

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
McKinley Community Center  
May 10, 2006**

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6 CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at  
7 7:08PM.  
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9 ROLL CALL Assembly members present were: Gerald Pollock, Bob Shelton, David  
10 Evans, Sid Michaels, Paul Schenk, Teresa Hall, Baxter Mercer, Eileen  
11 Holmes and Armeda Bulard. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.  
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13 PUBLIC COMMENTS Tracy Wiggins, Railbelt Mental Health and Addictions, expressed her  
14 apologies for the late funding application.  
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16 Peggy Menke, borough school libraries, spoke in favor of the funds for  
17 the library circulation system.  
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19 Peggy Menke, Healy Hockey, spoke in favor of funding the Healy  
20 Hockey program. It is a year round facility.  
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22 Ann Marie Boniakowski, Healy, reiterated Menke's comments.  
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24 AGENDA HALL MOVED to approve, HOLMES seconded.  
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26 HOLMES MOVED to add Michael Lamb, AMLIP as item F1. It was  
27 approved by unanimous consent.  
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29 The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.  
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31 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on  
32 April 12, 2006.  
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34 SCHENK MOVED to approve the April 12, 2006 minutes and  
35 MICHAELS seconded.  
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37 MICHAELS MOVED to amend page 6 line 18 to include the vote on the  
38 motion and to state a roll call vote to approve the resolution, HALL  
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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41 The VOTE to approve the minutes as amended was unanimous.  
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43 Michael Lamb, Chief Financial Officer for the Fairbanks North Star  
44 Borough and President of the Alaska Municipal League Investment  
45 Pool, gave an overview of the investment pool.

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2 FINANCIAL 1.) Financial report for March 2006.  
3 REPORT  
4 The chair entertained a motion to receive the March 2006 financial  
5 report. HALL so MOVED and SCHENK seconded. The VOTE to  
6 receive the financial report was unanimous.  
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8 MAYOR'S Mayor Talerico gave a brief report of his activities.  
9 REPORT  
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11 SCHOOL The School District Superintendent was not in attendance.  
12 DISTRICT There will be a new Superintendent, Kim Langton, starting July 1<sup>st</sup> and  
13 a new principal for the Anderson School.  
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15 PLANNING MICHAELS gave a report on the Planning Commission activities.  
16 COMMISSION The next Planning Commission meeting will be May 23, 2006 at the Tri-  
17 Valley Community Center.  
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19 FINANCE SCHENK gave a report on the Finance Committee activities.  
20 COMMITTEE  
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22 ASSEMBLY BULARD gave an overview on the trip to Juneau.  
23 COMMENTS  
24 MERCER talked to the increase of the assembly stipends to be  
25 brought up at the next meeting.  
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27 SCHENK thanked everyone for attending the meeting.  
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29 EVANS thanked BULARD for sitting on the superintendent search  
30 board in his place.  
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32 COMM. AND 1.) Kris Capps to discuss water safety and water parks.  
33 APPEARANCES  
34 Capps gave a brief overview on the water safety program and the  
35 Nenana River Wild Water Festival.  
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37 2.) Correspondence.  
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39 A.) Native Village of Cantwell regarding the Denali Borough Transit  
40 System.  
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42 The Mayor gave a brief explanation.  
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44 Gordon Carlson, President of the Native Village of Cantwell gave a  
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B.) Native Village of Cantwell regarding the upper Jack River Dike.

Gordon Carlson, President of the Native Village of Cantwell, briefed the assembly on this issue.

C.) State of Alaska, Fish and Game regarding proxy hunting system.

The Mayor gave an update on this issue.

BREAK

The presiding officer called a break at 7:59 PM.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:14 PM.

ORDINANCES

1.) An ordinance amending the DB Code 4.10, titled Management of Borough Real Property.

The Chair entertained a motion to postpone to the next meeting. MICHAELS so MOVED and SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

2.) An ordinance appropriating \$50,771 from the Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund in accordance with DB Code 3.20.060.

MICHAELS MOVED to postpone introduction until the next meeting, HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

3.) Ordinance 05-20, Version B: an ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances establishing an area wide conditional use permit for coal bed methane exploration and development.

