

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
January 12, 2011

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf at 6:00 PM.  
8 Presiding Officer Kohlsdorf congratulated Mayor Dave Talerico on this recent appointment to the Governor's  
9 Safety Advisory Council.

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11 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Armeda BULARD, Vickie LAUSEN, Robert  
12 KOHLSDORF, David EVANS, Clay WALKER, and Terry ASBURY. Absent: Eileen HOLMES and Cyrus  
13 COOPER.

14 ORDINANCE 10-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.20 by adding  
15 3.20.055 titled Grant Procedure.

16 Steve Love, Chair of Local Emergency Planning Commission, voiced opposition to Ordinance 10-12 and  
17 reminded Assembly members that letters have come from fire departments expressing their concerns with the  
18 Ordinance. There is concern that, if this Ordinance is approved, it will adversely affect future grants. Mr. Love  
19 testified that if Ordinance 10-12 goes into effect, Homeland Security has indicated to us that they would very  
20 possibly suspend any future grants to us.

21 ORDINANCE 10-14, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter  
22 6.15.070 titled Tipping Fees adding charge accounts.

23 There were no public comments.

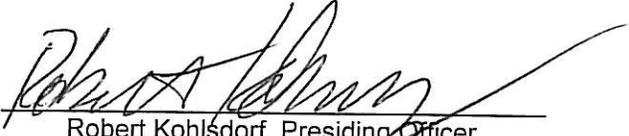
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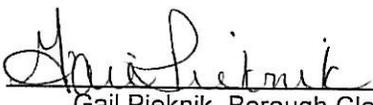
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28 There were no public comments.

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30 ORDINANCE 10-17, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$17,000 from the Major School  
31 Maintenance Reserve Fund for electrical upgrades to the Tri-Valley School multi-purpose room.

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33 There were no public comments.

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35 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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40 APPROVED:   
41 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

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44 ATTEST:  Date Approved: FEBRUARY 9, 2011  
45 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
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January 12, 2011

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9 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to order at  
10 6:04 PM. Mayor Talerico led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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12 ROLL CALL:

13 Assembly members present: Armeda BULARD, John WINKLMANN, Vickie LAUSEN, Robert  
14 KOHLSDORF, Dave EVANS, Terry ASBURY and Clay WALKER. Absent: Eileen HOLMES, and  
15 Cyrus COOPER.  
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17 David EVANS MOVED to excuse Assembly members Eileen Holmes and Cyrus Cooper. Vickie  
18 LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS

21 Hannah Ragland spoke as a Borough citizen in support of Ordinance 10-17 to upgrade electrical  
22 systems in the Tri-Valley School multipurpose room. Representing Friends of Stampede, Ms.  
23 Ragland read a letter in support of Resolution 11-02 regarding the proposed Stampede Road  
24 Recreation Area.  
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26 Kris Capps, representing Kids in Motion, spoke in support of Ordinance 10-17.  
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28 Robyn Taylor, Tri-Valley School Principal, spoke in support of Ordinance 10-17.  
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30 Keslyn Tench, Healy resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 10-17.  
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32 Mike Giannechini, Healy resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 10-17 and Resolution 11-02.  
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34 AGENDA

35 Armeda BULARD MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. Clay WALKER seconded.  
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37 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF relinquished the chair to Assembly member Terry  
38 Asbury.  
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40 Mr. Kohlsdorf noted that the date of the next meeting is February 9, 2011 and not February 12, 2011  
41 as listed on page 2 of the regular meeting agenda.  
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43 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF resumed the chair.  
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45 The VOTE by show of hands on the motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.  
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1 MINUTES

2 December 8, 2010 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

3 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 Regular Meeting and  
4 Public Hearing as submitted. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. Clay WALKER noted a typographical error  
5 on page 6 of 7, lines 36 and 37, which should read "... regarding Ordinance 10-15, and noted..."  
6 The VOTE by show of hands to approve the minutes was unanimous.  
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8 REPORTS: November 2010 Financial Report

9 Armeda BULARD MOVED to receive the financial report. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by  
10 show of hands was unanimous.  
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12 MAYOR'S REPORT

