

1 **Minutes of the Public Hearing**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **Anderson School**
4 **May 10, 2017**
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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared
8 Zimmerman at 6:04 p.m.
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Patrick KELLY, Joe
11 CHATFIELD, Don DEBLAUW, Paddy TATUM, David EVANS, and Tallon SHREEVE.
12 Absent: Krista ZAPPONE and Jill BOELSMA.
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14 ORDINANCE 17-04, Version B: An ordinance to establish and adopt the budget for fiscal year
15 2018
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17 There were no public comments.
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19 ORDINANCE 17-05, Version A: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital
20 Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2023
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22 There were no public comments.
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25 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
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29 APPROVED: 
30 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer
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34 ATTEST: 
35 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk
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40 Date Approved: 6/14/17

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**Denali Borough Assembly
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Anderson School
May 10, 2017**

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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:21 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

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

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David EVANS MOVED to excuse Ms. Zappone and Ms. Boelsma. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There was no public comment.

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AGENDA

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Patrick KELLY MOVED to amend the agenda to include Resolution 17-08 and approve as amended. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

April 12, 2017 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

David EVANS MOVED to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS

March 2017 Financial Report

Patrick KELLY MOVED to receive the March 2017 financial report. The motion was seconded. Jared Zimmerman asked for clarification on two items in the report. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Kesslyn Tench, Planning Commission Chair, reported on the following:

- During the April planning commission meeting, the commission looked at Denali Borough Code Chapter 9.10. Subdivisions. Denali Borough Land Planner Marsha Lambert will review and provide input on Chapter 9.10 to the commission.

- 1 • Planning Commissioner Steve Jones provided information regarding road and
2 easement standards for the planning commission to consider.
- 3 • The commission approved the land classification for the parcel of borough land to be
4 used to develop of the Healy Transfer Station.
- 5 • The commission approved a resolution making recommendations to the State of
6 Alaska, Department of Transportation, for local projects to be included in the
7 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

8 9 AUDITOR RFP COMMITTEE REPORT

10 Tallon Shreeve, Auditor RFP Committee Chair, reported that the committee, made up of
11 Jared Zimmerman, Julie Shorey and himself, met on April 24 to score the applications.
12 Kohler Schmitt and Hutchison scored the highest after all applications had been reviewed.
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14 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

15 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta
16 Superintendent Polta verbally highlighted the following events included in a written report:

- 17 • Twenty students from the Denali Borough School District participate in the State
18 music festival.
- 19 • Strategic planning core planning team met on April 18th to continue the development
20 of the districts strategic plan.
- 21 • Earlier this winter, the coal boiler at Tri-Valley School needed to be taken offline due
22 to the coal being frozen. The coal has now thawed and maintenance staff are
23 evaluating the level of damage.
- 24 • The Cantwell roof project is still in the design stage. The goal is to bring the insulation
25 value up to R49. The 35% design drawings suggest a decrease in the amount of roof
26 that will need to be fully replaced.
- 27 • Denali PEAK staff should be in their new office space in Wasilla by June. The district
28 is in the process of hiring staff for the Wasilla PEAK office.
- 29 • Final FY 17 budget revision, including the cost of the Cantwell sprinkler and the new
30 Denali PEAK office projects, will be part of the full budget revision during this month's
31 school board meeting.
- 32 • FY 18 budget asks for the maximum allowable funding from the borough to the
33 school district. Superintendent Polta thanked the Mayor and assembly for funding the
34 school district to the maximum allowable level.
- 35 • Provided a staffing update on a number of school district positions.

36 37 MAYOR REPORT

38 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted the following events included in a written report:

- 39 • Provided an update on the Land Use and Economic Development Plan effort.
- 40 • Attended the Alaska Municipal League Board meeting and discussed a variety of
41 legislative topics.

