

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
April 12, 2006**

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6 CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at 7:18PM.  
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8 ROLL CALL Assembly members present were: Gerald Pollock, Bob Shelton, David Evans,  
9 Sid Michaels, Paul Schenk, Baxter Mercer, and Armeda Bulard. Absent were:  
10 Eileen Holmes and Teresa Hall. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.  
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12 The Chair entertained a MOTION to excuse HALL and HOLMES. EVANS so  
13 MOVED and MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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15 PUBLIC COMMENTS Richard Martin, Healy, spoke in favor of a Healy transfer station.  
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17 Chuck Tomkiewicz, Panguingue Creek Fire Department, apologized to the  
18 Assembly for not submitting the 2007 funding application. He also  
19 commented that they have all the equipment to operate as a fire department.  
20 The state is willing to train them at a reduced cost and they are hoping to do  
21 this in the spring and is asking for an appropriation of \$2,500 to be put forth for  
22 training for FY 2007.  
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24 Rachel Carlson, Cantwell, spoke in favor of the proposed sales tax. It can be  
25 used for beneficial projects within this borough. The public needs to be  
26 educated and that is the key to getting the ordinance passed.  
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28 AGENDA The Chair entertained a MOTION to approve the agenda. MERCER so  
29 MOVED and MICHAELS seconded.  
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31 Mayor Talerico requested removing Michael Lamb from the agenda. Passed  
32 by unanimous consent.  
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34 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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36 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on March 8,  
37 2006.  
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39 The Chair entertained a MOTION to adopt the March 8, 2006 minutes.  
40 MICHAELS so MOVED and BULARD seconded. The VOTE to approve the  
41 minutes was unanimous.  
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43 2.) Minutes of the February 27, 2006 Canvas Committee meeting.  
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45 The Chair entertained a MOTION to approve the February 27, 2006 canvass  
46 committee minutes. MERCER so MOVED and MICHAELS seconded. The  
47 VOTE was unanimous.  
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49 3.) Minutes of the February 27, 2006 Special meeting.

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2 The Chair entertained a MOTION to approve the February 27, 2006 special  
3 meeting minutes. MERCER so MOVED and SCHENK seconded. The VOTE  
4 was unanimous.  
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6 FINANCIAL 1.) Financial report for February 2006.  
7 REPORT  
8 The chair entertained a motion to receive the February 2006 financial report.  
9 SCHENK so MOVED and BULARD seconded.  
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11 EVANS asked about the landfill assurance fund. The treasurer explained the  
12 monies held in that account.  
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14 The VOTE to receive the financial report was unanimous.  
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16 MAYOR'S Mayor Talerico gave a brief report of his activities.  
17 REPORT  
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19 SCHOOL The School Board gave a written report.  
20 BOARD  
21 There will be a joint work session to be held on May 3, 2006 at 7:00PM at the  
22 Tri-Valley School.  
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24 SCHOOL The School District Superintendent gave a written report.  
25 DISTRICT  
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27 PLANNING MICHAELS gave a report on the Planning Commission activities.  
28 COMMISSION  
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30 FINANCE  
31 COMMITTEE The Finance Committee submitted a written report recommending introduction  
32 of the proposed fiscal year 2006 budget amendment, the introduction of the  
33 fiscal year 2007 budget and the 6-year CIP ordinance.  
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35 ASSEMBLY EVANS spoke in favor if a Healy solid waste transfer station.  
36 COMMENTS  
37 SHELTON expressed his appreciation for the good turn out this evening.  
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39 SCHENK also thanked people for coming out tonight. He also commented  
40 on potential revenue sources.  
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42 MERCER reminded the public that it is the voters that will decide on the  
43 tax.  
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45 BULARD received a thank you letter from the Native Village of Cantwell  
46 for the matching grant money. BULARD also thanked the Denali  
47 Commission for the dust control project in Cantwell.  
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49 BREAK The presiding officer called a break at 8:08 PM.

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COMM. AND APPEARANCES

The meeting was reconvened at 8:21 PM.

1.) Lisa Giannusa with Interior Community Health Clinic.

Lisa Giannusa, ICHC spoke to the project supported by the resolution.

Cheryl Kilgore, ICHC Executive Director, gave a history of the ICHC and gave an explanation of the expansion of services. Their goal is to build the care capacity to fit the Denali Borough.

2.) Charlie Loeb to discuss the Denali Transportation Plan.

Charlie Loeb, Denali National Park, spoke about the *Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for a Community Transportation System*.

ORDINANCES

1.) Mayor's Term Limit.

MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-11.

2.) An ordinance amending DB Code 2.05.010 title Borough Assembly Composition.

MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-12.

2.) An ordinance amending DB Code 2.15.303 titled Regular Assembly Meetings.

SCHENK MOVED to introduce MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-13.

3.) An ordinance replacing DB Code 9.15 dealing with zoning.

MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and BULARD seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-14.

4.) An ordinance amending Denali Borough budget for fiscal year 2006.

MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and SCHENK seconded. MERCER asked about the assembly contingency. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-15.

5.) An ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2007.

MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-16.

1 6.) An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvements  
2 Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2007 through 2012.

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4 MICHAELS MOVED to introduce and BULARD seconded. The roll call  
5 VOTE was unanimous. This will be Ordinance 06-17.

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7 Mayor Talerico gave a PowerPoint overview of the budget.

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9 The assembly set the date for a budget work session on May 3, 2006  
10 following the joint work session with the school board.

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12 MICHAELS MOVED to bring Ordinance 06-16 back to the table for further  
13 discussion. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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15 MICHAELS MOVED to amend by adding: \$8,100 for Panquingue Fire  
16 Department, \$7,700 for McKinley Park Community Hall, and \$3,000 for the  
17 Anderson Library. The total for all fire departments will be \$61, 030 and  
18 the total for libraries and non-profits will be \$55,310. MERCER seconded.  
19 The VOTE was unanimous.

