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**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Village Community Center
October 14, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by presiding officer Armeda Bulard at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Armeda BULARD, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Baxter MERCER, and Eileen HOLMES. Absent: John WINKLMANN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and Vickie LAUSEN.

There were no public comment items.

ADJOURNMENT The public hearing was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

APPROVED:



Clay Walker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: NOVEMBER 11, 2009

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Village Community Center
October 14, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Armeda BULARD called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Mayor David TALERICO led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Eileen HOLMES, Baxter MERCER and Armeda BULARD. John WINKLMANN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and Vickie LAUSEN arrived at 6:05.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA

Baxter MERCER MOVED to amend that Item G be moved up on the agenda to Item F to allow presenters time to reach Fairbanks to catch a flight. Robert KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to amend to add "Budget" to the agenda as Item 9. Baxter MERCER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the agenda as amended. Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

September 9, 2009 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Clay WALKER moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Robert KOHLSDORF seconded. Eileen HOLMES asked that the minutes of the Public Hearing show her in attendance. Baxter MERCER asked that the minutes of the Public Hearing show him in attendance. The VOTE to approve the minutes with said changes by show of hands was unanimous.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES:

Mike Sotac of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Energy Services presented information on the Alaska In-State Gas Line program including a preferred route alternative that would cross Denali Borough lands. Applications will be made soon to the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, and State of Alaska for right of way permits. Work on an Environmental Impact Statement will begin in November or December of 2009. Local scoping meetings will be conducted about that same time to gather oral and written testimony for input. The public hearing process will begin when the draft Environmental Impact Statement is out, about May 2010. The hope is to deliver natural gas via the gas line by the end of 2015.

1 Martha Tomeo presented a slide show and short movie highlighting the improved play areas at the
2 McKinley Village Community Center made possible in part by Borough matching grants, thanked the
3 assembly for the grants, and invited those present to visit the playground website at
4 <http://mckinleyplayground.wordpress.com>.
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6 REPORTS: August 2009 Financial Report
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8 Baxter MERCER MOVED to receive the financial report. Robert KOHLSDORF seconded. The
9 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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11 MAYOR'S REPORT
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13 Mayor David Talerico directed the assembly's attention to a communication from the State of Alaska
14 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs inviting the Denali Borough to join with them to support
15 the statewide delivery of training benefiting rural and urban jurisdictions under the U. S. Department
16 of Homeland Security Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program. The Denali
17 Borough was asked to partner due to their demonstrated "outstanding fiscal responsibility."
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19 Baxter MERCER MOVED to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Military
20 and Veterans Affairs. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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22 The Greater Healy Denali Chamber of Commerce has offered to take over planning Winterfest
23 activities. Mayor Talerico recommended the Assembly enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with
24 the group, indicating that budgeted funds of \$3,000 are available to the Chamber upon presentation
25 of receipts.
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27 Baxter MERCER MOVED to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Chamber. John
28 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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30 Mayor Talerico reported that he has met with Usibelli Coal Mine regarding using the Panguingue
31 Creek gravel pit for collection of junk vehicles. State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
32 shows continued interest, as well. The Mayor is working with both groups on issues related to the
33 vehicle clean up and permitting for the gravel pit.
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35 The State's sale of Borough property in the Rex area is not yet resolved, and it may be that legal
36 counsel needs to be contacted to file a claim with Superior Court. Other possibilities are a property
37 exchange or payback. Mayor Talerico hopes to have more information and perhaps a proposal at
38 the next meeting.
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40 The Mayor has not heard an update on the Nenana Canyon Easement issue.
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42 Ten proposals were received in response to the Geodatabase Request for Proposals. The review
43 committee included John Paynter, GIS specialist from Denali National Park; Jim Anderson, John
44 Miner, and Steve Jones of the Denali Borough Planning Commission; Drew Simmons, Denali
45 Borough Planner; and Mayor David Talerico. The contract was awarded to USKH of Fairbanks in the
46 amount of \$69,410. Half the funds will come from the Municipal Land Management fund, the rest
47 from the Area Wide Planning budget line item for a base map. Private and public parcels,
48 easements, right of ways, and subsurface rights will be identified in the project. A small pilot project