13 Mayor David Talerico informed the Assembly that he will be attending the Alaska Municipal League  
14 (AML) Legislative Fly-In February 8 – 10, and invited members interested to attend. These dates  
15 coincide with the Regular Meeting of the Assembly, so the Mayor will absent for the meeting. The  
16 Alaska Municipal League Federal and Statewide priorities have been finalized. A tentative date of  
17 February 16 has been set for a State Highway Safety Plan meeting in Fairbanks. The military has  
18 contacted the Borough regarding an environmental impact statement evaluation related to extending  
19 military training exercises to the northeast corner of the Borough. Mayor Talerico encouraged  
20 Assembly members to attend a meeting on the proposed military exercises in Fairbanks on January  
21 21, and asked them to consider a date for a financial work session in the near future.  
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23 SCHOOL REPORT

24 Kimberly Bergey, Superintendent of Denali Borough School District, reported on enrollment and  
25 attendance at Borough schools. Ms. Bergey urged all present to listen to students and be aware of  
26 suicide related issues. The Tri-Valley gym and locker room roof replacement project is number nine  
27 on the State's list of capital improvement projects. Schools are working to set up conferencing  
28 centers at each school library site, using equipment currently on hand and donated by Denali  
29 National Park, which will be open to the public.  
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31 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

32 Vickie LAUSEN welcomed those in attendance, and noted that quite a bit of public comment was  
33 received regarding Ordinance 10-17, all of it positive.  
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35 Clay WALKER commented on his pleasure at the audit report, which showed the Borough to be  
36 in a strong financial position. Mr. Walker thanked those serving before the current Assembly for  
37 their role in creating this result.  
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39 Terry ASBURY had no comment.  
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41 David EVANS expressed his desire to attend the February Legislative Fly-in.  
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43 Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to send David EVANS to the February Legislative Fly-in. Armeda  
44 BULARD seconded. Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to amend the motion to send two Assembly  
45 members to the fly-in. Armeda BULARD seconded. The VOTE on the amendment by show of  
46 hands was unanimous. The VOTE on the original motion by show of hands was unanimous.  
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48 Armeda BULARD drew the Assembly's attention to a letter from US Senator Mark Begich  
49 congratulating the Denali Borough on receiving AML's "Darn Good Idea" award for the Dry

1 Vehicle Drop Off program. Ms. Bulard also noted that there are a number of unresolved issues  
2 on the Assembly's plate, and recommended action on these items by the end of the fiscal year.  
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4 John WINKLMANN had no comment.  
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6 Robert KOHLSDORF congratulated John Winklmann on being named Alaska Physician  
7 Assistant of the Year. Mr. Kohlsdorf also expressed his desire to attend the upcoming meeting  
8 regarding military exercises in the northeast corner of the Borough, and the State Highway  
9 Safety Plan meeting.  
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11 Clay WALKER read a letter from Cyrus COOPER regarding support for Resolution 11-02 and  
12 suggesting postponement of Ordinance 10-12.  
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14 Laurie Gieck, CPA, Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison to review the Denali Borough, FY 2010 Annual  
15 Financial Audit.

16 Laurie Gieck, primary auditor of the Denali Borough and CPA with Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison,  
17 reported on the Borough's Fiscal Year 2010 financial audit. Ms. Gieck reported that the Borough  
18 received an unqualified opinion, with no reservations regarding the results of the audit. The Borough  
19 is in good financial condition, with evidence of good expenditure control. The Borough's only long  
20 term liability is for landfill closure. Ms. Gieck noted that a transfer from the general fund of \$17,756  
21 to record a match for the Emergency Management Performance Grant was budgeted in the  
22 Administrative Staff Salary line item, but recommended it be presented as a separate line item.  
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24 Sean Dewalt, Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA), to discuss risk  
25 management and loss control.

26 Sean Dewalt, Risk Manager with AMLJIA, the organization that provides coverage for the Denali  
27 Borough, commended landfill employees for the job they do. While Mr. Dewalt is in the area, he will  
28 be conducting appraisals of properties at the landfill and the Cantwell Transfer Station. Mr. Dewalt  
29 welcomed Mayor Talerico as the newest member of the AMLJIA Board of Trustees.  
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31 Greg Wyman, Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA), to give an update on the Eva Creek  
32 Project.

33 Greg Wyman, manager of construction services at GVEA and project manager for the Eva Creek  
34 Wind Project, gave an overview of the twenty-four megawatt wind commercial power project. Site  
35 screening, constraint assessment, site layout and energy yield assessment have been completed.  
36 Land and access requirements have been identified, and environmental permitting will be pursued  
37 soon. Environmental impact statements have been done. Two major manufacturers have submitted  
38 proposals for equipment, and the substation design is currently in progress. This will be a rate  
39 neutral project. Commercial operation is projected to begin in September 2012, funded in part by a  
40 Renewable Energy Fund Grant. It is expected that the contractor will hire approximately fifty  
41 employees, stressing local hire.  
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43 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called a meeting recess at 7:29 pm. The meeting  
44 reconvened at 7:48 pm.  
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46 Friends of Stampede to present information about the group and what they are working on.

