

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
September 9, 2009

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by presiding officer Armeda Bulard at  
8 6:00PM  
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Armeda BULARD, John WINKLMANN, Vickie LAUSEN,  
11 Robert KOHLSDORF, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and Clay WALKER, Baxter MERCER and Eileen  
12 HOLMES. David MILLER was absent.  
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14 ORDINANCE 09-05, Version B: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances  
15 Chapter 8.15.130 titled Rules for Counting Ballots.  
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17 There were no comments.  
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19 ORDINANCE 09-10, Version B: An ordinance to amend the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
20 Chapter 1.15 titled Ordinances – Resolutions – Regulations.  
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22 There were no comments.  
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24 ORDINANCE 09-11, Version A: An ordinance to amend the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances  
25 Chapter 8.05.060 titled Election Notices.  
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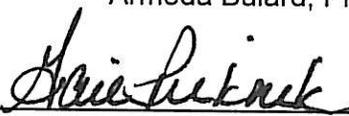
27 There were no comments.  
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29 ORDINANCE 09-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
30 Chapter 5.25 titled Planning Commission.  
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32 There were no comments.  
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35 ADJOURNMENT The public hearing was adjourned at 6:03 PM.  
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38 APPROVED:   
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40 Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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42 ATTEST:   
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44 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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46 Date Approved: OCTOBER 14, 2009

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
September 9, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Armeda BULARD called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Senator Joseph Thomas led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Robert KOHLSDORF, Vickie LAUSEN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI, Clay WALKER, Eileen HOLMES, Baxter MERCER and Armeda BULARD. David MILLER was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Coleman of the White Bear Corporation asked the assembly to move his corporation's liquor license request up on the agenda to allow he and his wife to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

AGENDA

MERCER MOVED to amend the agenda to place the liquor license under Other Business to the next item on the agenda. WALKER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the agenda to add "Agenda Procedures" under Other Business, Item 8. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the agenda as amended, HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

LIQUOR LICENSE –

BULARD recused herself, citing a business relationship with the White Bear Corporation. MERCER MOVED to approve. KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MINUTES: July 8, 2009 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

USIBELLI moved to approve. KOHLSDORF seconded. WALKER asked that the minutes show his motion on page 2 under Assembly Advisory Committee was, "to receive the report from the Assembly Advisory Committee and to take action on the recommendation of the Assembly Advisory Committee."

The VOTE to approve the minutes was unanimous.

REPORTS: July 2009 Financial Report

LAUSEN MOVED to receive the financial report. WALKER seconded. WINKLMANN noted that he had questions, but would like to propose a financial work session to discuss them. WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the motion to receive the financial report now and defer questions to a work session in the near future. USIBELLI seconded. The VOTE was 7-1 with KOHLSDORF opposed.

