

1 **Denali Borough Assembly**
2 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
3 **Anderson City Hall, Anderson, Alaska**
4 **November 9, 2022**

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6 **PUBLIC HEARING**

7 **ORDINANCE 22-11: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND**
8 **ALLOCATION**

9 There were no public comments.

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11 **ORDINANCE 22-12: ALLOCATE UP TO \$65,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**
12 **PROJECT FUND FOR IDENTIFIED PROJECTS; TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL OUTDOOR**
13 **RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND SOLID WASTE COLD STORAGE**

14 There were no public comments.

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16 **ORDINANCE 22-13: AMEND THE TITLE OF DENALI BOROUGH CODE 9.15 ZONING**
17 **LOCAL OPTION**

18 There were no public comments.

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20 **REGULAR MEETING**

21 **CALL TO ORDER**

22 Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

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24 **ROLL CALL**

25 Assembly members present: Dominic CANALE, Lisa MINER, Mark JOHNSON, David
26 ALEXANDER, Tallon SHREEVE, Joe CHATFIELD, Jeff STENGER and Jared
27 ZIMMERMAN.

28 Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

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30 Assembly members absent: Krista ZAPPONE.

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32 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to excuse the absent members. The motion was seconded.
33 The VOTE TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS PASSED by unanimous consent.

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35 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

36 There were no public comments.

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38 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

39 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded.

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41 The VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA PASSED by unanimous consent.

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43 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1 **OCTOBER 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

2 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 Meeting. The
3 motion was seconded.

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5 The VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES PASSED by unanimous consent.

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7 **REPORTS**

8 **PARTNER REPORTS**

9 Vanessa Juszczak with the Denali Chamber of Commerce and Discover Denali reported the
10 following:

- 11 • The Denali Chamber is participating in and coordinating a number of educational
12 opportunities for employees and small businesses that are available to anyone
13 interested.
- 14 • Thanked Holland America Princess and BJ and Jeff Yanuchi for their help and
15 support hosting the Trunk or Treat community event.
- 16 • The Denali Chamber welcomed Sarah Crowley to the Chamber Board of Directors.
- 17 • The Denali Chamber expects to see continued challenges with staffing as a whole in
18 the State of Alaska but specifically in the seasonal hospitality and tourism industry.
- 19 • Discover Denali is finalizing the layout for the 2023 Denali Vacation Planner
20 publication.
- 21 • Discover Denali is holding nominations for “The Best of Denali” in an assortment of
22 categories for businesses in our area.

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24 Representative McCabe stated that he appreciated the ability to listen and participate in our
25 Assembly meetings and expressed appreciation for the Candidate Forum hosted by the Tri-
26 Valley High School US Government class.

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28 **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

29 Superintendent Dan Polta verbally highlighted information provided in the attached written
30 report (see Attachment A).

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32 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

33 Denali Borough Planning Commissioner James Ward reported that the Planning
34 Commission discussed the potential development of a residential subdivision on borough
35 property and approved the request for a street name change at their October meeting.

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37 **MAYOR REPORT**

38 Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted information provided in the attached written report
39 (see Attachment C).

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41 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

42 Assembly members commented on the following:

- 43 • Thanked those that provided reports.

- 1 • Thanked all the election officials.
- 2 • Thanked Mark Johnson for his service on the Assembly.
- 3 • Expressed appreciation for the school concert.

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5 **COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST**

6 The Assembly received the 2022 Annual Financial Statement engagement letter from
7 Alliance CPA, LLC.

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9 **DRAFT ORDINANCES**

10 **ORDINANCE 22-14: MAJOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND ALLOCATION**
11 **FOR THE ANDERSON SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT**

12 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to introduce Ordinance 22-14. The motion was seconded.

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14 The VOTE TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 22-14 PASSED by unanimous roll call
15 vote.

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17 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE 22-14. The motion was
18 seconded.

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20 The VOTE TO POSTPONED PASSED by unanimous consent.

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22 **ORDINANCE 22-15: ALLOCATION FOR THE LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION**
23 **FOR THE HEALY SPUR ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

24 Talon SHREEVE MOVED to introduce Ordinance 22-15. The motion was seconded.

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26 The VOTE TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 22-15 PASSED by unanimous roll call
27 vote.

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29 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE 22-15. The motion was
30 seconded.

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32 The VOTE TO POSTPONED PASSED by unanimous consent.

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34 **PENDING ORDINANCES**

35 **ORDINANCE 22-11: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND**
36 **ALLOCATION**

37 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Ordinance 22-11. The motion was seconded.

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39 The VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-11 PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

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1 **ORDINANCE 22-12: ALLOCATE UP TO \$65,000 FROM CAPITAL**
2 **IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND FOR IDENTIFIED PROJECT; TRI-VALLEY**
3 **SCHOOL OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND SOLID WASTE**
4 **COLD STORAGE**

5 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Ordinance 22-12. The motion was seconded.

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7 The VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-12 PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

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9 **ORDINANCE 22-13: AMEND THE TITLE OF DENALI BOROUGH CODE 9.15**
10 **ZONING LOCAL OPTION**

11 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Ordinance 22-13. The motion was seconded.

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13 The VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 22-13 PASSED by unanimous roll call vote.

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15 **RESOLUTIONS**

16 **RESOLUTION 22-27: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL**
17 **CONSISTENCY FUNDS**

18 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Resolution 22-27. The motion was seconded.

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20 The VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-27 PASSED by unanimous roll call
21 vote.