MICHAELS MOVED to postpone until the next meeting, SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was 6-3 with HALL, POLLOCK and EVANS opposed.

4.) Ordinance 05-21, Version B: an ordinance of the Denali Borough establishing coal bed methane exploration and development regulations.

MICHAELS asked to take Version C and proposed amendment to a work session.

By unanimous consent, a work session will be held on May 24, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Tri-Valley Community Center.

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MICHAELS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MICHAELS MOVED to postpone the proposed amendment to the next meeting, HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

5.) Ordinance 06-07, Version B, an ordinance adding DBC 3.45 establishing a 2% general sales and service tax within the Denali Borough.

HALL MOVED to delete 3.45.070 Tax Holiday, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

HALL MOVED to delete 3.45.030 from "Services sold during the annual tax holiday as permitted ..." to the end of the section, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MICHAELS MOVED to delete 3.45.020 "Maximum tax per transaction," and in section 3.45.010 "up to five hundred dollars," MERCER seconded. The VOTE was 8-1 with EVANS opposed.

HALL MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

6.) Ordinance 06-09, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.25.020, to increase the amount of Overnight Accommodation Tax.

MICHAELS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Mayor Talerico spoke against this ordinance.

7.) Ordinance 06-10, Version A: An ordinance requiring fiscal notes.

EVANS MOVED to amend by substitution Version B, SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was 7-2 with HALL and BULARD opposed.

EVANS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

8.) Ordinance 06-11, Version A, an ordinance amending DB Code 2.10.020 regarding Mayor's term limit.

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MICHAELS MOVED to adopt, HALL seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

9.) Ordinance 06-12, Version A, an ordinance amending DB Code 2.05.010 title Borough Assembly Composition.

MICHAELS MOVED to adopt, BULARD seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

10.) Ordinance 06-13, Version A, an ordinance amending DB Code 2.15.303 titled Regular Assembly Meetings.

SCHENK MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

11.) Ordinance 06-14, Version A, an ordinance replacing DB Code 9.15 dealing with zoning.

MICHAELS MOVED to take Version A and the proposed amendment to a work session, HALL seconded. A work session will be held at 7:00 PM on May 31, 2006 at the Tri-Valley Community Center. The VOTE was unanimous.

HALL MOVED to postpone Version A and proposed amendment to the next meeting, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

12.) Ordinance 06-15, Version A, an ordinance amending Denali Borough budget for fiscal year 2006.

HALL MOVED to amend the Assembly Budgetary Reserve line item to \$54,871. This includes \$50,771 for school maintenance needs and \$4,150 for the Panguingue Creek Fire Department for training. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MERCER MOVED to adopt, HALL seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

13.) Ordinance 06-16, Version B, an ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2007.

MICHAELS MOVED to amend the amount for the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department to \$22,890. HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

1 HALL MOVED to add \$6,900 for Railbelt Mental Health and  
2 Addiction, SCHENK seconded. Discussion followed regarding  
3 funding policies and late funding applications. The VOTE was 8-1  
4 with MERCER opposed.  
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6 EVANS MOVED to fund Healy Hockey in the amount \$10,000,  
7 HALL seconded. The VOTE was 7-2 with MERCER and  
8 MICHAELS opposed.  
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10 MERCER MOVED to delete the funding to Kid's Stop, Inc, HALL  
11 seconded. Discussion followed.  
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13 Rebecca Skrivanek, Healy, spoke in favor of funding Kids Stop, Inc.  
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15 Patricia Winklmann, Healy resident, also spoke in favor of funding  
16 Kids Stop, Inc.  
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18 The VOTE was 2-7 with BULARD, SCHENK, POLLOCK, EVANS,  
19 HOLMES, SHELTON, AND MICHAELS opposed.  
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21 HALL MOVED to adopt, and EVANS seconded. The roll call VOTE  
22 was 8-1 with MICHAELS opposed.  
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24 14.) Ordinance 06-17, Version A, an ordinance establishing the  
25 Denali Borough Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal year  
26 2007 through 2012.  
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28 The chair entertained a motion to adopt. MICHAELS so MOVED  
29 and BULARD seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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31 RESOLUTION 1.) A resolution of the Denali Borough Assembly pertaining to the  
32 asset allocation of the permanent investment fund.  
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34 SCHENK MOVED to adopt, MICHAELS seconded.  
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36 HALL MOVED to ask the Finance Committee to look at funding  
37 policies, MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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39 The roll call VOTE to adopt was unanimous. This will be Resolution  
40 06-08.  
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42 BREAK The presiding officer called a break at 9:14 PM.  
43 The meeting reconvened at 9:16 PM.  
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2 OTHER  
3 BUSINESS

4 1.) An update on the Braun lawsuits.