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21 BULARD MOVED to amend by increasing \$5,000 for the Cantwell Fire  
22 Department. EVANS seconded. This would change the line item from  
23 \$21,390 to \$26,390. The VOTE was unanimous.

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25 MERCER disagreed with offering a bonus to people who complete the  
26 EMT season.

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28 SCHENK spoke about the \$75,000 increase in funding to the fire  
29 departments. There should be a cap at some point.

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31 7.) Ordinance 05-20, Version B: an ordinance amending the Denali  
32 Borough Code of Ordinances establishing an area wide conditional use  
33 permit for coal bed methane exploration and development.

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35 MERCER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. MICHAELS  
36 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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38 8.) Ordinance 05-21, Version B: an ordinance of the Denali Borough  
39 establishing coal bed methane exploration and development regulations.

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41 SCHENK MOVED to amend by substitution with the exception of section 3  
42 C which should read the same as section 3 D on version B. MERCER  
43 seconded. The VOTE was 6-1 with EVANS opposed.

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45 MICHAELS MOVED and SCHENK seconded to amend "This ordinance is  
46 of a general nature" to add "and permanent." The VOTE was unanimous.

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48 MERCER MOVED to postpone to the next meeting. MICHAELS  
49 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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9.) Ordinance 06-01, Version C, an ordinance providing for district formation and land use regulations.

MICHAELS MOVED to postpone indefinitely, SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

10.) Ordinance 06-07, Version B, an ordinance adding DBC 3.45 establishing a 2% general sales and service tax within the Denali Borough.

MERCER MOVED to postpone and SCHENK seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

11.) Ordinance 06-09, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.25.020, to increase the amount of Overnight Accommodation Tax.

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

12.) Ordinance 06-10, Version A: An ordinance requiring fiscal notes.

EVANS spoke to this ordinance. EVANS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting and BULARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

RESOLUTION

1.) A resolution supporting the Interior Community Health Center's facility project in the Denali Borough.

MICHAELS MOVED to adopt, MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Resolution 06-06.

MICHAELS MOVED to suspend the rules to take up the resolution for the school. MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MICHAELS MOVED to adopt, MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will be Resolution 06-07.

BREAK

The presiding officer called a break at 9:50 PM.  
The meeting was called back to order at 9:57 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.) An update on the Braun lawsuits.

Mayor Talerico gave an update. There is Supreme Court date on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in Fairbanks.

2.) Liquor license renewal.

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a.) Type: Package Store – Seasonal; License: Denali Grizzly Bear #475; Location: Mile 231.1 Parks Highway; Owner: Jeska-Alaska Inc; Agent: Scott Reiland.

The chair entertained a motion to take no action. MICHAELS so MOVED and BULARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

3.) Public Comments.

Gordon Carlson, Cantwell, asked about the snow removal for Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association.

Steve Denton, Usibelli Coal Mine, spoke against the comment made earlier regarding the incompatibility with gas exploration. He also commented on life before Glitter Gulch and the benefits.

John White, Healy resident and owner of Nenana Raft Adventures, commented in favor of the local option zoning. This area accounts for 12% of the tourist industries in the state of Alaska. He believes that the local option zoning can help make that a better place. White also spoke in favor of Coal Bed Methane exploration.

Cheryl Venechuck, Healy resident, expressed her disappointments in regards to Kris Capps' article in the Fairbanks News Miner. She spoke in favor of roads, gas and development. You need ice rinks, basketball courts, etc.

Tim Mclver, Healy business owner, asked if it is not about our own personal needs and desires. It is about our communities. This area is going to continue to grow. We need to come together as a group.

Jo Ann Wallace, commented on Coal Bed Methane. She stated that Usibelli has a great track record and believes that this should be the energy hub of the state. She also commented on the inappropriate filing of funding applications.

Charlie Boddy asked about a work session on coal bed methane. A work session is scheduled after the next meeting.

Chuck Tomkiewicz, reiterated.

Elwood Lynn, Healy resident, put in a plug for community beautification and cleaning up old automobiles.

Cathy Lieser, DCC, commented on Stamped Road. She thanked everybody for showing her how effective the public process can be in the Denali Borough.

1 ASSEMBLY BULARD attended the Alaska Highway Neighbor Association. The  
2 COMMENTS 2007 conference will be in Nenana and would like to see some of the  
3 small businesses in this area attend.  
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5 SCHENK thanked everyone for coming.  
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7 EVANS commented on the funding request for Healy Hockey Association.  
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9 MICHAELS MOVED to set the Denali National Park date for June 10,  
10 2006 as a tentative date, MERCER seconded. The VOTE was  
11 unanimous.  
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13 MICHAELS MOVED to reiterate the previous comments to the DOT in  
14 regards to Stampede Road. SCHENK seconded and added to include the  
15 previous three resolutions. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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17 Cheryl Venechuck commented on the use of the hockey rink by the  
18 school.  
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20 POLLOCK asked if it was acceptable to hold the meeting in McKinley  
21 Village when there is only the use of an outhouse.  
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24 NEXT MEETING 1.) The next regular meeting will be held at McKinley Community Center  
25 on May 10, 2006. Work Session at 6:00, Public Hearing 6:45, and Regular  
26 Meeting to follow.  
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28 ADJOURN. Presiding Officer Pollock declared the regular meeting adjourned at 10:34  
29 PM.  
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33 ATTEST: SIGNATURE ON FILE APPROVED: SIGNATURE ON FILE  
34 Borough Clerk Presiding Officer  
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37 Date Approved: MAY 10, 2006