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**Denali Borough Assembly
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Cantwell School, Cantwell, Alaska
January 8, 2020**

REGULAR MEETING

Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Assembly members present: Krista ZAPPONE, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Tallon SHREEVE, Joe CHATFIELD, Jake HILL and Lisa MINER. Absent: Jeff STENGER, Eileen HOLMES and Jill BOELSMA. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Jake HILL MOVED to excuse Jeff STENGER, Eileen HOLMES and Jill BOELSMA. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Johnny Brown with Alaska Waste introduced himself as the new manager of Alaska Waste in our area and stated that he was looking forward to working with and being a part of our community.

AGENDA

Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.

Jake HILL MOVED to amend the order of the agenda to discuss Ordinance 20-03 prior to Ordinance 20-02. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

The VOTE to approve the amended agenda by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

December 11, 2019 WORK SESSION, PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Jake HILL MOVED to approve the December 11, 2019 work session, public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve was unanimous.

REPORTS

NOVEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS

1 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to receive the November 2019 Financial Report. The motion was
2 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to receive was unanimous.

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4 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

5 Mayor Walker reported that the commission did not meet in December but will have a
6 meeting on January 15th and will be discussing a subdivision plat, an easement vacation,
7 conditional land uses and land management plans.

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9 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

10 Superintendent Dan Polta verbally highlighted information provided in the attached written
11 report (attachment A).

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13 **MAYOR REPORT**

14 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted information provided in the attached written report
15 (attachment B).

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17 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

18 Lisa MINER congratulated the Denali Borough School District for receiving a competitive
19 literacy grant and for the Decades of Dedication celebration.

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21 Jared ZIMMERMAN asked that preschool education be added to the joint Denali
22 Borough Assembly and Denali Borough School Board work session agenda.

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24 Krista ZAPPONE reported that the Healy Valley Lions Club will be starting Fiesta Fridays
25 again by selling taco meals during school lunch at the Tri-Valley School.

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27 **COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

28 There were no communications or appearance requests.

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30 **DRAFT ORDINANCES**

31 **ORDINANCE 20-01: MAYOR'S SALARY**

32 Jake HILL MOVED to introduce Ordinance 20-01. The motion was seconded.

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34 Tallon SHREEVE shared what the finance committee considered when developing the
35 proposed salary.

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37 Joe CHATFIELD expressed concern about the rate of the salary increase and proposed the
38 creation of a mayoral salary schedule.

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40 Krista ZAPPONE asked that the documentation considered by the finance committee be
41 included for the assembly to review. Ms. ZAPPONE stated that considering a salary
42 schedule for a continuing Mayor should be considered differently than a newly elected
43 mayor.

1 Jake HILL agreed that comparing an experienced mayor to a newly elected mayor is not
2 equal.

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4 Jared ZIMMERMAN expressed concern about the mayor salary being used as a political
5 tool.

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7 The roll call VOTE to introduce failed by a vote of 4 to 2 with SHREEVE, HILL, ZAPPONE
8 and ZIMMERMAN in favor of introduction and MINER and CHATFIELD opposed to
9 introduction.

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11 **ORDINANCE 20-03: BASELINE ADDRESSING SYSTEM**

12 Jake HILL MOVED to introduce Ordinance 20-03. The motion was seconded.

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14 Assembly Member Jake HILL shared comments from McKinley Fire Chief Dave DeCaro in
15 support of the baseline addressing system.

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17 There was discussion about the placement of the baseline and the differences between the
18 baseline system and the street length system.

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20 Mayor Walker thanked staff for their work on this project and expressed his support for the
21 baseline addressing system.

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23 The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 20-03 was unanimous.

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25 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to postpone Ordinance 20-03. The motion was seconded. The
26 VOTE by show of hands to postpone was unanimous.

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28 **ORDINANCE 20-02: STREET LENGTH ADDRESSING SYSTEM**

29 Jake HILL MOVED to postpone indefinitely Ordinance 20-02. The motion was seconded.

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31 Krista ZAPPONE asked if it would be prudent to consider both systems for an additional
32 amount of time. There was some discussion.

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34 The VOTE by show of hands to postpone indefinitely passed 5-1 with MINER opposed.

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36 **PENDING ORDINANCES**

37 There were no pending ordinances to consider.

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39 **RESOLUTIONS**

40 **RESOLUTION 20-01: SUPPORTING 2020 CENSUS PARTICIPATION**

41 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Resolution 20-01. The motion was seconded.

