

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
McKinley Community Center  
September 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER The public Hearing was called to order at 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Baxter Mercer, Clay Walker, Eileen Holmes, John Winkmann, Armeda Bulard and David Evans. Josh Hockin and Teresa Chepoda Usibelli were absent. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 1.) **ORDINANCE 08-18, Version A:** An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code 1.15.040 and 1.15.130 regarding fiscal notes.

There were no comments.

2.) **ORDINANCE 08-20, Version A:** An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 2.35 titled Travel Allowances.

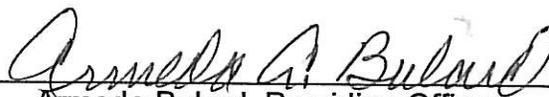
There were no comments.

3.) **ORDINANCE 08-21, Version A:** An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.045 titled Review of Public Funds.

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT The public hearing was adjourned at 6:10PM.

APPROVED:

  
Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: OCTOBER 8, 2008

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CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Armeda BULARD called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present: David Evans, Eileen Holmes, Baxter Mercer, John Winklmann, Armeda Bulard and Clay Walker. Teresa Chepoda Usibelli and Josh Hockin were absent. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

The clerk informed the assembly that Teresa Usibelli and Josh Hockin called in and asked to be excused.

EVANS MOVED to excuse USIBELLI and HOCKIN. WALKER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Bill Rodwell, McKinley Village Community Club President, spoke in support of proposed Ordinance 08-23 because the land use plan was becoming more involved than intended. The land is being used for public use which includes the fire department, emergency services, community club and public playground.

Tom Walker, MVCC Vice-President, supports proposed Ordinance 08-23 and reiterated what Mr. Rodwell said.

Steve Jones, McKinley Village, spoke to proposed Ordinance 08-23. The state land grant from the legislature gave the McKinley Village Community Center and Fire Department to the borough. It is in addition to the borough's municipal land entitlements. This would just be house cleaning.

AGENDA MERCER MOVED to approve the agenda. EVANS seconded.

MERCER MOVED to add Resolution 08-21, under Resolutions. WALKER seconded.

The VOTE on the amendment was unanimous.

The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.

MINUTES 1.) August 13, 2008 Public Hearing and Assembly Regular meeting.

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2 MERCER MOVED to approve. HOLMES seconded. The VOTE to  
3 approve the minutes was unanimous.  
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5 REPORTS

6 1.) July 2008 Financial Report.

7 EVANS MOVED to receive the financial report. MERCER seconded.  
8 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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10 2.) Mayor's Report

- 11 • Drew Simmons is now working in the land department.
- 12 • The new monitoring well at the landfill is coming along. The
- 13 original placing of it ended up to be in the swamp so they are
- 14 looking at a new area.
- 15 • The mayor spent the weekend at the landfill helping to repair the
- 16 septic line.
- 17 • There will be a shower and utility building added at the landfill for
- 18 the employees to do laundry and take showers. The mayor
- 19 found a portable building for \$18,000.
- 20 • A new electric fence will be installed around the working MSW pit
- 21 to detract bear. There has been a problem recently at the
- 22 landfill.
- 23 • The mayor would like to sell the TD-15 and Samsung loader.
- 24 • Continuing work with Elwood Lynn, Denali National Park, and
- 25 DOT on the Parks Highway and Crabby's Corner and trying to
- 26 get a traffic counter placed there.
- 27 • The mayor would like to continue working on the RFP for the
- 28 design of the new inert pit.
- 29 • Assembly member's HOLMES and BULARD attended the AML
- 30 summer meeting in Wrangell with the mayor. AML is continuing
- 31 to put pressure on the legislature for state revenue sharing.
- 32 • The mayor would like to do town hall meetings in October to
- 33 discuss with the public the propositions that will be placed on the
- 34 ballot. He invited the assembly to attend in their districts.
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37 3.) School Report