- 1 • Community Assistance through the State of Alaska has a bleak future unless the state
- 2 legislature provides a contribution to the program. Community Assistance payment for
- 3 this year will be less than initially predicted.
- 4 • The Alaska Municipal League summer conference will be in Haines and all assembly
- 5 members are welcome to attend.
- 6 • Work towards a gas pipeline project continues. The current timeline for permitting
- 7 decisions is the end of 2018
- 8 • The Denali Borough Landfill permit renewal and revision is on track. The revision looks
- 9 like it may significantly extend the life of the landfill. Thank you to the Anderson middle
- 10 school students who came out to pick up trash.
- 11 • An earthquake simulator will be at the Tri-Valley School on Tuesday May 16 if anyone
- 12 is interested in experiencing the feel of an 8.0 earthquake.
- 13 • Design work to replace the center pillar on the Ferry bridge will begin in June. There
- 14 will be a public outreach effort to gather public input on the design. Construction work
- 15 will be conducted mid-winter.
- 16 • Connie MacMaster will fill the position of Deputy Clerk/Financial Clerk.
- 17 • The current Denali Borough personnel policy does not have a policy or procedure for
- 18 posting open positions. We will be looking to revise the current policy to include posting
- 19 of open position internally prior to externally when appropriate.
- 20 • Attended a banquet hosted by the Denali Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has
- 21 been working to update their website as well hosting more community events and
- 22 activities.
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24 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

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

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29 David EVANS stated that he believes some expansion of foot or small motorized vehicle
30 traffic on the Ferry bridge is possible with the pier repair project and he encouraged
31 residents to provide their input and comments.

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33 Don DEBLAUW encouraged the assembly to continue working to make land available
34 for community growth opportunities.

35 36 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

37 Rob Graham, Fire Chief of the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department (TVVFD), Summer
38 Emergency Medical Service program

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40 Tri-Valley Fire Chief Rob Graham encouraged the assembly to fund the Tri-Valley Fire
41 Department Summer Medic Program to the full funding request. Chief Graham explained
42 that the trend has been for hotels to open earlier and close later during our tourism
43 season and the need for EMS services increases along with the hotel opening and

1 closing dates. The increase in funding requested will be used for payroll to extend the
2 summer medic program to provide coverage during this expanded season.

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4 DRAFT ORDINANCES

5 Ordinance 17-06: An ordinance transferring the balance of the Land Enterprise Fund
6 balance to the Land Management Capital Fund

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8 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 17-06. The motion was seconded. Mayor
9 Walker explained that this is a housekeeping item following up from the revision to Title 4.
10 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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12 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 17-06 to the next meeting. The motion was
13 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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15 PENDING ORDINANCES

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17 ORDINANCE 17-04, Version B: An ordinance to establish and adopt the budget for fiscal
18 year 2018

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20 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 17-04. The motion was seconded. Mayor Walker
21 recommended an amendment to Ordinance 17-04 reflecting the decrease in community
22 assistance revenue by \$1,949.

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24 Patrick KELLY MOVED to amend Ordinance 17-04 to change the amount of community
25 assistance revenue to \$322,419 to reflect the \$1,949 decrease. The motion was seconded.
26 The VOTE by show of hands to amend was unanimous.

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28 The roll call VOTE to adopt Ordinance 17-04 was unanimous.

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30 ORDINANCE 17-05: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement
31 Program for Fiscal Year 2018 through Fiscal Year 2023

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33 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve Ordinance 17-05. The motion was seconded. The roll
34 call vote to approve Ordinance 17-05 was unanimous.

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36 RESOLUTIONS

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38 Resolution 17-08: A resolution honoring Gail Pieknik on her retirement

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40 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 17-08. The motion was seconded. David
41 EVANS read the resolution aloud. The roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-08 was
42 unanimous.

1 Assembly Chair Jared Zimmerman called a meeting recess at 7:27 PM. The meeting
2 resumed at 7:53 PM.

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4 RESOLUTION 17-05: A resolution supporting projects for the Statewide Transportation
5 Improvement Program (STIP) Needs List

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7 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve Resolution 17-05. The motion was seconded. There
8 was discussion on a number of project ideas.