42 The roll call VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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44 **OTHER BUSINESS**

1 **WAIVE PERMIT FEE FOR ANDERSON COMMUNITY WILDFIRE AND PROTECTION**
2 **PLAN PROJECT**

3 Jake HILL MOVED to waive the permit fee for the Anderson Community Wildfire and
4 Protection Plan Project. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to waive
5 the permit fee was unanimous.
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7 **UPDATE DENALI BOROUGH FEE SCHEDULE**

8 Jake HILL MOVED to approve the updated Denali Borough Fee Schedule. The motion was
9 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the updated Denali Borough Fee
10 Schedule was unanimous.
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12 **LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT**

13 Jake HILL MOVED to confirm the Lavesque Law Group as the Denali Borough Attorney.
14 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to confirm was unanimous.
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16 **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

- 17 a. **AMCO 3370: Denali Salmon Bake**
 - 18 b. **AMCO 5297: The Overlook**
 - 19 c. **AMCO 5457: Karstens Public House**
 - 20 d. **AMCO 4938: Prospectors Pizzeria**
 - 21 e. **AMCO 4028: Black Diamond Resort**
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23 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to not-protest the renewal of liquor license numbers 3370, 5297,
24 5457, 4938, and 4028. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to not-
25 protest was unanimous.
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27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

28 Carrie Skinner with the Denali Chamber of Commerce reported that

- 29 • Vanessa Juszczak will attend a state and national conference,
 - 30 • the January meeting will be held on January 14th at the chamber building and,
 - 31 • the chamber board will begin work on strategic planning in February.
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33 Dan Polta stated that the Denali Borough School Board will be requesting a slightly reduced
34 amount from the Denali Borough in local contribution for fiscal year 2021 than from fiscal
35 year 2020.
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37 Chris Noel thanked our Local Emergency Planning Committee for their work in our
38 community and specifically thanked Dale Nord, Marge Nord and Steve Love for their long
39 term commitment to our local emergency services community.
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41 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

42 Assembly members thanked those in attendance and thanked those that provided
43 reports to the assembly, in addition to the following comments:
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1 Tallon SHREEVE stated that he appreciated the opportunity to look at both addressing
2 systems again and feels good about the decision to select the baseline system. Mr.
3 SHREEVE also stated that the finance committee will review the Mayor Salary again and
4 bring back more information for the assembly to consider.

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6 Joe CHATFIELD stated that he is pleased to be moving forward with a system of
7 addressing.

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9 Krista ZAPPONE thanked assembly member Jake HILL for bringing the baseline system
10 of addressing back to the table for reconsideration. Ms. ZAPPONE announced the dates
11 of Winterfest coming up the weekend of February 21st and 22nd.

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13 Lisa MINER thanked the finance committee for their continued work on a
14 recommendation for the mayor's salary. Ms. MINER stated she is grateful to be working
15 on getting addresses in our area.

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17 Jake HILL announced that the Denali Education Center will be hosting a kick-off event
18 with live music for the Winterfest weekend.

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20 **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**
21 Wednesday, February 5, 2020: Joint Work Session with the Denali Borough School Board
22 at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska at 6:00 PM.

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24 Wednesday, February 12, 2020: Work session, public hearing and regular meeting at the
25 Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, AK, starting at 6:00 PM.

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27 Wednesday, March 25, 2020: Grant Review Committee Meeting at the Tri-Valley
28 Community Center, Healy, AK, starting at 6:00 PM.

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30 **ADJOURN:**
31 Jake HILL MOVED to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned by
32 unanimous voice vote at 8:27 PM.

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35 APPROVED: _____
36 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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40 ATTEST: _____
41 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

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44 Date Approved: _____



**Superintendent's Report
Denali Borough Assembly
Wednesday, January 8th, 2019**

Dear Denali Borough Assembly and Mayor Walker,

Please accept this written report for the month of December.

1. Appreciation/Congratulations

- a. Thank you to Candace Mudge and our student performers in Anderson and Cantwell for the holiday concerts in December on Tuesday the 10th and Thursday the 12th, respectively. Also thank you to our staff and students for their Celebrations of Learning they shared at the events. Someone described the Cantwell Concert and Celebration as “exuberating.”

2. Finances

- a. FY21 Budget - The Board reviewed the draft FY21 Budget at its December meeting and made three amendments to the draft. These were to use up to \$200,000 of unrestricted carryover, implement a hold harmless provision in state statute with would lessen the reduction in revenue related to low student enrollment (after adjustments for school size), and to mothball Cantwell School. The projection for Cantwell's enrollment for next school year is currently seven (7) students. This is not a final decision as the budget will not be approved until the February board meeting at the earliest.
- b. DEED Literacy Grant - At the start of the Christmas break, we were informed by DEED that we are being awarded the grant. This is a five-year grant and will provide DBSD with up to \$220,000 each year for the next five years to support specific literacy efforts in the District. The design of the grant and application is to provide additional literacy services and professional development, not to supplant or replace funding for other services. We did right the grant in such a way that our literacy efforts dovetail with our strategic planning and Denali Learning.

