal years 2018,**  
17 **2019, and 2020.**

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19 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-08. The motion was seconded. Jill  
20 BOELSMA explained that this ordinance came as a recommendation from the finance  
21 committee that the position of Mayor is a professional position and that a professional salary  
22 should be provided to support that position. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 17-08  
23 was unanimous.

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25 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-08 to the next meeting. The motion was  
26 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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28 **ORDINANCE 17-09, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$140,000 from the**  
29 **solid waste enterprise operating fund to replace the landfill scale**

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31 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-09. The motion was seconded. David  
32 EVANS spoke in favor of this ordinance explaining that our current scale size limits what  
33 vehicles are able to utilize our solid waste facility. There was discussion about keeping the  
34 smaller size scale currently in place and adding a larger scale as an additional scale instead  
35 of replacing the smaller scale with a larger scale. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance  
36 17-09 was unanimous.

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38 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-09 to the next meeting. The motion was  
39 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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41 **ORDINANCE 17-10, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$50,000 from the**  
42 **Capital Improvement Fund for expenses related to an extension of the landfill shop**  
43 **building**

1 Patrick KELLY MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-10. The motion was seconded. Mayor  
2 Clay Walker stated that the project is on schedule with a few change orders that will require  
3 this cost increase. Much of the increased expense is the result of upgrading the electrical  
4 system. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 17-10 was unanimous.

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6 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-10 to the next meeting. The motion was  
7 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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9 **ORDINANCE 17-11, Version A: An ordinance to accept and appropriate up to \$12,000**  
10 **from the General Fund for reimbursable expenditures related to the Emergency**  
11 **Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as well as up to \$12,000 in matching**  
12 **expenditures**

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14 Patrick KELLY MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-11. The motion was seconded. The roll  
15 call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 17-11 was unanimous.

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17 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-11 to the next meeting. The motion was  
18 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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20 **ORDINANCE 17-12, Version A: An ordinance to accept and appropriate up to \$10,000**  
21 **from the General Fund for reimbursable expenditures related to the Local Emergency**  
22 **Planning Committee Grant (LEPC)**

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24 Patrick KELLY MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-12. The motion was seconded. The roll  
25 call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 17-12 was unanimous.

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27 Patrick KELLY MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-12 to the next meeting. The motion was  
28 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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30 **PENDING ORDINANCES**

31 **ORDINANCE 17-07, Version A: An ordinance approving a donation of land offered to**  
32 **the Denali Borough by Golden Valley Electric Association located near Otto Lake,**  
33 **Healy, Alaska**

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35 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 17-07. The motion was seconded. There was  
36 discussion regarding the statement from Golden Valley Electric Association that the borough  
37 accept this property for the purpose of a public park. Because the borough does not  
38 currently manage or develop public parks, there was some concern expressed that the  
39 borough may not be in a position to fulfill the expressed purpose of the donation. The  
40 assembly asked Mayor Walker to communicate with Golden Valley Electric Association and  
41 ask if classifying this property as Amenity would fulfill the intent of the donation of land.  
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1 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ord 17-07 to the next meeting. The motion was  
2 seconded. The assembly asked that borough staff post information regarding this donation  
3 of land offer and notify adjoining land owners. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 5 **RESOLUTIONS**

#### 6 **RESOLUTION 17-10: A resolution initiating a scrap metal drive and waiving fees** 7 **associated with acceptance of dry vehicles and other scrap metal at the Denali** 8 **Borough Landfill**

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10 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 17-10. The motion was seconded. Mr.  
11 Evans expressed his support for this resolution stating that the scrap metal drive will  
12 encourage residents to bring abandoned vehicles and scrap metal to the landfill for  
13 proper disposal. The roll call vote was unanimous.  
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#### 15 **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 16 **Alaska Municipal League Position Statement**

17 There were no recommendations regarding the Alaska Municipal League Position  
18 Statement.  
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#### 20 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

21 Rob Graham, Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department Chief, explained how Denali Borough  
22 Contribution to Nonprofit grant funds awarded to the Denali Emergency Services  
23 Association (DESA) have been handled for a number of years. The grant funds have been  
24 received and processed through the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department (TVVFD).  
25 Recently, Denali Borough staff have informed DESA that, because DESA is a separate non-  
26 profit organization with a separate grant award, they will need to have the ability to received  
27 grant funds awarded to them directly, and not through TVVFD. Chief Graham requested  
28 clarification on the details for the separation of funding, and asked that the Denali Borough  
29 grant application clearly state that funds will only be awarded in the name of the  
30 organization applying for each grant.  
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#### 32 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

33 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance.  
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35 Jill BOELSMA offered kudos to JPs Coffee House in Cantwell for their delightful meat  
36 pies.  
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38 David EVANS apologized for being late and expressed his excitement for the scrap  
39 metal drive. Mr. Evans thanked all the local fire department volunteers and personnel for  
40 their service and dedication and he offered condolences to former Fire Chief Rusty  
41 Lasell's family and friends.  
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43 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked all the local emergency services volunteers and personnel  
44 for their service and thanked Planning Commissioner Lee Lightfoot for his report.

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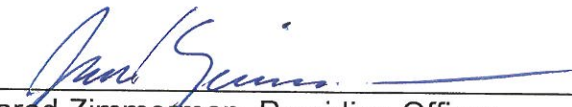
**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING**


The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Denali Borough Office.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the Tri-Valley Community Center; Healy, Alaska; Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting following the public hearing.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

APPROVED:   
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:   
Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: 8/9/2017