

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
March 9, 2005**

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CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present were: Gerald Pollock, Bob Shelton, David Evans, Cynthia Trytko, Paul Schenk, Teresa Hall, Baxter Mercer and Jim Caswell. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Sid Michaels complemented the Borough staff for the effort put into the borough web page.

Henry Cole, Fairbanks, spoke about the City of Nenana's new motor sports park. He gave them a description of the project and announced the first snowmobile activity at noon on Saturday, March 26, 2005. Anyone interested in helping on the project may contact him. Other activities in the summer would be motorcycle or road racing in conjunction with the Racing Lions of Fairbanks, World Snowmobile Association (WSA), and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and McKinley Polaris in Healy.

Linda Paganelli, reminded the Assembly about the Stampede Summit on April 1-2, 2005. There will be more information mailed to the Assembly shortly.

David Braun, Panguingue Creek in Healy, reminded the Assembly that one of the terms of the lawsuit settlement was for the Assembly to revisit the reapportionment of the School Board. The variance of equal representation is much greater than it was on the Assembly. Weighted voting is against the law and he asked the Assembly to live up to that term of settlement agreement.

AGENDA HALL MOVED to approve the agenda and EVANS seconded.

SCHENK MOVED to add a resolution regarding Stampede Road as item I number 1. TRYTKO seconded. The vote was 7-1 with EVANS opposed.

1 MERCER MOVED to add Assembly Seat G appointment as
2 Item F7. SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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4 The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was
5 unanimous.
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7 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
8 held on February 9, 2005.
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10 The Presiding Officer entertained a motion to adopt the
11 February 9, 2005 minutes, EVANS so MOVED and HALL
12 seconded.
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14 SCHENK suggested correcting a typo on page 2, line 39.
15 Instead of reading March 1 it should read April 4 – 7.
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17 POLLOCK entertained a motion to change line 28 of page 3
18 to people mover or van, SHELTON seconded. The VOTE
19 was unanimous.
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21 The VOTE to approve the minutes as amended was
22 unanimous.
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24 FINANCIAL 1.) Financial report for January 2005.
25 REPORT
26 The Presiding Officer entertained a motion to receive the
27 January 2005 Financial Report. HALL so MOVED and
28 SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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30 MAYOR'S Mayor Talerico gave a brief report of his activities.
31 REPORT
32 Mayor Talerico introduced Elwood Lynn and Linda Paganelli.
33 They will be attending the Alaska Community Gateway
34 workshops in Anchorage. Also attending will be Chuck
35 Tomkiewicz from the Planning Commission, Armeda Bulard,
36 Vern Carlson, and Berit Snyder.
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38 There will be a Homeland Security exercise in Healy on May
39 7, 2005. Everyone is invited to attend.
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41 The Denali Borough in conjunction with the fire departments
42 applied for the 2005 Homeland Security grant. Our grand
43 total of revenue received through Homeland Security will be
44 approximately one million dollars worth of equipment. This
45 figure includes the 2003 and 2004 grants. Mayor Talerico

1 thanked Sean Fielding, Assistant Fire Chief at TVVFD, for
2 his hard work on the 2005 grant application.
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4 The Alaska Municipal League Legislative fly-in will be held
5 April 18-22, 2005. Mayor Talerico, Teresa HALL, Gail
6 Pieknik, and Amanda Nyberg will be attending this year. If
7 there is an Assembly member interested in attending, they
8 should contact the Borough office soon.
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10 Mayor Talerico will speak to the 6th grade Social Studies
11 class at 10:30 AM on March 14, 2005. The subject is local
12 government. The Assembly is invited to come.
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14 Mayor Talerico also discussed the voucher system for free
15 dump day at the Borough Landfill.
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17 SCHOOL The Denali Borough School Superintendent was not in
18 DISTRICT attendance.
19 REPORT
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21 PLANNING The Planning Commission gave a written report. Mayor
22 COMMISSION Talerico spoke about the report.
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24 FINANCE Sid Michaels, Finance Committee, gave an update on
25 COMMITTEE the Finance Committee. The committee is researching a
26 Borough business license and an increase in bed tax.
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28 ASSEMBLY SCHENK commented on the Borough's Municipal Land
29 COMMENTS Entitlements land classification of land.
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31 SHELTON thanked everyone for attending the meeting
32 tonight.
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34 POLLOCK commented on the Land Use Planning
35 Commission (LUPC). He would like to see the LUPC
36 kept as a committee to look into Coal Bed Methane, by
37 getting all interested parties together to sit down and
38 come up with a plan.
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40 TRYTKO announced a district wide school science fair
41 on March 16, 2005.
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43 CASWELL would like to see the Finance Committee look
44 into expanding the tax base rather than raising the tax
45 rate. It is important to the long-term fiscal health of our