3. Facilities

- a. TVS Heating - During winter break a significant brownout in Healy caused serious disruption with the heating at Tri-Valley. Several different pumps went out. Some needed service or replacement. All pumps (or the

backups) are working and the building is warm. Some sections of piping froze and have been repaired. The school is running on heating oil until the coal auger is functional again.

- b. Tri-Valley Gym - We completed the repainting of the lower walls in the Tri-Valley gym. Later in January the high area of the ceiling will be cleaned.

4. Strategic Planning

- a. No update

5. 4-Day School Week -

- a. Our next meeting is on January 13th.

6. Professional Development

- a. The District will hold in-service on January 20th.

7. Personnel

a. Certified Staff

- i. We posted a temporary vacancy at Tri-Valley for a staff member who will be on long term medical leave. We are also reviewing schedules and coverage possibilities to see if other solutions exist to provide these services.

b. Classified Staff

- i. We have an opening for a full-time TA at Anderson
- ii. We have an opening for a part-time TA at Anderson
- iii. We still have an open position in Cantwell for the pre-school aide and will be interviewing applicants this week.

c. Exempt Staff

- i. No Updates

Sincerely,

Dan Polta
Denali Borough School District

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Clay Walker, Mayor

January 2020 Mayor's Report to the Denali Borough Assembly

This report speaks primarily to non-agenda items. Agenda items will be discussed in meeting.

Middle Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee

- The Board of Game considers proposals for regulatory changes in a given area every three years. This year a number of proposals have been considered by our local Advisory Committee before full consideration by the Board of Game at their March meeting in Fairbanks. The Board is currently accepting public comments on all proposals through February 21, 2020.
- The borough has not regularly weighed in on fish and game regulatory measures. One proposal, offered by the Middle Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee, establishes a Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C, which would designate this area for archery and muzzleloader hunting for moose. The proposal, number 133, cites a high level of hunting pressure in this road accessible area. Residents supporting this concept have cited an ancillary benefit of increased public safety within the most populated area of the borough and have asked that the boundary be extended to the Nenana River. The Committee is agreeable to the boundary extension.
- The next meeting of the committee is Tuesday, January 14 at 6 pm at the McKinley Park Community Center in McKinley Village.

Long Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) Update Regarding Proposed Special Use Airspace Restrictions and Clear Airport

- I attended a December 17 meeting at Clear Air Force Station with officials from Clear and the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). The borough's position on the potential impacts to the Clear Airport, as articulated in the Resolutions passed by the Planning Commission and Assembly, was shared. At this point, MDA believes they have engineered an airspace architecture which will allow Clear Airport to remain usable, with an approach of 1,500 feet. There will be times when this airspace is needed for testing or a threat and it may be closed. MDA has re-submitted its proposal to the FAA. They expect a Draft EIS to be published in June and an open comment period with public meeting in September of 2020. The borough will continue to advocate for mitigation of potential local impacts.

Professional Development

- Both Emergency Planner/Projects Coordinator Chris Noel and Solid Waste Operations Manager Scott Wright have enrolled in a professional development course offered by the National Association of Counties (NACo) called the High Performance Leadership Academy. The borough received a scholarship to help offset enrollment costs. Early reports are that this is a valuable learning opportunity.

Online Tax Payment System

- On the borough website, one can now remit tax due through new fillable forms. A letter was sent to current tax remitters detailing the expanded payment options.

Bison Gulch Parking and Trail Enhancement Project Update

- Administration Assistant Trena Haugen attended a December 20 meeting with National Park Service and Department of Transportation representatives to coordinate efforts toward carrying out this project which has been awarded funding. A proposed (and hopeful) timeline includes full site design this coming summer, with anticipated construction in 2021.

Federal Legislative Update

- In the FY2020 omnibus spending package, the Department of Interior's Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was fully funded for the year. The Small County PILT Parity Act, which we have supported, was not included in this package. We will continue to advocate for its passage.

Legislative Session

- The upcoming session begins Monday, January 20th. I am planning to attend the Alaska Municipal League Legislative Meeting February 18-20 and to meet with legislators at that time.

Happy January, Happy New Year. As always, feel free to call me or staff if you have any questions.

-Clay