1 will be brought before the Planning Commission, and then proceed by stages. Planned completion
2 date is late February 2010.
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4 New median family income estimates developed by Housing and Urban Development show the
5 Denali Borough ranked fifth in the nation. Mayor Talerico has been in contact with Neal Fried,
6 Economist with the State of Alaska Department of Labor, to attempt to have proper adjustment
7 made to this estimate.
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9 Mayor Talerico reported that the new State Transportation and Improvement Program (STIP) list
10 was released. Projects within the Denali Borough included on the list were rebuilding the Bear
11 Creek Rest Area and the Nenana Canyon Rest Area on Kingfisher Pad. Reconstruction of the
12 Parks Highway from mile 240 to 262, which was a high priority on last year's list, is no longer on the
13 list at all.
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15 SCHOOL REPORT

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17 Denali Borough School District Superintendent Kim Langton reported on recent school events in the
18 Denali Borough, and encouraged all present to contact legislators to fully fund education. Mr.
19 Langton requested that a joint work session be arranged between the Borough Assembly and Denali
20 Borough School District School Board to discuss budget issues.
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22 LANDFILL ISSUES AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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24 Pat Winklmann reported that the Landfill and Recycling Committee is in full support of cleaning up
25 the community public and private lands. The committee currently has three members and has open
26 seats. The next meeting date for the committee has not been set.
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28 CAREER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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30 Vickie LAUSEN reported that the Career Technical Advisory committee is an informational
31 committee, and is currently gathering information and working to create a five year plan. The next
32 committee meeting is set for November 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM.
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34 APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION BOARD

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36 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the election board members as submitted. Eileen HOLMES
37 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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39 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

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41 MERCER thanked School Superintendent Langton for his report.
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43 Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to direct Mayor Talerico to write Neal Fried to dispute HUD median
44 income estimates for the Denali Borough. Eileen HOLMES seconded. The VOTE by show of hands
45 was unanimous.
46

47 Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI spoke to the STIP list omission of Denali Borough projects. A trail
48 system for the Denali Borough has been suggested as a list item for years.
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1 Clay WALKER enjoyed the presentations chronicling McKinley Village Community Center
2 playground improvements. Mr. WALKER also noted that a few years ago, there was discussion of
3 not having meetings in the McKinley Village Community Center building due to heating issues, and
4 acknowledged the work of Bob Shelton and Tom Walker to remedy those issues with a Monitor
5 Heater.
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7 John WINKLMANN had no comment.
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9 Eileen HOLMES expressed her pleasure learning of the playground improvement process.
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11 Vickie LAUSEN thanked assembly members for their work and coming to meetings.
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13 Armeda BULARD reiterated that people willing to serve on committees, as well as public volunteers
14 in our communities, are needed. Ms. BULARD thanked the volunteers from McKinley Village for the
15 wonderful job on the playground.
16

17 Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to resubmit Resolution 09-03 supporting STIP projects to the State of
18 Alaska with a letter asking the resolution be received as comment, and stating the assembly's
19 dismay that a priority project within the Denali Borough has been dropped from the list. Robert
20 KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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22 Ten minute break at 8:24 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.
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24 Presiding Office Armeda BULARD asked that Kris Capps be allowed to speak to the assembly. Ms.
25 Capps informed the assembly that she is the new Denali Division representative for the United Way.
26 Non-profit organizations (501.C.3) within the Borough may contact her to gain information on
27 requirements to receive funding from the United Way.
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29 ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:
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31 DRAFT ORDINANCE 09-14: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
32 Chapter 4.05 titled Real Property Acquisition.
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34 Baxter MERCER MOVED to introduce. Eileen HOLMES seconded. The roll call VOTE was
35 unanimous.
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37 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands
38 was unanimous.
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40 PENDING ORDINANCES:
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42 ORDINANCE 09-10, Version B: An ordinance to amend the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
43 Chapter 1.15 titled Ordinances – Resolutions – Regulations.
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45 John WINKLMANN moved that the Mayor vote to break the tie left unresolved at the last meeting.
46 Baxter MERCER seconded. Mayor Talerico asked to speak as voting member after having voted, as
47 he did not speak during the discussion on this motion. The Mayor voted against adopting the
48 ordinance. The MOTION failed. Mayor Talerico recommended that the assembly revisit this
49 ordinance at the November meeting, when new members would be able to vote.

1 RESOLUTIONS:

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3 RESOLUTION 09-19: A resolution authorizing participation in the Community Development Block
4 Grant (CDBG) program.

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6 Mayor Talerico suggested the resolution be postponed until the November meeting to allow for
7 direction from the assembly as to specific projects for development. The application deadline is
8 December 4.

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10 Baxter MERCER MOVED to postpone. John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of
11 hands was unanimous.

