Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
March 10, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Armeda BULARD, Bob MUELLER, Vickie LAUSEN and Eileen HOLMES. Assembly members absent: John WINKLMANN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and Cyrus COOPER.

ORDINANCE 10-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.10.090, titled Excess Liability - Lapse of Appropriations.

There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE 10-03, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.070 titled Capital Improvement Fund by clarifying subsections B and D.

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Clay Walker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: APRIL 14, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Clay WALKER called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Mayor David Talerico led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Armeda BULARD, Bob MUELLER, Vickie LAUSEN and Eileen HOLMES. Assembly members absent: John WINKLMANN, and Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI. Cyrus COOPER arrived at 7:29 pm.

Armeda BULARD MOVED to excuse Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and John WINKLMANN. Vickie Lausen seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Joella Blanchard, representative for Cantwell Community Library, informed the Assembly that the Cantwell Community Library would like to request additional funding to that requested in their recently submitted application for non-profit funding for FY2011.

David Coleman, Healy resident, asked the Assembly to move Other Business: Item 1) Liquor license up on the agenda.

AGENDA
Eileen HOLMES MOVED to approve the agenda. Bob MUELLER second. Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to amend the agenda by moving Other Business: Item 1.) Liquor Licenses to just after Item D.) Eileen Holmes seconded. The VOTE to approve the amendment by show of hands was unanimous. Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to amend the agenda by adding Appointment of Alternate to Matching Grants Committee under J.(1) Other Business. Vickie Lausen seconded. The VOTE to approve the amendment by show of hands was unanimous. The VOTE to approve the amended agenda by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES
February 10, 2010 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Vickie Lausen MOVED to approve the minutes as submitted. Armeda BULARD second. The requested changes to the minutes included: Page 4 of 7, Line 45 change to "three ayes, four nays;" Page 6 of 7, Line 4 change to "Cantwell" School, Page 2 of 7, Line 19 change to "House Resources Committee, and passed on to Senate Finance Committee." The VOTE to approve the minutes with said changes by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS: January 2010 Financial Report
Armeda Bulard MOVED to receive the financial report. Robert Kohlsdorf second. The VOTE to receive the financial report by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor David Talerico read a letter from the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department requesting $10,000 of revenue sharing monies be used to purchase a snow machine to aid in backcountry rescues, as

the funds were not used on a chest compression system vest due to successful fundraising efforts. Mayor Talerico encouraged Assembly members to visit the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department.

Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to designate $10,000 of revenue sharing funds to be used for the purchase of a wide track snow machine for the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department. Bob Mueller second. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

Mayor Talerico reported that several Tri-Valley students will be travelling to Juneau to attend an Alaska Youth for Environmental Action program. Students from all over the state will gather to learn about the Legislature while it is in session and discuss environmental issues of import. The group expressed their willingness to report to the Assembly about their trip, and asked for the support.

Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Irwin has informed Mayor Talerico that there are currently thirty-two appeals ahead of the Denali Borough appeal. The recommendation from Borough legal counsel was to let the appeal "play its course," and also advised that appeals have been known to take up to ten years. Commissioner Irwin will contact the mayor when the appeal process is completed.

The Legislative Finance Committee has not yet reviewed capital budget items. Mayor Talerico predicted the Stampede Recreation Area bill will likely die this year due to lack of time. If the bill is not acted upon this year, it will need to be resubmitted next year.

Representative Bill Stolze of Chugiak has sponsored House Bill 357, which would enable the Alaska Railroad to sell land that is not needed for essential railroad purposes.

Mayor Talerico asked Assembly members to come to the next meeting with ideas for honoring veterans and active military during the Memorial Day weekend.

Usibelli Coal Mine has filed for renewal and an incidental boundary revision to their permit to conduct surface coal mining activities at their Gold Run Pass Mine. The comment period will close April 15, 2010.

Mayor Talerico has been selected as one of three Alaskans to attend the June 2010 National Security Conference in Pennsylvania. Due to the conference date, Mr. Talerico will not be able to attend the June Assembly meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT

Vernon Carlson, Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Board member, reported on school events. There is now a full Board of nine members, and the budget is balanced. School Board members have been meeting once a week to discuss the budget and search for a new school superintendent. Mr. Carlson invited two Assembly members to assist in the superintendent search. Interviews will begin about April 17. The Tri-Valley boys' basketball team is headed to Anchorage for the State Tournament. Tvetne Carlson will be representing Cantwell School when DBSD students attend the Math Counts competition in Anchorage.