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2 MAYOR'S REPORT  
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4 Mayor David Talerico brought to the assembly's attention the revenue sharing amount shown in the  
5 financial report, which exceeds the budgeted amount by approximately \$60,000. The mayor  
6 suggested that the assembly designate spending of these funds throughout Borough communities.  
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8 The Assembly's appeal on the Rex Trail issue was denied. Track vehicles are being allowed with a  
9 permit through October 30, 2009. The mayor asked the assembly to comment on this issue at next  
10 month's meeting.  
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12 A letter from local resident Talon Shreeve was given to the assembly regarding the potential for  
13 campgrounds and activities within the proposed Stampede Recreational Area. The mayor asked the  
14 assembly to review the letter and consider a response.  
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16 The mayor will forward information to assembly members in regards to applying to the State of  
17 Alaska for monies to be used for bulk fuel, electricity or insurance. The Denali Borough may be  
18 eligible to receive up to \$46,000. The mayor asked the assembly to consider this item for their next  
19 meeting.  
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21 The mayor has been in contact with DNR to arrange a meeting to discuss the disposition of property  
22 near Rex Bridge. This is an item that the assembly had requested the mayor pursue after three  
23 years of inaction.  
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25 Mayor Talerico congratulated the assembly on their hard work petitioning the legislative delegation  
26 to get signs up near McKinley Village regarding pedestrians. The signs are close to the crossing,  
27 and the mayor will work to have their location changed to allow motorists more warning.  
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29 Community Block Grant applications for 2009 are due by December 4. Mayor Talerico suggested  
30 the assembly may consider a bridge in Southwind Subdivision as a potential application focus. He  
31 asked that the assembly consider this as an item to discuss at their next meeting.  
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33 Legislative priorities will be an important issue in the coming months. The mayor requested that this  
34 be addressed at the next meeting.  
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36 The mayor proposed that the local Fish and Game advisory committee be invited to attend a joint  
37 work session with the assembly to determine input on the Alaska Municipal League Alaska working  
38 draft. At present, the document has a large section regarding fish management, with relatively no  
39 policy for game.  
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41 The work on the Landfill fence is complete. The mayor thanked WINKLMANN and KOHLSDORF for  
42 meeting to review bids received for this project. A+ Fence did a good job on the fence, which has  
43 successfully been keeping bears out of the landfill.  
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45 The Anderson School septic system will be inspected within the next couple days, and then the  
46 project will be complete. Grant money is available for Tri-Valley School roofing material, and this  
47 project needs to be complete by the end of the fiscal year. A bid should go out this winter, with work  
48 commencing in the spring.  
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2 SCHOOL REPORT  
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4 Denali Borough School District Superintendent Kim Langton ceded the floor to Kris Capps, School  
5 Business Partnership Liaison, for a short time. Ms. Capps reported on events made possible by a  
6 partnership with the Denali Arts and Humanities Alliance. Opera tenor David Cangelosi recently  
7 presented workshops to Denali Borough students as well as performing for the community. Several  
8 art events are planned for Denali Borough this winter, including a nine-member male chorus and a  
9 hundred-member gospel choir. Ms. Capps pointed out that performers are now contacting the  
10 Denali Borough to offer performances, and encouraged the assembly to think of the arts as a form of  
11 revenue generation for the borough.  
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13 Superintendent Kim Langton reminded the assembly that the school district suffered a number of  
14 budget cuts this year. He reported on the increased enrollment in the Denali Peak correspondence  
15 program, which has surpassed projections. Mr. Langton encouraged all present to be in contact with  
16 legislators to encourage them to keep Alaska's children as the highest priority in the state.  
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18 PRESIDING OFFICER  
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20 Presiding Officer BULARD read her report to the assembly suggesting that the members follow rules  
21 of protocol.  
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23 PLANNING COMMISSION  
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25 No report  
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27 LANDFILL ISSUES AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
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29 No report  
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31 CAREER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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33 LAUSEN reported the last meeting was cancelled.  
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35 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS  
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37 HOLMES thanked Senator Thomas and his assistant John Hollenbeck for attending the meeting.  
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39 WINKLMANN stated that he agreed with the need for decorum, but did not agree with the  
40 presentation of the Presiding Officer's report, feeling it would be more appropriate for these issues to  
41 be addressed during Assembly Comments.  
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43 LAUSEN – Congratulations to the borough and the landfill employees for the impressive DEC  
44 inspection.  
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46 WALKER thanked Senator Thomas and the Fish and Game Troopers for attending the meeting. He  
47 requested that next month's agenda include an appearance from Martha Tomeo, of the McKinley  
48 Village Playground Project.  
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2 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES:  
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4 State Senator Joseph Thomas presented information on the Susitna Dam Project, and stressed that  
5 the largest question in the state of Alaska is energy. In mid-October he will be in the borough for  
6 constituent meetings.  
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8 Randy Zarnke, president of the Alaska Trappers Association, spoke regarding conflicts between pet  
9 owners and trappers in the area. A trapping clinic was held in this community last year to educate  
10 trappers, and another is planned for this year. Zarnke introduced Wildlife Troopers Lise and Dahlke.  
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12 McKinley Village resident Martin Weiner reported that the Alaska Trapper's Association's video  
13 "Sharing the Trails" has been shared with local libraries and Denali National Park.  
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15 The presiding officer called a meeting break at 8:10 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 pm.  
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17 PENDING ORDINANCES:  
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19 ORDINANCE 09-05, Version B: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances  
20 Chapter 8.15.130 titled Rules for Counting Ballots.  
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22 MERCER moved to adopt. WALKER seconded. WINKLMANN moved to amend Item 5 to read "in  
23 the event there are no printed names on a ballot for a seat and the total votes cast for any particular  
24 individual is less than five, the highest number of votes will be published." MERCER seconded.  
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26 The presiding officer felt that this ordinance no longer fits under Chapter 8.15.130 since it is now  
27 dealing with publishing write-in votes.  
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29 The Borough Clerk agreed and explained that the original intent of the ordinance had changed so  
30 much that the subject no longer belongs under counting write-ins but rather under the chapter on  
31 publishing write-in votes. The clerk suggested that this ordinance be postponed indefinitely and a  
32 new ordinance be written for another chapter in the Code of Ordinances. MERCER MOVED to  
33 postpone indefinitely, WINKLMANN second. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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35 ORDINANCE 09-10, Version B: An ordinance to amend the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
36 Chapter 1.15 titled Ordinances – Resolutions – Regulations.  
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38 WINKLMANN moved to adopt, LAUSEN seconded. The Roll call VOTE was 4 – 4. MERCER,  
39 USIBELLI, LAUSEN and WINKLMANN voted yes. HOLMES, BULARD, WALKER and  
40 KOHLSDORF voted no.-+  
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42 There was a question of whether the mayor can break a tie vote on the adoption of an ordinance.  
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44 WALKER MOVED to request the mayor contact the Borough Attorney to clarify the mayor's role, if  
45 any, in the event of a tie vote on an ordinance. LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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47 ORDINANCE 09-11, Version A: An ordinance to amend the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances  
48 Chapter 8.05.060 titled Election Notices.  
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1 MERCER MOVED to adopt, LAUSEN seconded. MERCER MOVED to amend Section B to become  
2 Section C, Section C to become Section D. WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE on the  
3 amendment was unanimous. The roll call VOTE on the main motion was unanimous.  
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5 ORDINANCE 09-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
6 Chapter 5.25 titled Planning Commission.  
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8 WINKLMANN MOVED to adopt. LAUSEN seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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10 RESOLUTIONS:

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12 RESOLUTION 09-18: A resolution to appoint the new Denali Borough Treasurer as a check signor  
13 to the Denali Borough accounts.  
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15 WINKLMANN MOVED to approve. LAUSEN seconded.  
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17 MERCER MOVED to have his name be removed from the resolution because he is not planning on  
18 running in the November Election.  
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20 WINKLMANN MOVED to amend to add Vicki Lausen as check signor in place of MERCER.  
21 MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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23 The roll call VOTE on the main MOTION was unanimous.  
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25 OTHER BUSINESS

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27 Resignation of Denali Borough Assembly member David Miller:  
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29 WALKER MOVED to accept. WINKLMANN seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.  
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31 Assign Canvass Committee for the November 3, 2009 Municipal Election  
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33 MERCER MOVED to assign the assembly as the election canvass committee. WINKLMANN  
34 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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36 Discussion on purchasing a connex building for the landfill recycling  
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38 WINKLMANN MOVED to direct borough administrator to purchase one connex to be used as a  
39 building for landfill recycling. LAUSEN seconded. WINKLMANN MOVED to amend the motion to  
40 designate the monies come from the Landfill Equipment Fund budget line item. LAUSEN seconded.  
41 The VOTE on the amendment was unanimous. The roll call VOTE on the main motion was  
42 unanimous.  
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44 Update on the Borough junk vehicle clean-up project  
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46 Mayor Talerico reported that he has a tentative meeting set for September 22 with Mr. Maxwell in  
47 Fairbanks to discuss what to do with junk vehicles, and to gain assistance in filling out the permit  
48 application. Usibelli Coal Mine would be a sponsor to a certain degree, and there will be interagency

1 involvement. The application will be brought before the assembly, and will likely be presented by a  
2 representative of Usibelli Coal Mine.

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4 Denali Borough annual audit

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6 LAUSEN MOVED to extend the audit contract for one year to Kohler, Schmidt, and Hutchison.  
7 MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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9 Assembly information request

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11 USIBELLI MOVED that the assembly be provided information on all inventory purchased through  
12 grants over the last five years. WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE was 4 – 4. The mayor was  
13 asked to break the tie vote. The mayor voted no. The MOTION fails. USIBELLI requested that  
14 Denali Borough Code Chapter 6.05 be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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16 Agenda Procedures

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18 WINKLMANN asked the procedure for requesting an item be added to a meeting agenda. The  
19 Borough Clerk reported that a person would contact the presiding officer or clerk. The clerk also  
20 reported that if an agenda item does not have supporting paperwork included in the meeting packet,  
21 the requesting individual's name will be included on the agenda after the item so that everyone  
22 would know who would be speaking to the issue.

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24 Public comments

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26 Steve Ziegman commented that no public official should have access to personal information held  
27 within the borough office.

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29 Assembly Comments

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31 WALKER commented that he is interested in the Healy transfer Site proposal, and would like to  
32 see follow up on where that possibility may lead.

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34 LAUSEN thanked Senator Thomas for the information on the Susitna Dam Project.

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36 USIBELLI commented that the meeting had brought up many things to think about.

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38 WINKLMANN thanked Senator Thomas for attending.

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40 HOLMES suggested that when there are guest appearances on the agenda, they be included at  
41 the beginning of agenda items.

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43 MERCER reminded the assembly to set a date for the financial work session. He also asked if  
44 progress had been made on the Cantwell School land issue. The mayor reported that a decision  
45 has not been made.

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47 Mayor Talerico asked the assembly to consider designation of revenue sharing funds and  
48 encouraged working with Anderson students on Rex Crossing safety issues. He also asked that

1 the assembly consider responding to Talon Shreeve's letter, review the 2009 Community Block  
2 grant application and reinvestment fund information.

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4 Financial Work session – There will be a financial work session on Wednesday, October 7 at  
5 5:30 pm.

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7 NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held at the McKinley Community Club on  
8 October 14, 2009; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

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10 ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

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21 APPROVED:

  
Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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25 ATTEST:

  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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30 Date Approved: OCTOBER 14, 2009