47 Hannah Ragland, Friends of Stampede, explained that Friends of Stampede is a group recently  
48 formed for the purpose of protecting the natural resources and recreational opportunities on public  
49 lands in the townships along the Stampede Trail corridor. The group is currently working to support

1 the proposed Stampede Recreation Area, providing comment on the proposed bill, establishing  
2 contacts, and advocating for a local advisory board. An email list has been developed to assist in  
3 outreach.

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5 PENDING ORDINANCES:

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7 ORDINANCE 10-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.20 by  
8 adding 3.20.055 titled Grant Procedure.

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10 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 10-12 to the next meeting. Vickie LAUSEN  
11 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was 6-1 as follows: Ayes – John WINKLMANN, David  
12 EVANS, Terry ASBURY, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Vickie LAUSEN; Nay – Armeda  
13 BULARD. The motion passed.

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15 ORDINANCE 10-14, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
16 Chapter 6.15.070 titled Tipping Fees adding charge accounts.

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18 Armeda BULARD MOVED to adopt Ordinance 10-14. David EVANS seconded. Vickie LAUSEN  
19 MOVED to amend 6.15.070( c) to read “. . . payable within 60 days of the date of billing. After 60  
20 days . . . ” John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE on the amendment by show of hands was 2-5  
21 as follows: Ayes – Vickie LAUSEN, John WINKLMANN; Nays – Armeda BULARD, David EVANS,  
22 Terry ASBURY, Robert KOHLSDORF, and Clay WALKER. The amended motion failed.

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24 The roll call VOTE on the main motion to adopt was unanimous.

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26 ORDINANCE 10-15: An ordinance authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of Denali Borough  
27 municipal land to Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA).

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29 John WINKLMANN MOVED to amend Section 4 of Ordinance 10-15 to read “. . . paid in full, Fifteen  
30 Thousand dollars. The payment shall be made. . . ” Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show  
31 of hands was 6-1 as follows: Ayes – John WINKLMANN, Armeda BULARD, David EVANS, Terry  
32 ASBURY, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER; Nay – Vickie LAUSEN. The motion passed.

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34 It was noted that letters of support had not been received from organizations sharing the tower  
35 facility.

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37 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 10-15 to the next meeting. David EVANS  
38 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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40 ORDINANCE 10-17, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$17,000 from the Major School  
41 Maintenance Reserve Fund for electrical upgrades to the Tri-Valley School multi-purpose room.

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43 Armeda BULARD MOVED to adopt Ordinance 10-17, Version A. John WINKLMANN seconded.  
44 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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46 RESOLUTIONS:

47 RESOLUTION 10-29: A resolution in support of requesting the State of Alaska, Department of  
48 Transportation consider construction of safe trails around the Anderson School located within the  
49 Denali Borough.

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2 Armada BULARD MOVED to postpone Resolution 10-29 to the next meeting. Vickie LAUSEN  
3 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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5 John WINKLMANN MOVED that Resolution 10-29 be forwarded to the City of Anderson. David  
6 EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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8 RESOLUTION 11-01: A resolution requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation address the  
9 ongoing problem associated with the railroad overpass and Rexanna Road at Milepost 275.5 Parks  
10 Highway.  
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12 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF relinquished the chair to Assembly member Terry  
13 Asbury.  
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15 Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to approve Resolution 11-01. Armada BULARD seconded. Points of  
16 discussion that followed included the icing of Rexana Road in inclement weather, the steep grade of  
17 the road, the denial of a request for guardrails, and the lack of culverts in the current road. The roll  
18 call VOTE was unanimous.  
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20 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF resumed the chair.  
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22 RESOLUTION 11-02: A resolution in support of introduction and passage of a Bill creating the  
23 Stampede State Recreation Area and to include adjacent lands directly East of previously proposed  
24 boundary and West of Panguingue Creek Subdivision.  
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26 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve Resolution 11-02. David EVANS seconded. John  
27 WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the title of the Resolution to read ". . . Creating the Stampede  
28 Recreation Area and to include. . ." Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE on the amendment by  
29 show of hands was unanimous.  
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31 Points of discussion that followed included mention of David Evans as the original author of a  
32 resolution to create a Stampede Recreation Area, the idea that it is easier to remove items from a  
33 bill than to add, and the fact that the Bill was not pre-filed for the upcoming legislative session. The  
34 roll call VOTE on the main motion to approve was unanimous.  
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36 RESOLUTION 11-03: A resolution supporting the Golden Valley Association Eva Creek Wind  
37 Project and requesting State assistance in land rights and permitting.  
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39 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 11-03. Armada BULARD seconded. The roll call  
40 VOTE was unanimous.  
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42 RESOLUTION 11-04: A resolution identifying legislative requests for fiscal year 2011.

