

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
March 9, 2011

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf at 6:01 PM.
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9 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Eileen HOLMES, Armeda BULARD, Vickie LAUSEN, David
10 EVANS, John WINKLMANN, Cyrus COOPER, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, and Terry ASBURY.

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

13 There were no public comments.

14 ORDINANCE 10-15, Version D: An ordinance authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of Denali Borough
15 municipal land to Golden Valley Electric Association
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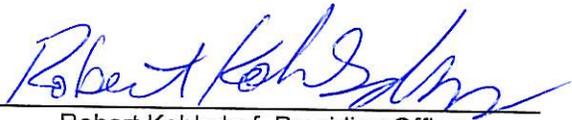
17 Vern Carlson, Cantwell resident, spoke against Ordinance 10-15. Mr. Carlson warned the Assembly to ensure
18 they have received all information about the intended use of the property.
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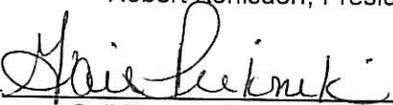
20 Patricia Griggs, Planning Commissioner, informed Assembly members that Resolution PC 10-08
21 recommended the lease, rather than sale, of commercial land in the Denali Borough.

22 ORDINANCE 11-01, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough FY 2011 budget appropriating
23 300,000 to Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund.

24 There were no public comments.
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27 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:06 PM.
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32 APPROVED: 
33 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

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36 ATTEST:  Date Approved: APRIL 13, 2011
37 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Mayor David Talerico was also in attendance. Mayor Talerico led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Griggs, Parks Highway resident, noted that the milepost contained in Resolution 11-01 was incorrect.

Gordon Carlson, Cantwell resident, spoke to the late timeline for Resolution 11-06 regarding non-motorized hunting in Unit 20A, and encouraged the Assembly to be proactive in submitting public comment in a timely manner.

Marge Nord, Cantwell resident, spoke in favor of Ordinance 11-02 regarding Grant Procedures.

AGENDA

David EVANS MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

February 9, 2011 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Armeda BULARD MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Public Hearing as submitted. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Cyrus COOPER MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Regular Meeting as submitted. Armeda BULARD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS

JANUARY 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

Clay WALKER MOVED to receive the financial report. Cyrus COOPER seconded. It was noted that a bond purchase occurred in January. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Talerico introduced Tri-Valley student Emily Brease to the Assembly. Ms. Brease has been serving as student intern at the Borough office through a partnership with the school. Ms. Brease is also spearheading a local suicide prevention program.

The Interior Mayor Arts Award nominations are due March 18. Several Denali Borough residents have won awards in the past, and the Mayor encouraged Assembly members to make nominations.

1 Robert Kohlsdorf and Mayor Talerico attended an open house in Fairbanks regarding the Railbelt
2 Large Hydro Project. The Upper Watana Dam site has been taken out of the project, with the focus
3 now on the Low Watana site. Mayor Talerico urged those present to keep abreast of this issue, and
4 to look at how this location could affect the community of Cantwell. The Mayor has requested
5 arepresentative from the Alaska Energy Authority come to the Denali Borough to discuss the impact
6 of the current plan on the Denali Borough.
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8 Railbelt Mental Health and Addictions has requested the Denali Borough enter into a cooperative
9 agreement for referrals, if deemed necessary, for addictions or other issues. The Borough has
10 made referrals in the past, and all are strictly confidential.
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12 Mayor Talerico, David Evans and Armeda Bulard travelled to Juneau, had appointments with a
13 number of legislators, and provided all interior legislators and finance committee members with a
14 packet of information about the Denali Borough and its concerns. The Mayor noted that constituents
15 wishing to comment on legislative issues must now first contact the office of the chairman of the
16 committee to obtain a call in number.
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18 The Governor has requested citizens of Alaska to take a stand against domestic violence and sexual
19 assault through the Choose Respect program, encouraging each community to host some type of
20 supporting event.
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22 SCHOOL REPORT

23 Kimberly Bergey, DBSD Superintendent, reported that the Denali Borough School District has been
24 working on balancing the budget before it is presented to the Assembly, and will have their regular
25 meeting on March 17 in Anderson. The Tri-Valley School roof replacement has reached number
26 nine on the state STIP list, and it is expected that the initial request for proposal should be in
27 process next week. Winterfest was a fabulous event, there was great feedback from Cantwell and
28 Anderson students who participated in events at Tri-Valley School. Ms. Bergey thanked First
29 Student for transportating students without charge for Winterfest events, and local community
30 partners who provided activities for students. Parent/teacher conferences will be held March 17
31 and 18, spring break will be March 21 – 25, testing will be done April 5, 6, 7. Ms. Bergey
32 congratulated Tri-Valley student Isabella Saxe for her third place showing in the recent Interior
33 Alaska Spelling Bee.
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35 DENALI BOROUGH TRAIL-WAYS COMMITTEE

36 Seat Appointments: Nan Eagleson

37 Mayor Talerico recommended that Nan Eagleson be appointed to the Denali Borough Trail-ways
38 committee. John WINKLMANN MOVED to confirm Mayor Talerico's appointment of Nan Eaglesen
39 to the Denali Borough Trail-ways Committee. Armeda BULARD seconded. The VOTE by show of
40 hands was unanimous.
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42 MATCHING GRANT COMMITTEE

43 Matching Grant Committee members are John Winklmann, Terry Asbury, and David Evans. Cyrus
44 COOPER volunteered to serve as Matching Grant Committee alternate member. Mr. Cooper was
45 appointed alternate member of the committee by unanimous consent.
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47 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

48 John WINKLMANN thanked those present for attending the meeting and credited the community
49 of Cantwell for high attendance at meetings.