1 community to emphasize expanding the tax base other
2 than raising the tax rate. He also commented on coal
3 bed methane and including it in the borough's resource
4 extraction tax.
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7 ASSEMBLY CASWELL nominated Sid Michaels, SCHENK seconded.
8 SEAT G The roll call VOTE was unanimous.
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10 Mayor Talerico administered the Oath of Office to
11 MICHAELS.
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13 RECESS The Presiding Officer called a recess at 7:56 PM.
14 The meeting was called back to order at 8:19 PM.
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16 ORDINANCES 1.) An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of
17 Ordinance Title IV, Chapter 24, titled Management of
18 Borough Real Property.
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20 EVANS MOVED to introduce, MICHAELS seconded.
21 Discussion followed.
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23 The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be
24 Ordinance 05-01.
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26 2.) An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of
27 Ordinances, adding Chapter 19, Section 7, creating a
28 Borough Capital Projects Fund.
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30 HALL MOVED to introduce, MICHAELS seconded.
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32 Mayor Talerico explained the ordinance. Discussion
33 followed regarding the definition of Capital Projects.
34 Capital Projects do not include maintenance.
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36 HALL felt that repairs should be included in the
37 ordinance.
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39 CASWELL suggested adding to the ordinance that
40 maintenance and repairs are not included in Capital
41 Projects. This would clarify the ordinance.
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43 CASWELL also suggestion adding a period after
44 "projects" and have another sentence that states that
45 maintenance and repairs do not qualify. On item number

1 3 of Section 7, place a period after “maintained, secured,
2 and invested.” Delete “along with the General Fund.”
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4 The roll call VOTE to introduce was unanimous. This will
5 be Ordinance 05-02.
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7 3.) An ordinance repealing Title V, Chapter 33 of the
8 Denali Borough Code of Ordinances dealing with the
9 Land Use Planning Committee.
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11 SCHENK MOVED to introduce and MICHAELS
12 seconded.
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14 There were discussions regarding having the LUPC look
15 into coal bed methane. MICHAELS suggested having an
16 Ad Hoc Committee to look at this issue.
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18 The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be
19 Ordinance 05-03.
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21 RESOLUTIONS 1.) A resolution regarding the Governor’s Stampede
22 Road initiative.
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24 SCHENK MOVED to adopt, HALL seconded.
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26 MICHAELS suggested that there should be stronger
27 wording in the last paragraph.
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29 Mayor Talerico explained that there is conflicting
30 information on the State of Alaska, Department of
31 Transportation Web site and the Governor’s
32 appropriations on this issue. This is in reference to the
33 Governor’s appropriations to capitalize funds, House Bill
34 No. 68.
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36 EVANS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting and
37 SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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39 OTHER 1.) Update from Neal Laugman, Neal Technologies on
40 BUSINESS GIS and the Denali Borough Land office.
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42 Mayor Talerico handed out GIS maps produced by Neal
43 Laugman in the office.
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45 2.) Denali Borough Land Sales procedures.

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EVANS MOVED to have the Finance Committee come up with a chapter on financing land sales and to bring it back to the Assembly. TRYTKO seconded.

CASWELL asked for clarification on what the Finance Committee is expected to do since there is already a chapter on borough financing of land.

EVANS would like to see the chapter expanded to include interest rates, when we will or will not finance, and forms of policy.

The VOTE was 8-1 with MICHAELS opposed.

3.) Long Term Leases: Mr. Frank Talerico/Black Diamond Resort; Location: Otto Lake area, Healy, Alaska; Acres: 280+.

There were discussions regarding the appraisal of the parcel.

CASWELL would like Neal Laugman to work with Frank Talerico and produce an as-built of the parcel. The Borough would pay for Mr. Laugman's time in this issue. The Assembly approved this by consensus.

