

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Cantwell Fire Hall  
June 8, 2005**

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CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present were: Gerald Pollock, Bob Shelton, David Evans, Teresa Hall, Cynthia Trytko, Baxter Mercer, Sid Michaels, Jim Caswell and Paul Schenk. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chuck Tomkiewicz, Healy, spoke regarding the Gateway Communities workshop. He asked the Borough Assembly to support an event that will be held in the community called "Vision to Action" workshop. This event will be for approximately 1 ½ days. The focus of the event will be to gather opinion from local community members on what they see as the future of the community. The workshop will need financial support.

Armeda Bulard, Cantwell resident, attended the Gateway Community workshop in Anchorage. The seven people who attended the workshop are committed to the "Vision to Action." The local attendees have been knocking on doors and calling people and found that there is a lot of support for planning. We would find that we have a lot in common. Ms. Bulard requested support from the Assembly.

Elwood Lynn, Healy resident, announced that the community of Trapper Creek has already been through this project and they have found that it has brought them together.

AGENDA The Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda CASWELL so MOVED and MERCER seconded.

SHELTON MOVED to add the Gateway community discussion to Item J3, HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.

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2 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
3 held on May 11, 2005.  
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5 The Presiding Officer entertained a motion to adopt the May  
6 11, 2005 minutes, HALL so MOVED and EVANS seconded.  
7 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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9 FINANCIAL 1.) Financial report for April 2005.  
10 REPORT  
11 The Presiding Officer entertained a motion to receive the  
12 April 2005 Financial Report. HALL so MOVED and TRYTKO  
13 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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15 MAYOR'S Mayor Talerico gave a brief report of his activities.  
16 REPORT  
17 Mayor Talerico introduced Dale and Marge Nord, Cantwell  
18 Volunteer Fire Department, and acknowledged all of their  
19 efforts for the community and the Fire Department. The  
20 Mayor showed his appreciation to them for hosting the  
21 Assembly meeting tonight.  
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23 Mayor Talerico introduced Berit Snyder, General Manager of  
24 the Denali Princess Hotel, and Elwood Lynn, Deputy  
25 Superintendent of the Denali National Park Service, and  
26 Mayor Eileen Holmes, City of Anderson.  
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28 Mayor Talerico suggested forming a three member  
29 subcommittee of the Assembly to review the Borough  
30 Matching Grants Program. He suggested appointing the  
31 newly elected Assembly members to stager the community  
32 representation.  
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34 The Planning Commission is holding a Work Session on  
35 June 23, 2005 at the Tri-Valley Community Center to discuss  
36 the Municipal Land Entitlements (MLE). The next regular  
37 meeting of the Planning Commission is to be held on July  
38 18, 2005 at the McKinley Community Center.  
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40 Mayor Talerico met with Bill Alan with USDA regarding the  
41 Tri-Valley Community Center expansion grant.  
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43 Mayor Talerico met with the Alaska Railroad personnel  
44 regarding forming a Railbelt Coalition for Railbelt  
45 communities. The coalition will include mayors and Chamber

1 of Commerce members. Mayor Talerico suggested that  
2 Assembly and Council members be included.  
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4 CASWELL spoke about the Department of Natural  
5 Resources (DNR) and notifying the Denali Borough on state  
6 projects and leasing property within the borough.  
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8 MICHAELS asked about the proposed alternative route to  
9 the Stampede Road initiative. Mayor Talerico explained.  
10 Discussion ensued. This item will be on the next agenda.  
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12 MICHAELS also asked about the annual Denali Park trip.  
13 The Mayor will be working on the dates of the trip.  
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15 SCHOOL DISTRICT The School District Superintendent was not in attendance.  
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18 PLANNING COMMISSION MICHAELS informed the Assembly of the Planning  
19 Commission's progress with the Borough's Municipal Land  
20 Entitlements and Coal Bed Methane.  
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22 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS HALL updated the Assembly on the Personnel  
23 Committee.  
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25 POLLOCK MOVED to form a subcommittee to review the  
26 Borough matching grant applications. Discussion  
27 followed. POLLOCK withdrew his motion.  
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29 CASWELL asked Berit Snyder about the new addition to  
30 the Princess Hotel. Discussion followed.  
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32 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES Mayor Talerico read correspondence from Jack Reiland  
33 and the Reiland Family regarding the overnight  
34 accommodation tax increase.  
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36 ORDINANCES 1.) An ordinance establishing a school tax within the  
37 Denali Borough.  
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39 MERCER MOVED to introduce and HALL seconded.  
40 MERCER explained the proposed ordinance. Discussion  
41 followed. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. This will  
42 be Ordinance 05-13.  
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1 EVANS asked for definitions of the employer/employee  
2 relationship, such as subcontractors or Alaska Railroad  
3 employees that are only here for one week.  
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5 MICHAELS suggested that the school tax should be  
6 written as a Charter amendment and if that passes, it  
7 would give the Assembly a year to write an ordinance  
8 which would include the detailed information of the  
9 school tax.