- 38 • Kim Langton, Denali Borough School Superintendant, was
- 39 not able to attend but sent a written report.
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42 4.) Assembly Advisory Committee

43 There was a written report.

44 5.) Landfill Issues and Recycling Committee  
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2 Kevin Hamel, Chair, gave a written and verbal report.  
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4 A. FINDING MONEY TO FUND THE LANDFILL  
5 CLOSURE FUND:  
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- 8 • Money from the road design
  - 9 • Permanent Fund interest
  - 10 • Left over money from equipment purchase
  - 11 • Find money in the General Fund and contingency funds
  - 12 • Take a loan out against the Permanent Fund and pay  
13 back with interest

14 B. RECYCLING UPDATE:  
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- 17 • Vickie Lausen volunteered to work as a liaison with the  
18 schools
  - 19 • Vickie and Mayor met with the Kim Langton and Kris  
20 Capps from the school district to discuss how to involve  
21 the schools in recycling.
  - 22 • Clear AFS is interested in joining the recycling efforts.

23 C. LANDILL:  
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25 MAKING MORE SPACE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE  
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- 28 • Re-surveying the depth of the pits to amend the permit
  - 29 • Resurvey current landfill, to allow us to redefine the  
30 footprint to two footprints. One for the MSW and the other  
31 for converting the C&D pits to inert pits.
  - 32 • Setting up plans for a new landfill inert pit outside of the  
33 current footprint.
  - 34 • Legislative Direct Funding for an inert pit.

35 WINKLMANN asked Mr. Hamel about the weight average that was  
36 used when the borough landfill was working with Clear Air Force  
37 Station. Mr. Hamel informed the assembly that the landfill used an  
38 average weight during a large haul from the Clear Air Base instead of  
39 charging the actual load weight. He felt that this was not the way to do  
40 business.  
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42 WINKLMANN asked about the landfill portable scales. He stated that a  
43 citizen saw the scales for sale on the internet. It was purchased in mid-  
44 winter.  
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1 WINKLMANN stated that the scale should be put up for bid.

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3 Mayor TALERICO stated that if the item is valued under \$10,000 then it  
4 does not have to go through the bid process under DBC 3.35.070,  
5 "Open Market Procedure."  
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7 6.) Assembly Comments:  
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9 WALKER thanked everyone that worked on the playground at the  
10 McKinley Community Club. He also thanked Vickie Lausen for getting  
11 signatures on a petition for DOT to place warning signs near Crabby's  
12 Corners.  
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14 MERCER is in favor of the town hall meetings and to proceed with the  
15 sale of the landfill equipment.  
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17 COMMUNICATIONS None.  
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19 APPEARANCES

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21 ORDINANCES  
22 TO BE  
23 INTRODUCED

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25 1.) **ORDINANCE 08-22:** An ordinance appropriating up to \$20,000  
26 from the Major School Maintenance Fund for installation of a new well  
27 at the Cantwell School  
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29 MERCER MOVED to introduce. EVANS seconded.  
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31 The mayor spoke to this ordinance. The well is located below the  
32 Cantwell School gym floor. If the well ever gave us problems it would  
33 be a bad situation. This ordinance would take money from the Major  
34 School Maintenance Fund to place a new well in the appropriate place.  
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36 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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38 WALKER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. WINKLMANN  
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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41 2.) **ORDINANCE 08-23:** An ordinance authorizing the sale of a certain  
42 parcel of land to the McKinley Village Volunteer Fire Department and  
43 the McKinley Village Community Club for a public purpose.  
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45 WINKLMANN MOVED to introduce. HOLMES seconded.  
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47 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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

BREAK

The presiding officer called for a ten minute break at 7:37 PM. The meeting was called back to order at 7:49PM.

PENDING ORDINANCES

1.) **ORDINANCE 08-18, Version A:** An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code 1.15.040 and 1.15.130 regarding fiscal notes.