EVANS would like to see the Assembly adopt this ordinance at the next meeting. He will also be bringing a resolution for adoption to allow Frank to get started on the lease and access the parcel.

4.) Liquor License Renewal: Restaurant/Eating Place Public Convenience #4467; Location: Mile 229.7 Parks Highway; D.B.A: 229 Parks, Inc.; Agent: Laura Cole; Phone: (907) 683-2202; Mailing Address: PO Box 229, Denali Park, AK 99755.

HALL MOVED to take no action and TRYTKO seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

5.) Liquor License Renewal: Denali Cabins/The Loose Moose #4047; Location: Mile 229 Parks Highway; D.B.A: Denali Cabins Management Inc.; Agent: Eric Downey;

1 Phone: (907) 664-9980; Mailing Address: PO Box 229,
2 Denali Park, AK 99755.

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4 MICHAELS MOVED to take no action and MERCER
5 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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7 6.) Update on the Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station mail-
8 out survey results.

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10 Mayor Talerico updated the Assembly on the Healy Transfer
11 Station Survey. Discussion followed.

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13 7.) Update on the lawsuit filed by Mr. David Braun.

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15 Mayor Talerico updated the Assembly on the lawsuit. On
16 March 31, 2005 at 3:30 PM there will be an appearance
17 in front of Judge Pengilly on lawsuit number 4. There
18 was also discussion regarding the settlement agreement
19 and the School Board District apportionment.

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21 8.) Public Comments.

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23 Samantha White, 6th grader at Tri-Valley School,
24 commented on her school project with the Social Studies
25 class and their mock city. They will be using "Roberts
26 Rules of Order" during their Council meetings. She is
27 here tonight to observe the Denali Borough Assembly in
28 action and will be going back to her class and reporting
29 on this meeting.

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31 Gene Baily, Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association
32 Secretary, commented on the Governor's proposed 5
33 million dollar budget and Stampede Road. The
34 Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association was never
35 asked if this was something that they would want but
36 chose to ignore our small body of government. The
37 Association and residents would like to have a say in the
38 matter. There are 120 or so residents that reject these
39 improvements on Stampede Road.

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41 ASSEMBLY
42 COMMENTS

43 HALL announced that on March 30 and 31, 2005 there
44 will be a Superintendent Meeting public forum.

45 CASWELL updated the Assembly on a meeting that was
held in Anchorage with the business leaders of that city.

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Discussion was on ANILCA, plans for the Denali National Park, and question were raised about the Northern Access. It seemed that as far as the Park Service is concerned, the South access route, Petersville Road, is more desirable. If the South access project goes, it is going to be in direct competition with the tourism industry in the Denali Borough at least with reduction in growth. This means less revenue for the Borough. The Northern Access is important to this Borough's future. CASWELL is a proponent of the railroad aspect of it. The Northern Access study need's to be done so that issues can be resolved.

SHELTON thanked MICHAELS for stepping up to the plate on the Assembly.

EVANS suggested that the NARS study should look into the impact to the Denali National Park. He also commented on the policy of the School Board. There should be a nepotism policy within their hiring policies for the school. Right now the policy is that only the Superintendent of the school can't have a spouse or a sibling working for the school. This rule should be broadened to the entire school staff. The reason for this is economics. If you hire one family, that family buys one loaf of bread or house. If you hire two families, then it's two loaves of bread and two houses. The point is the husband/wife combination; it is pooling all the money into one household. There is also HR reasons for not doing this.

SCHENK commented on NARS and the wolf that was killed.

MICHAELS will not be able to attend next meeting because he will be out of state. He commented on Ordinance 04-01 and the salary of the Mayor. In November the newly elected mayor should be paid as a full time Mayor. The Northern District Work Session will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the City of Anderson, Council Chambers.

NEXT MEETING 1.) The next regular meeting will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center on April 13, 2005. The Work Session

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at 6:00, Public Hearing 6:45, and Regular Meeting to follow.

ADJOURN. Presiding Officer Pollock declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:03PM.

ATTEST: SIGNATURE ON FILE
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: SIGNATURE ON FILE
Presiding Officer

Date Approved: APRIL 13, 2005