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10 Patrick KELLY MOVED to amend Resolution 17-05 to add expanding the Kobe Road
11 parking area to provide access for land owners, visitors, and recreational users as a
12 project to the list of. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was
13 unanimous.

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15 The roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-05 was unanimous.

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17 RESOLUTION 17-06: A resolution pertaining to the asset allocation of the Permanent
18 Investment Fund

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20 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve Resolution 17-06. The motion was seconded. The
21 roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-06 was unanimous.

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23 RESOLUTION 17-07: A resolution to award a contract for professional audit services.

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25 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve Resolution 17-07. The motion was seconded. The
26 roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-07 was unanimous.

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28 OTHER BUSINESS

29 Liquor License Renewal Applications:

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31 229 Parks Inc
32 License Number 4467
33 Renewal: Restaurant/Eating Place – Public Convenience
34 Owner: Laura Cole

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36 Patrick KELLY MOVED to not-protest the above listed liquor license application. The motion
37 was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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39 Solid Waste: Approve acceptance area extension for drilling project (DBC 6.150.60(B))

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41 Patrick KELLY MOVED to approve the acceptance area extension for the drilling project
42 near Nenana, located west of the Nenana River under DBC 6.150.60(B)). The motion was
43 seconded. Mayor Walker reviewed the proposed project and project location. This project is

1 outside of our described acceptance area and will need assembly approval in order to
2 accept the material from this project according to Denali Borough Code 6.150.60(B).

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4 The VOTE by show of hands was 6-1 with Paddy TATUM opposed.

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6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

7 Anderson resident Sandra Trumbower voiced her opposition to the proposed Clearview
8 Monofill project.

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10 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

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

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13 Don DEBLAUW commented that he recently drove down the road near Otto Lake that
14 was a topic of conversation as well as an assembly work session last summer and he
15 was impressed with the condition of the road now.

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17 Paddy TATUM told Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik that she would be very missed.

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19 Joe CHATFIELD reported that he is excited to have a grocery store and pharmacy
20 coming into the area but cautioned that conflict and other issues can develop as a
21 community grows. He stated that the assembly will need to be forward thinking and
22 proactive to help protect our way of life while still promoting growth and opportunities. He
23 believes that if we work together, we can find sustainable, long-term solutions that
24 protect our liberties and allow our communities to grow responsibly.

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26 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked Gail Pieknik for her many years of service for the Denali
27 Borough. He stated that he is excited about the Land Use and Economic Development
28 Planning process and that the more people we are able to get engaged in the process,
29 the better the plan will be in the end.

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31 David EVANS commented that when and if the Clearview Monofill project comes before
32 the assembly, they will have to base their decision on a finding of fact, the economic
33 impact to the borough in particular, not the science involved with a project like this.

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35 Tallon SHREEVE stated he is excited for the Land Use and Economic Development
36 Plan process. He is also excited to see the growth in our community and believes that
37 this growth will be positive for residents and visitors.

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39 Gail PIEKNIK stated that it has been an honor to serve as a Denali Borough employee
40 for the past 18 years. She reported that during her employ she has attended 247
41 meetings, worked with 3 Mayors, 17 co-workers, and many, many assembly members.
42 She said that the growth in our community is exciting and will benefit the entire borough
43 by making this a more desirable and convenient place to live.

1 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

2 The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Tri-Valley
3 Community Center; Healy, Alaska; Public Hearing 7:00 PM with the Regular Meeting
4 following the public hearing.

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6 Note: The public hearing will begin at 7:00 PM due to a Land Use and Economic
7 Development Plan public meeting from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to collect information from
8 the public to identify goals and strategies on land planning and economic development
9 within the Denali Borough


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11 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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16 APPROVED:



Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: 6/14/17