EVANS spoke to this ordinance. He feels that when a new ordinance comes before the assembly that the assembly should be thinking about what the cost would be associated with passing such an ordinance.

WINKLMANN, MERCER and WALKER spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Vickie Lausen, Healy, spoke in favor of this ordinance.

WALKER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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WINKLMANN MOVED to amend by deleting under Section 2 A. "quarterly." MERCER seconded.

Walker MOVED to delete in the second paragraph under Section 2, first paragraph, "to the borough's endorsement for any request of funds" and to add "any pass through funds." This sentence would read; "*To receive Denali Borough funds or any pass through funds, the following requirement must be met:*" MERCER seconded.

The VOTE on the amendments was unanimous.

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

1 RESOLUTIONS

2 1.) **RESOLUTION 08-21:** A resolution approving certain  
3 unincorporated communities and their respective native village  
4 council and/or incorporated nonprofit entity for participating in the FY  
5 09 Community Revenue Sharing Program.

6 MERCER MOVED to approve. EVANS seconded. The roll call  
7 VOTE was unanimous.

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9 OTHER  
10 BUSINESS

11 1.) Village View Subdivision Land Management Plan

12 WALKER MOVED to pull this from the agenda. MERCER seconded.  
13 The VOTE was unanimous.

14 2.) Denali Borough Annual Work Plan

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16 There was a motion left on the table at the last meeting whereas  
17 HOLMES MOVED to adopt Draft A. WINKLMANN seconded.

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19 EVANS MOVED to amend by substituting Draft C for Draft A.  
20 HOLMES seconded.

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22 WINKLMANN spoke against the new landfill inert pit because he feels  
23 there isn't a need for it.

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25 MERCER spoke in favor of the new inert pit because he feels that the  
26 borough should plan for future expansion. If it is done now, we may get  
27 funding from the state and if we wait, there may not be funding  
28 available. Also, prices to build a new pit will go up.

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30 The VOTE on the substitution was 5-1 with WINKLMANN opposed.

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32 The roll call VOTE on the main motion was 5-1 with WINKLMANN  
33 opposed. The motion passes.

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35 3.) Denali Borough Landfill Permit and Operations Plan

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37 MERCER MOVED to receive from the Landfill Issues and Recycling  
38 Committee. EVANS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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40 MERCER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. WINKLMANN  
41 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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43 4.) Disclosure Ordinance  
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1 WINKLMANN spoke about creating a new financial disclosure form but  
2 didn't have time to produce it.

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4 The clerk stated that the ordinance which placed the opt-out option on  
5 the ballot stated that we would use the state of Alaska's 1999 Financial  
6 Disclosure Form.

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8 5.) Public comments

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10 Steve Jones spoke in favor of Ordinance 08-23 and requested that the  
11 assembly add other covenants under Section 5. The covenants would  
12 state that the land or buildings attached to the land not be used as  
13 collateral for loans and that if the non-profit no longer exists, the land  
14 and all improvements would revert back to the Denali Borough.

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16 Teresa Hall, Healy, thanked Dave EVANS for his service as an  
17 assembly member.

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19 Chip Saylor, landfill staff, spoke to the proposed new shower and utility  
20 facilities that the mayor is working on. He feels that this is for the health  
21 and safety of the landfill employees as well as the public to have a  
22 wash room.

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24 ASSEMBLY  
25 COMMENTS

HOLMES thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

26 WALKER will not be able to attend the next assembly meeting.

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28 NEXT MEETING

1.) The next regular meeting will be held at the Cantwell School on  
29 October 8, 2008; Public Hearing at 6:00PM, and regular meeting to  
30 follow.

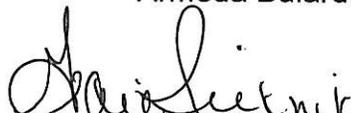
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32 ADJOURN.

The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at  
33 9:10 PM.

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36 APPROVED:

  
Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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40 ATTEST:

  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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44 Date Approved: OCTOBER 8, 2008