5 Mayor Talerico gave an update on the Supreme Court Hearing that  
6 was held before Judge Olson on May 5, 2006. Discussion followed.

7 2.) An update on vehicular and pedestrian safety issues at Mile  
8 231.1 Parks Highway.

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10 Mayor Talerico commented on the letter dated April 12, 2006 from  
11 the Department of Transportation regarding the safety concerns of  
12 the Denali Borough at Mile 231 of the George Parks Highway.  
13 Discussion followed.

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15 3.) Liquor license renewal.

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17 a.) Type: New Restaurant eating place seasonal; Applicant: Leslie  
18 LeQuire; DBA: Panorama Pizza Pub #4599; Location: Mile 224  
19 Parks Highway.

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21 b.) Type: New Beverage Dispensary tourism seasonal; DBA:  
22 Denali Princess Lodge Rapids; Applicant: Alaska Hotel Properties  
23 LLC; Location: Mile 238.5 Parks Highway.

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25 The chair entertained a motion to take no action. HALL so MOVED  
26 and HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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28 4.) Public Comments.

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30 Tom Walker added to the comments regarding Mile 231. He  
31 expressed concern because the elder hostel is also in the vicinity  
32 which creates additional pedestrian traffic.

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34 Ann Marie Boniakowski, Aspen Haus Bed and Breakfast, urged the  
35 assembly to postpone the overnight accommodations increase until  
36 next September.

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38 Jo Ann Wallace, Healy resident, reiterated.

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40 Gordon Carlson, Cantwell resident, asked how the special interest  
41 group like DCC gets extra time during the assembly work session to  
42 discuss Coal Bed Methane when they should be using the public  
43 comment period.

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45 Brenda Bussard spoke to the 231 Parks Highway safety concerns.

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Cheryl Venechuk, Healy Hockey Association, thanked the assembly for their support to Healy Hockey.

Peggy Menke thanked the assembly for their support for the Library and Healy Hockey.

Ron Dane asked about the cost of implementing the bed tax increase and sales tax.

Charlie Boddy commented on the safety issues on the Parks Highway.

Jo Ann Wallace, thanked the assembly for their consideration of the Chamber of Commerce funding application.

Jo Ramos, Healy, thanked the assembly for supporting.

Pat Winklmann, Healy, thanked the assembly for suspending the rules and for trying to help out Kids Stop.

Elwood Lynn, Healy resident, spoke to highway safety.

Gordon Carlson, Cantwell, commented on the amount of Princess busses that drive the Denali Highway a day.

ASSEMBLY  
COMMENTS

BULARD spoke to the addition of trails.

MERCER commented on voting and the option of initiative and referendum petitions. He would like to see more accounting of the money's given for revenue sharing in the borough.

EVANS commented on Coal Bed Methane.

HOLMES thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

SHELTON and MICHAELS thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Talerico thanked Charlie Boddy for offering to help in Juneau on the Parks Highway pedestrian safety issue.

MERCER asked to be excused from the next meeting.

1 NEXT MEETING 1.) The next regular meeting will be held at Cantwell School on  
2 June 14, 2006. Work Session at 6:00, Public Hearing 6:45, and  
3 Regular Meeting to follow.  
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5 ADJOURN. Presiding Officer Pollock declared the regular meeting adjourned at  
6 9:50 PM.  
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10 ATTEST: SIGNATURE ON FILE  
11 Borough Clerk  
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APPROVED: SIGNATURE ON FILE  
Presiding Officer

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14 Date Approved: JUNE 14, 2006