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13 OTHER BUSINESS

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15 Legislative priorities Mayor Talerico shared a list of possible priorities to bring to the legislature.
16 Discussion focused on the need for multiuse paths and creation of a scoping/steering committee to
17 develop priorities. John WINKLMANN identified the need for multi-use paths throughout the
18 Borough especially near populated areas. He discussed concerns about pedestrians walking or
19 biking along major highways. When travelling around the Borough, you can see people walking and
20 pushing baby carriages along the highway and across highway bridges. He also brought up the state
21 of Alaska PERS/TRS issues and the proposed Stampede Recreation Area as other priorities. The
22 subject will be revisited at the November meeting.

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24 Assembly response to Talon Shreeve's request regarding potential campgrounds and activities
25 within the proposed Stampede Recreation area.

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27 Vickie LAUSEN said she thought the letter was well thought out, and deserves a good response.
28 John WINKLMANN MOVED to charge Vickie LAUSEN with drafting a response. Clay WALKER
29 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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31 Assembly comment to state of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Rex Trail
32 track vehicle issue.

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34 Mayor Talerico informed the assembly that DNR performed an assessment of the Rex Trail recently.
35 No Borough representatives were invited to participate. The Mayor will contact DNR to inquire as to
36 the status of a plan for the Rex Trail.

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38 Designation of Revenue Sharing to local fire departments.

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40 Revenue sharing funds in the amount of \$20,255 for each unincorporated community in the Borough
41 have been received. The mayor suggested that the assembly designate spending of these funds
42 throughout Borough communities.

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44 Application to the state of Alaska for \$46,000 grant for bulk fuel, electricity and insurance.

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46 John WINKLMANN MOVED to apply to the State of Alaska for grant monies to cover bulk fuel,
47 electricity and insurance for the landfill and office. Robert KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE by
48 show of hands was unanimous.

1 Update on the disposition of property near the Rex Bridge.

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3 The state of Alaska's sale of Borough property in the Rex area is not yet resolved, and it may be that
4 legal counsel will need to be contacted to file a claim with Superior Court. Other possibilities are a
5 property exchange or payback. Mayor Talerico hopes to have more information and perhaps a
6 proposal at the next meeting.
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8 Update on Rex Crossing signage/drainage.

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10 Students of Anderson teacher Jamie Wagner have adopted the sign/drainage issues at Rex
11 Crossing. A culvert has been installed in a driveway that was contributing to flooding in the area.
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13 Denali Borough Code, Chapter 6.05 titled, Municipal Property, Inventory and Files.

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15 Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI thanked staff for submitting a good inventory sheet, and suggested that
16 the process for transferring property be reviewed.
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18 Budget items

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20 John WINKLMANN informed the assembly that there are several items he would like to address
21 when budget discussions begin in December or January. These include PILT funds, revenue
22 sharing, interest income, and landfill expenses.
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24 Public comments

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26 Pat Winklmann informed assembly members that some Rex Trail residents pay property taxes to the
27 Fairbanks North Star Borough.
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29 Assembly Comments

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31 Vickie LAUSEN thanked those present for a good meeting.
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33 Eileen HOLMES thanked those present for a good meeting.
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35 John WINKLMANN thanked those present for a good meeting and appreciated those who
36 brought snacks.
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38 Clay WALKER commented on the good energy evident in tonight's meeting.
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40 Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI MOVED to request the planning commission discuss right of way
41 issues related to utility corridors through the Denali Borough at their next meeting. Vickie
42 LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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44 Robert KOHLSDORF thanked Pat Winklmann for her work on the Landfill and Recycling
45 Committee.
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47 Baxter MERCER had no comments.
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1 Mayor David TALERICO thanked spouses of assembly members who are regularly a part of the
2 meeting audience.
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4 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held at the Cantwell School on
5 November 11, 2009; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.
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7 CANVASS COMMITTEE MEETING AND ASSMBLY SPECIAL MEETING: The canvass committee
8 meeting and the special assembly meeting to certify the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election will
9 be held in Healy at the Tri-Valley Community Center on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM.
10 Vickie LAUSEN stated that she would not be available for this meeting.
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12 Senator Joe Thomas and Representative David Guttenberg are tentatively scheduled to be in
13 Cantwell on November 13, in Healy on November 14, and in Anderson the evening of November 14.
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15 ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.
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19 APPROVED: 
20 Clay Walker, Presiding Officer
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23 ATTEST: 
24 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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28 Date Approved: NOVEMBER 11, 2009