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11 The Assembly decided by unanimous consent to send  
12 this ordinance to the Borough Attorney.  
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14 2.) Ordinance 05-11: an ordinance amending the Denali  
15 Borough Code, Chapter 20, Section 3 to increase the  
16 amount of the overnight accommodations tax.  
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18 The Chair entertained a motion to postpone until the  
19 next meeting. MICHAELS so MOVED and HALL  
20 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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22 CASWELL spoke against the tax because more revenue  
23 will be coming to the borough through the increase of  
24 rooms in the area.  
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26 3.) Ordinance 05-12: an ordinance amending the Denali  
27 Borough Code, adding Chapter 22, business license.  
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29 CASWELL suggested that if the school tax passed the  
30 business license should be free. EVANS asked if we  
31 could hitchhike on the states business license that way if  
32 someone applied for a state business license, they would  
33 also apply for a borough license at the same time.  
34 EVANS asked if there were enough penalties to get  
35 people to obtain a borough business license. Discussion  
36 followed.  
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38 The Chair entertained a MOTION to postpone until the  
39 next meeting. MERCER so MOVED and CASWELL  
40 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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42 4.) Ordinance 05-07: An ordinance amending Title V,  
43 Chapter 30, of the Denali Borough Code concerning  
44 School Board reapportionment. (9 member at-large)  
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1 TRYTKO MOVED to amend the ordinance to change it to  
2 9 members, MICHAELS seconded. The VOTE was 8-1  
3 with POLLOCK opposed.  
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5 TRYTKO MOVED to amend by adding after at-large “by  
6 districts replicating the Borough Assembly districts.”  
7 EVANS seconded. Discussion followed regarding at-  
8 large voting.  
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10 The VOTE was 6-3 POLLOCK, MERCER, and  
11 MICHAELS opposed. Motion passes.  
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13 TRYTKO MOVED to reinsert the bracket text in Section  
14 5, EVANS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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16 HALL MOVED to remove the brackets in Section 6 and  
17 take out the words “of their districts” and insert “of the  
18 Borough”. EVANS seconded. 6-3 with MICHAELS,  
19 SCHENK, and MERCER opposed. Motion passes.  
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21 HALL MOVED to postpone to the next meeting, SCHENK  
22 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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24 5.) Ordinance 05-09: An ordinance amending VIII,  
25 Section 8.01 and 8.02 of the Denali Borough concerning  
26 School Board reapportionment.  
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28 MICHAELS explained his proposed substitution for  
29 Ordinance 05-09. MICHAELS MOVED to amend by  
30 substitution, MERCER seconded. 6-3 with EVANS,  
31 POLLOCK, and SHELTON opposed. Motion passes.  
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33 MICHAELS MOVED to postpone to the next meeting,  
34 HALL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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36 RECESS The Chair called a recess at 8:57 PM.  
37 RECONVENED The meeting was reconvened at 9:14 PM.  
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39 RESOLUTIONS 1.) A resolution of the Denali Borough Assembly in  
40 response to the Eielson Air Force Base Realignment and  
41 Closure (BRAC) report.  
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43 The Chair entertained a MOTION to adopt. CASWELL  
44 so MOVED and MERCER seconded. Discussion  
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OTHER  
BUSINESS

HALL MOVED to add Mark Hamilton to the distribution list. CASWELL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

MICHAELS MOVED to add distribute to “all interested parties”, or some language to include other influential persons. CASWELL seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

The roll call VOTE to adopt as amended was unanimous. This will be Resolution 05-10.

1.) Approval of the Denali Borough Mission Statement.

EVANS MOVED to adopt “The Denali Borough Assembly, in the service of the Borough citizens, seeks to defend and sustain the spirit and will of the people.” as the Denali Borough Assembly mission statement. CASWELL seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

2.) Liquor License.

Type: New Beverage Dispensary – Tourism Seasonal; Location: Mile 238.2 Parks Highway; DBA: Smoke Shack; Applicant: ARAMARK; License No.: 4489.

Type: Transfer Beverage Dispensary – Tourism Seasonal; Location: Mile 238.4 Parks Highway; DBA: Mountaineer Grill; Applicant: ARAMARK; License No.: 4280.

Type: Transfer Beverage Dispensary – Tourism Seasonal; Location: Mile 238.2 Parks Highway; DBA: Alpenglow Restaurant; Applicant: ARAMARK; License No.: 4099.

Chris Page, ARAMARK, spoke in support of passing the license. Bill Wallace, Director of Food and Beverage for ARAMARK spoke in support of the license.

The Chair entertained a MOTION to take no action. CASWELL so MOVED and EVANS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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3.) Discussion of Vision to Action Workshop.

There were discussions on the requested \$10,000 and where it would be allocated from. The Assembly requested a written proposal for the use of the funds.

4.) Public Comments.

Armeda Bulard, Cantwell resident, spoke against at-large voting. She also thanked the Assembly for their support of the Vision to Action Committee.

ASSEMBLY  
COMMENTS

CASWELL asked for an update on the proposed Black Diamond land lease. Mayor Talerico explained that the borough is waiting for the survey instruction from the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources which will take approximately 3 months.

MERCER commented on RS2477 trails and land designation within the Borough.

TRYTKO asked for an update on the Healy Transfer Station. Mayor Talerico updated the Assembly.

HALL thanked the Cantwell Volunteer Fire Department for opening their doors and allowing us to meet in the Fire Hall this month.

POLLOCK suggested meeting at the Denali Borough Landfill at 5:30 prior to the next Assembly meeting.

TRYTKO will be out of state during the next meeting and will not be able to attend.

NEXT MEETING

1.) The next regular meeting will be held at the Anderson School on July 13, 2005. Work Session at 5:30 PM at the Denali Borough Landfill and continued at the Anderson School at 6:00 PM, Public Hearing 6:45 PM, and the Regular Meeting to follow.

ADJOURN.

Presiding Officer Pollock declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

1 ATTEST: SIGNATURE ON FILE  
2                   Borough Clerk

APPROVED: SIGNATURE ON FILE  
                  Presiding Officer

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5 Date Approved: JULY 13, 2005