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Clay Walker, Mayor

November 2022 Mayor's Report to the Denali Borough Assembly

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

Full Value Determination (FVD)

- The borough received our 2022 FVD from the State Assessor. The full and true value of taxable real and personal property within the borough was assessed at \$398,632,167. This is about a one percent decline from 2021 when the assessment was \$ 402,452,816. This is the first decline I have seen in this figure. This figure informs our Required Local Contribution to the Denali Borough School District. Current statute defines that contribution as a 2.65 mill rate levy on the district's FVD.

Borough Financial Statements and Audit

- Our Treasurer Allison Johnson is working with our accounting consultant to finalize the FY22 financial statement and working with our auditor to ensure they have everything they need to conduct the audit.
- We have received the Denali Borough School District's audited financial statements. Congratulations to their team for another clean, or unmodified opinion, audit.
- We plan to present to the Assembly at the January meeting.

Street Addressing Progress

- The construction of the Geographic Information System (GIS) street addressing database is progressing well. In the next month, we plan to move into the next project phase, which is to collect address request applications. After that, information will be verified, then addresses assigned through the issuance of an official letter.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Office Renovation Project

- The borough is planning to issue an ITB for the necessary renovation work to convert the "old bank space" into the new borough planning offices. This space will house our Land Planner, Community Development Director, and have a room for meeting space. It is anticipated that the Assembly will award of this contract.

Transportation Project Development

- The borough has submitted the list of requested Community Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program projects into the Department of Transportation (DOT) portal. Both the Planning Commission and Assembly reviewed this list prior to submittal.

- The Planning Commission is reviewing an updated Borough Transportation Needs List (for inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) which will also come to the Assembly for review.

Spruce Network Request

- Toward their goal of establishing a Community Recreation Center, the non-profit Spruce Network has requested the borough consider the potential use of borough-owned land on the south side of Healy's School Road. The borough is engaging a process of amending the approved management intent of this land, which is currently restricted to school functions. The process will include both Planning Commission and Assembly review and approval, as well as School Board input.

Fall Vaccination Clinic

- 140 people have signed up to receive influenza and/or covid bivalent vaccinations at the borough-organized clinic on November 10th. Many thanks to the clinic partners: Division of Public Health, Tri-Valley VFD, Horizon Medical, Interior Community Health Center and Denali National Park.

Annual Alaska Municipal League Conference

- This conference and business meeting will be held in Anchorage's Dena'ina Center December 7-9. A virtual session of the valuable training called "Newly Elected Officers" will be held on November 30th. To register and/or approve travel to attend, contact the borough office.

MTA Broadband ReConnect Grant Application

- In the October report, I informed the Assembly of the borough's support for the proposed upgrade of broadband access to 365 service locations from MP186 to MP 235 at a cost of \$9 million under USDA's ReConnect grant program. This program included a requirement of tribal consent. The Cantwell Village Council declined to provide this consent and MTA pulled the application.

Thanks to outgoing Assembly member Mark Johnson for your willingness to jump in and fill a vacancy and contribute to the governance of the borough.

Happy November, Happy Thanksgiving. As always, feel free to contact me or staff with any questions.

- Clay