43 Armada BULARD MOVED to approve Resolution 11-04. Clay WALKER seconded. John  
44 WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the Resolution by supplanting the first priority to read "\$75,000 for  
45 planning, permitting and other fundamental activity to develop a borough-wide system of multiuse  
46 pathways." Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE on the amendment by show of hands was 6-1 as  
47 follows: Ayes - John WINKLMANN, Armada BULARD, David EVANS, Terry ASBURY, Clay  
48 WALKER, Vickie LAUSEN; Nay - Robert KOHLSDORF. The motion passed.

1 John WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the Resolution's second item to read "\$180,000 for a Ft.  
2 Garry F-550 mini-pumper truck for the Anderson Volunteer Fire Department," striking the proposed  
3 item, \$150,000 for cell construction at the landfill. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. Mayor Talerico  
4 explained that the fire truck was a high priority, that he was loathe to request too much of the State,  
5 and funding for cell construction may be found internally. The VOTE by show of hands on the  
6 amendment was 6-1 as follows: Ayes – John WINKLMANN, Armeda BULARD, David EVANS,  
7 Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Vickie LAUSEN; Nay – Terry ASBURY. The motion passed.

8 The roll call VOTE on the original motion to approve Resolution 11-04 was unanimous.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

10 Liquor License Renewals.

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12 Grande Denali Hotel – Alpenglow Restaurant  
13 The Great Alaska Fish and Chip Co.  
14 Panorama Pizza Pub  
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16 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the liquor licenses presented. Armeda BULARD seconded.  
17 It was noted that no negative comments had been received regarding the establishments. The  
18 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS

21 Dave Levy, resident of the Mile 275.5 Parks Highway area, expressed his opposition to Resolution  
22 11-01 due to the length of the proposed frontage road and safety issues. Mr. Levy requested that  
23 the Assembly reconsider Resolution 11-01.  
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25 Robert Mueller, resident of the Mile 275.5 Parks Highway area, displayed a map of the Department  
26 of Transportation's original plan for the Rexana Road railroad overpass area, and noted that the  
27 current design of the road is dangerous.  
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29 Hannah Ragland, Friends of Stampede, thanked the Assembly for their support of Resolution 11-02  
30 and noted that the Eight Mile Lake addition was never formally added to the State's proposal last  
31 legislative session.  
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33 Gordon Carlson, Cantwell resident, spoke in opposition to Resolution 11-02. Mr. Carlson also  
34 expressed his displeasure at the Assembly's repealing the Business License Chapter of Denali  
35 Borough Code, expressing the view that it is important to track commercial enterprise within the  
36 Borough.  
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38 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

39 John WINKLMANN expressed his desire to talk to individual fire department chiefs to get input  
40 on Ordinance 10-12 before the next meeting.  
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42 Armeda BULARD thanked those in attendance for staying through the entire meeting.  
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44 David EVANS noted that the map sent to the legislature with Resolution 11-02 should match the  
45 description of the property contained within the Bill. Mr. Evans expressed the view that the  
46 Alaska Department of Transportation will likely come up with another plan for Rexana Road and  
47 will communicate with the Borough.

1 Terry ASBURY had no comment.

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3 Clay WALKER commented that tonight was a good meeting.

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5 Vickie LAUSEN expressed her view that meetings should be on scheduled dates, as long as a  
6 quorum will be present.

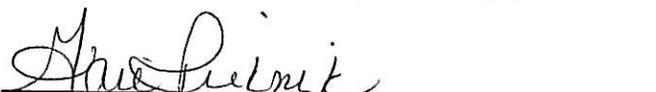
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8 Mayor Dave TALERICO informed the Assembly that there is a young person in the community  
9 who has had suicide prevention training, and would like to start a suicide prevention program. It  
10 would be beneficial to invite her to present at a future meeting.

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12 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

13 The next regular meeting will be held at the McKinley Community Center on February 9, 2011;  
14 Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

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16 ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

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20 APPROVED:   
21 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

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24 ATTEST:   
25 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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28 Date Approved: FEBRUARY 9, 2011

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