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2 Armeda BULARD congratulated the Tri-Valley girls and boys basketball teams on making it to
3 the state tournament, and noted that Cantwell students play on both teams. Ms. Bulard also
4 congratulated Cantwell community member Anitra Winkler on her second place showing in the
5 Junior Iditarod for the second year in a row. Alaska will be looking at census data to revise
6 political areas, and Ms. Bulard encouraged those present to find information regarding this
7 process at akredistricting.org. An open house will be held in Nenana on March 10 regarding the
8 Alaska Pipeline Project. Representative David Guttenberg has requested a hearing in the House
9 Resources Committee for House Bill 113 regarding the proposed Stampede Recreation Area.
10 Ms. Bulard reported that she, Mayor Talerico, and David Evans attended meetings with a
11 number of legislators in Juneau, and left Denali Borough information packets with a dozen
12 additional legislators. Ms. Bulard was also in attendance at the Spring AML meeting, where
13 discussions were held with representatives from throughout Alaska. Resolutions and priorities
14 will be further discussed at the summer meeting in Sitka.

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16 Eileen HOLMES congratulated the Tri-Valley girls and boys basketball teams on their coming trip
17 to the state tournament.

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19 Cyrus COOPER thanked those supporting programs in local schools, including the Civil Air
20 Patrol, and congratulated Emily Brease on the work she is doing with suicide prevention.

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22 Robert KOHLSDORF thanked Emily Brease for her work in the Borough office.

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24 Terry ASBURY commented that this is his fifth meeting, and that he is pleased to see things
25 getting done. Mr. Asbury expressed the view that the budget is a large responsibility.

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27 Vickie LAUSEN apologized for missing the last meeting, stating that technology issues
28 prevented her communication of absence from reaching the Assembly. Ms. Lausen thanked
29 Emily Brease for what she is doing, and noted that it is important that children of the Denali
30 Borough receive a quality education, and are able to return to contribute to the Borough.

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32 Clay WALKER wished those present a happy March.

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34 David EVANS thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to travel to Juneau. Mr. Evans noted
35 that the Borough may end up being split in the redistricting process, but that may be looked at as
36 an opportunity for increased representation in Juneau. The presentation of capital projects
37 seemed to go over well, as did the proposed Stampede Recreation Area.

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39 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST

40 Jim Gorski, Borough Attorney, relating to questions forwarded by the assembly at the previous
41 meeting. Letter dated February 22, 2011.

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43 There was no action on this item.

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45 Garry Hutchison, CPA, Borough Auditor, relating to questions forwarded by the assembly at the
46 previous meeting. Letter dated March 3, 2011.

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48 It was noted that this communication was requested by a vote of the Assembly. There was no
49 action on this item.

1 Communications from the Denali Borough Planning Commission. Letter dated March 9, 2011
2 dealing with the sale of Borough property to GVEA.
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4 There was no action on this item.
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6 DRAFT ORDINANCES:

7 ORDINANCE 11-02: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.20 titled Grant
8 Procedures in its entirety.
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10 Clay WALKER MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-02. Cyrus COOPER seconded. Mayor Talerico
11 explained that this ordinance was generated by Borough staff to replace Chapter 3.21, to provide a
12 guideline for grant management. Mr. Winklmann commented that he agrees with the idea of a
13 comprehensive grant ordinance, however, he feels the proper management of grants including
14 proper assembly oversight, needs to be addressed in Ordinance 11-02. He also suggests to not
15 stipulate the names of particular current granting agencies as this list will change from time to time.
16 The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 11-02 was unanimous.
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18 Clay WALKER MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-02 to the next meeting. Armeda BULARD
19 seconded. A point of discussion that followed was the need to bring the ordinance to all four
20 communities. The VOTE to postpone by show of hands was unanimous.
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23 ORDINANCE 11-03: An ordinance to amend Denali Borough Code, Chapter 4.25 titled,
24 Classification of Borough-owned Lands.
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26 Clay WALKER MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-03. Cyrus COOPER seconded. Points of
27 discussion that followed included the current classification of Borough lands including gravel pits as
28 heavy industrial areas, the Borough has four sites that would be affected, resident versus
29 commercial gravel use, regulations that impact material sites.
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31 The roll call VOTE on the motion to introduce was unanimous.
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33 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-03 to the next meeting. Clay WALKER seconded.
34 It was noted that Mayor Talerico will forward Ordinance 11-03 to the Planning Commission. The
35 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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37 Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called a meeting recess at 7:26 pm. The meeting
38 reconvened at 7:39 pm.
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40 PENDING ORDINANCES:

41 ORDINANCE 10-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.20 by
42 adding 3.20.055 titled Grant Procedure.
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44 John WINKLMANN MOVED to substitute Ordinance 10-12, Draft Version D for Version A. Cyrus
45 COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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47 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone until the next meeting. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The
48 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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1 ORDINANCE 10-15, Version D: An ordinance authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of Denali
2 Borough municipal land to Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA).
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4 Clay WALKER MOVED to postpone indefinitely Ordinance 10-15. Eileen HOLMES seconded.
5 Points of discussion that followed include the Planning Commission's support of a lease option,
6 radio traffic emissions, the protection provided for adjacent property owners, the precedent of lease
7 versus sale of commercial properties, appraisal provisions in Denali Borough Code, and possible
8 Department of Transportation projects that may alter the complexion of the egress to the road.
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10 The roll call VOTE to postpone indefinitely was 7-2 as follows: Ayes – Armeda BULARD, Cyrus
11 COOPER, Clay WALKER, Eileen HOLMES, Terry ASBURY, Robert KOHLSDORF, John
12 WINKLMANN; Nays - David EVANS, Vickie LAUSEN. The motion passed.
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14 ORDINANCE 11-01, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough FY 2011 budget
15 appropriating \$300,000 to Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund.
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17 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-01, Version A to the next meeting. Cyrus
18 COOPER seconded. Points of discussion that followed include the use of funds for school
19 maintenance projects, the basic funding requirement that 70% of school operating funds be used for
20 student instruction, and priority of specified projects.
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22 The VOTE to postpone Ordinance 11-01 by show of hands was unanimous.
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24 RESOLUTIONS:

25 RESOLUTION 10-28: A resolution in support of requesting the State of Alaska, Department of
26 Transportation consider construction of safe trails around the Cantwell School located within the
27 Denali Borough.
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29 Armeda BULARD MOVED to postpone indefinitely Resolution 10-28. Cyrus COOPER seconded.
30 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.
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32 RESOLUTION 11-06: A resolution in support of continuing traditional non-motorized hunting within
33 the Yanert Controlled Area in Unit 20A
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35 Clay WALKER MOVED to adopt Resolution 11-06. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The roll call VOTE
36 was unanimous.
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38 RESOLUTION 11-07: A resolution supporting a project be added to the Statewide Transportation
39 Improvement Program (STIP) needs list.
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41 Clay WALKER MOVED to adopt Resolution 11-07. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The focus of
42 discussion that followed was on the proposed pedestrian trail access project in the Crabbie's
43 Crossing area. It was noted that the Borough has been in support of the project for nine years.
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45 The roll call VOTE to adopt Resolution 11-07 was unanimous.
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47 OTHER BUSINESS

48 Liquor License Renewals.
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1 Denali Cabins – Mile 231.1 Parks Highway
2 Dew Drop Inn – Anderson, Alaska
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4 David EVANS MOVED to approve the liquor licenses presented. Cyrus COOPER seconded. It was
5 noted that no negative comments had been received regarding either of the establishments. The
6 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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8 PUBLIC COMMENTS

9 Gordon Carlson, Cantwell resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 11-03.
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11 Molly McKinley, Denali Citizens Council (DCC), spoke to the Assembly regarding the gas
12 license within the Healy Basin, and DCC's desire to see the license limited to the area east
13 of the Nenana River, as well as enhanced protection for private property. Ms. McKinley also
14 addressed coal bed method extraction, and individual water rights. Ms. McKinley
15 encouraged citizens to consider the impacts of development within their local area.
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17 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS
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19 David EVANS reminded Assembly members that, if they have a conflict of interest, they have a
20 fiduciary duty to be sure official actions are in the best interest of the Denali Borough. Mr. Evans
21 noted that communications with legal counsel or auditors are to be made as a body, and not as
22 individual Assembly members. Mr. Evans also noted that the Alaska Municipal League is
23 fighting PERS termination studies, which has a heavy potential impact on municipalities.
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25 Clay WALKER thanked those present for attending the meeting, and urged caution when driving,
26 as there may be caribou on the road.
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28 Vickie LAUSEN thanked those present for attending the meeting.
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30 Terry ASBURY wished all present a good evening.
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32 Robert KOHLSDORF thanked those present for attending the meeting and giving input on
33 issues.
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35 Cyrus COOPER thanked those present for participating in the meeting, and applauded action
36 that any individual or group would take to support the Governor's initiative regarding respect
37 issues.
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39 Eileen HOLMES thanked those present for attending the meeting and providing input on issues.
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41 Armeda BULARD thanked those present for attending the meeting.
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43 John WINKLMANN commented that disclosure is of importance in conflicts of interest.
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45 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

46 The next regular meeting will be held at the Anderson School on April 13, 2011; Budget Work
47 Session at 5:30 PM, Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.
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ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

APPROVED: 
Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: APRIL 13, 2011