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23 **RESOLUTION 22-28: SUPPORTING INCREASED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY**
24 **BOROUGH-WIDE**

25 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Resolution 22-28. The motion was seconded.

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27 The VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-28 PASSED by unanimous roll call
28 vote.

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30 **RESOLUTION 22-29: COMMENDATION TO THE TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
31 **U.S. GOVERNMENT CLASS FOR THE SENATE AND HOUSE CANDIDATE**
32 **FORUMS**

33 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Resolution 22-29. The motion was seconded.

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35 The VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-29 PASSED by unanimous roll call
36 vote.

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38 **RESOLUTION 22-30: COMMENDATION TO A TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
39 **STUDENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL CROSS COUNTRY SEASON**

40 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to approve Resolution 22-30. The motion was seconded.

1 The VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-30 PASSED by unanimous roll call
2 vote.

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4 **OTHER BUSINESS**

5 **LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR LICENSE #5763: MOOSEAKA, AND #1850: WHITE**
6 **RAVEN LIQUOR**

7 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to not-protest license renewal for #5763: MooseAka and #1850;
8 White Raven Liquor. The motion was seconded.

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10 The VOTE TO NOT-PROTEST PASSED by unanimous consent.

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12 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

13 There were no public comments.

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15 **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

16 Assembly members stated the following:

- 17 • Congratulated the High School Government class for a successful Candidate Forum.
- 18 • Congratulated Taylor Eddington for a successful Cross Country season.
- 19 • Expressed thoughts and reflections, both positive and negative, on the new Ranked
20 Choice Voting system in Alaska.
- 21 • Thanked Mark Johnson for his service on the Assembly.
- 22 • Welcomed Richard Hammond to the Assembly.
- 23 • Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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25 **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

26 The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting on December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the
27 Denali Borough Office.

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29 **ADJOURN**

30 Tallon SHREEVE MOVED to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

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32 The MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 7:40 PM by unanimous consent.

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36 APPROVED: _____
37 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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41 ATTEST: _____ Date Approved: _____
42 Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk



**Superintendent's Report
Denali Borough Assembly
Wednesday, November 9th, 2022**

Dear Denali Borough Assembly and Mayor Walker,

1. Appreciations/Congratulations

- a. Thank you and congratulations to the Tri-Valley high school students and Mr. Frisbie for organizing two candidate forums on October 24th and 25th. In addition to providing the public the opportunity to meet and hear directly from many of the people running for office in the current election, it authentically engaged our students with this process. Remember voting is currently open for absentee and absentee, in person voting, and regular in person voting will be on Tuesday November 8th.

2. Strategic Planning

- a. Friday Professional Time - On Friday October 28th we held our monthly "Tech Friday" and Samantha Ward offered presentations on different technology tools and how these can be used to support the content and instruction of core subjects. ON Friday November 4th, teachers used the time to engage with their teams on their inquiry projects and classroom instructional research.

3. Finances

- a. FY22 Audit - We received our final report for our FY22 Audit and it will be shared with the Board during the November meeting. There were no findings in the report and our final financial statements were in line with the information we've shared previously. As planned, we had a ~\$600,000 operational deficit that was covered by our unrestricted carryover. Our unrestricted carry over ended at ~\$1,250,000.
- b. FY23 Budget - Since the end of September we experienced a drop in enrollment in Denali PEAK and did not meet our budgeted enrollment projection of 800 students. We completed the 20-day count period and submitted these figures to DEED in our "OASIS Report". The state will now compare our submissions with those of other districts and identify students that are listed as enrolled in more than one school. The districts then enter a reconciliation process to resolve these conflicts. If the districts cannot resolve it among themselves than the final determination will be made by DEED. Based on final figures in the OASIS report, our enrollment at each

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of our four schools is below our budgeted amount. The initial impact on our FY23 budget is a reduction in revenue of \$500,000. Reena and I are reviewing what expense adjustments we may be able to make at this point in the school year. With no changes, this entire shortfall would need to be covered from our unrestricted carryover. We will present an FY23 budget revision in the November meeting.

- c. FY24 Budget - Previously we were projecting a static starting point deficit for the FY24 budget of over \$500,000. With updated enrollment figures discussed above, this starting point for FY24 is now over \$1,000,000, at least a 10% deficit. This is similar to the size of short fall projected by the Anchorage School District and a significant change from our assumptions one month ago. In working with the Finance Committee I am preparing a survey to collect community input, not votes, on several aspects of our budget for consideration in drafting and the Board's development of the FY24 budget.

4. Facilities

- a. Anderson Roof Project - DEED is reviewing final documents to close out this project and process our reimbursement.
- b. Tri-Valley Roof - No update
- c. Tri-Valley Solar - GVEA requested engineering drawings from RES to ensure that the solar panels were properly wired into our three-phase system at the school. GVEA has more experience with simpler one phase systems.
- d. FY24 CIP Major Maintenance Grant Program - DEED released their preliminary ranking of applications and projects. Denali's three projects were scored and placed on this list. Our highest ranked project is the Tri-Valley Roof Project, ranked as number 15 and would require state funding toward this list of \$35 Million. Our other projects are the district-wide generator upgrade project is ranked as 36 (\$73 million) and the Tri-Valley Septic System upgrade is number 43 (\$79 million).

5. Personnel

- a. Certified Staff - Rachel Saguinsin and Maria Theresa continue to progress through their respect steps in the H1B visa process. Rachel continues her work with the Philippines Overseas Labor Office. Maria Theresa had her interview at the US embassy in Brunei and her approval is being considered.
- b. Classified Staff - No updates
- c. Exempt Staff - No updates

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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