Armeda BULARD MOVED to appoint Vickie Lausen and Eileen Holmes to the DBSD Superintendent Search committee. Robert Kohlsdorf second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous. Presiding Office Clay WALKER asked Mr. Carlson to relay the appointments to the School Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Seat Resignation: Elizabeth Usibelli

Armeda BULARD MOVED to accept Elizabeth Usibelli's resignation from the Planning Commission with regrets. Robert Kohlsdorf second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Seat Appointments:
Seat A: Julia Potter
Seat F: Linda Chatfield
Seat I: Patricia Griggs

Mayor David Talerico appointed Julia Potter to Seat A, Linda Chatfield to Seat F, and Patricia Griggs to Seat I of the Denali Borough Planning Commission. Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to confirm the appointments. Eileen Holmes second. The VOTE to confirm the appointments by show of hands was unanimous.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS
Eileen HOLMES thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Vickie LAUSEN thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Robert KOHLSDORF reported that he and Mayor Talerico attended the Alaska Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, and provided Assembly members with a copy of his testimony. The Board approved both cow and bull moose hunts. Mr. Kohlsdorf will present information at the next meeting for Assembly action. Mr. Kohlsdorf also reported that former Assembly member Jerry Mueller is recuperating from a recent stroke.

Robert MUELLER had no comment.

Clay WALKER thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Armeda BULARD commented that Cantwell residents Marty Caress and Gordon Carlson attended the Board of Game meeting, and noted that the wolf buffer zone around Denali Park has not been renewed.

Vickie LAUSEN thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Presiding Officer Clay WALKER called a meeting recess at 7:05 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 7:22 pm.

Communication and Appearance Request:
There were no communications or appearance requests.

DRAFT ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 10-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.10.090, titled Excess Liability - Lapse of Appropriations.

Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. Armeda Bulard second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 10-03: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.070 titled Capital Improvement Fund by clarifying subsections B and D.

Eileen HOLMES MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. Robert Kohlsdorf second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

(Cyrus COOPER arrived at 7:29.)

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 10-07: A resolution to approve amendments to the cooperative participation agreement and bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, Inc (AML/JIA) effective July 1, 2010.

Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to adopt Resolution 10-07. Eileen Holmes seconded. Mayor Talerico noted that the changes are to remove outdated language. The revised bylaws are available in the Borough office for review. The roll call VOTE to adopt was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 10-08: A resolution extending to Miss Elyse Lynn the Denali Borough's recognition, appreciation and congratulations for her accomplishments.

Vickie LAUSEN read Resolution 10-08 into the record. Armeda BULARD MOVED to adopt. Vickie Lausen second. The roll call VOTE to adopt was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 10-09: A resolution of the Denali Borough approving unincorporated communities and their respective incorporated non-profit entities for participation in the fiscal year 2011 community revenue sharing program.

Eileen HOLMES MOVED to adopt. Robert Kohlsdorf second. Mayor Talerico noted that adoption of a resolution approving unincorporated communities and non-profit entities is required to receive Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development revenue sharing. The roll call VOTE to adopt was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.) Appointment of Alternate for Matching Grant Committee: Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to appoint Eileen Holmes as alternate member of the Borough Matching Grant Committee. Vickie Lausen second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
2.) Past transfer of Borough funds from FNB to AMLIP: Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to ask the Borough administration to request an opinion from legal counsel on a recent transfer of Borough funds from FNB to AMLIP. Cyrus Cooper second. The roll call VOTE was five ayes, two nays as follows: Ayes – Cyrus COOPER, Clay WALKER, Armeda BULARD, Vickie LAUSEN and Eileen HOLMES. Nays – Robert KOHLSDORF and Bob MUELLER.

Public comments

Elwood Lynn, Denali National Park Chief of Maintenance, commented that the Tri-Valley School-to-Work Program students will be mounting solar panels on the cabins they are building this year. The class will take a field trip to Denali Education Center to look at their solar panel system on March 11. Mr. Lynn invited Assembly members to take part in the field trip.

Assembly Comments

Cyrus COOPER commended Elyse Lynn for her accomplishments, and expressed concern over the Board of Game decision to remove the wolf buffer zone. Mr. Cooper thanked Mr. Kohlsdorf and Mayor Talerico for representing the concerns of the Borough at the Alaska Board of Game meeting. Lt. Col. Saxe of Clear Air Station is working with DBSD to work as a partner with students and educators.

Armeda BULARD noted that the Alaska Board of Game approved cow and bull moose season, contrary to Assembly Resolution 09-22.

Vickie LAUSEN congratulated Elyse Lynn on her accomplishments and reported on a successful Winterfest weekend.

Bob MUELLER thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Clay WALKER commented that he is happy to see a nearly full Planning Commission and that Clear Air Station will be working with the schools. Mr. Walker noted the National Park Service also works as a partner with the schools and that these different entities make our small communities work. Congratulations to Elyse Lynn.

Robert KOHLSDORF congratulated Elyse Lynn on her accomplishments, and suggested the Assembly invite students to share their talents at meetings.

Eileen HOLMES congratulated Elyse Lynn on her accomplishments.

Mayor Dave Talerico commented that the Tri-Valley High School Hockey team took second place in the State Hockey Tournament.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held at the Anderson School on April 14, 2010; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Clay Walker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: APRIL 14, 2010