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**Denali Borough Assembly  
Minutes of the Grant Review and Special Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
May 27, 2020**

**SPECIAL AND GRANT REVIEW MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Mayor Walker described the dramatic reduction in Denali Borough revenue projected for the upcoming fiscal year due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the need to decrease expenditures accordingly. The Denali Borough will be receiving Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds and Mayor Walker recommends that the assembly suspend the Denali Borough Nonprofit Grant Programs for fiscal year 2021 and fund nonprofit organizations using CARES Act funds.

**APPLICANT COMMENT**

A number of nonprofit organizations provided comments including Railbelt Mental Health, the Tri-Valley Library, Zero Landfill Ambassador Program, Kobe Farm Community, Clearsky Sportsman's Club, the City of Anderson, and the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The applicants asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- Asked if there would be a new application process,
- encouraged support for the hydroponics garden program request,
- clarified that the Denali Borough Grant Program restrictions and limits would not apply to the CARES Act funding,
- asked how soon the CARES funds could be available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to suspend the Matching Grant Program for fiscal year 2021. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands and voice confirmation was unanimous.

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2 **NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM**

3 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to suspend the Nonprofit Grant Program for fiscal year 2021. The  
4 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands and voice confirmation was unanimous.  
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6 **EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM**

7 Tallon SHEEVE MOVED to suspend the Emergency Services and Public Safety Grant  
8 Program for fiscal year 2021. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands and  
9 voice confirmation was unanimous.  
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11 **ORDINANCE 20-09: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET**

12 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 20-09. The motion was seconded. The  
13 VOTE by show of hands and voice confirmation was unanimous.  
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15 **ORDINANCE 20-07: EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

16 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to extend the declaration of emergency defined in Ordinance 20-07  
17 to match the expiration date defined in the State of Alaska declaration of emergency. The  
18 motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands and voice confirmation was unanimous.  
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20 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Ordinance 20-07 as amended with the extended  
21 expiration date. The motion was seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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23 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

24 Assembly members expressed appreciation for all the nonprofit organizations in our  
25 community and for the time and effort put into the applications received through the  
26 nonprofit grant programs, in addition to the following comments:

- 27 • Expressed disappointment in the need to suspend the nonprofit grant programs for  
28 fiscal year 2021,
- 29 • expressed appreciation for the CARES Act funds and the opportunity to fund  
30 nonprofits with these funds.  
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32 **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

33 Upcoming assembly meetings will be virtual meeting on the following dates and times:

- 34 • Public Hearing and Regular VIRTUAL Meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at  
35 6:00 PM.
- 36 • Public Hearing and Regular VIRTUAL Meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at  
37 6:00 PM.  
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39 **ADJOURN:**

40 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned  
41 by unanimous voice vote at 7:18 PM.  
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1 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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6 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
7 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

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