

1 **Minutes of the Public Hearing**  
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**  
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**  
4 **February 10, 2016**  
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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared  
8 Zimmerman at 6:32 p.m.  
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David EVANS, Tallon  
11 SHREEVE, Kimberly BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Krista ZAPPONE, Paddy TATUM and  
12 Jill BOELSMA. Absent: Don DEBLAUW.  
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14 ORDINANCE 16-01, Version A: An ordinance repealing the Denali Borough Code of  
15 Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.080 titled Capital Projects Reserve Fund  
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17 There were no public comments.  
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19 ORDINANCE 16-02, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of  
20 Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.070 titled Capital Improvements Fund  
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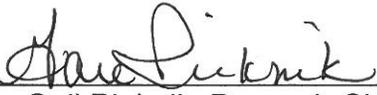
22 There were no public comments.  
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24 ORDINANCE 16-03, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$310,000 from the Capital  
25 Projects Fund to construct an extension of the landfill shop building  
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27 There were no public comments.  
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29 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.  
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33 APPROVED:   
34 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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37 ATTEST:  Date Approved: MARCH 9, 2016  
38 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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3 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
4 **Denali Borough Assembly**  
5 **Tri-Valley Community Center**  
6 **February 10, 2016**  
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9 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:43  
10 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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12 Roll Call

13 Assembly members present: Tallon SHREEVE, David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Kimber  
14 BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM, Krista ZAPPONE and Jill BOELSMA. Absent: Don  
15 DEBLAUW. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.  
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17 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Mr. DeBlauw. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by  
18 show of hands was unanimous.  
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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS

21 There were no public comments.  
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23 AGENDA

24 David EVANS MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.  
25 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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27 MINUTES

28 January 13, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
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30 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 public hearing and  
31 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands  
32 was unanimous.  
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34 REPORTS

35 December 2015 Financial Report  
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37 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to receive the December 2015 financial report. The motion was  
38 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to receive the financial report was unanimous.  
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40 Matching Grant Committee  
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42 Per Denali Borough Code (DBC) 5.50.040, Kimber Burrows, Krista Zappone, and Jared Zimmerman  
43 were named as the Matching Grant Committee. Tallon Shreeve was selected to be the alternate  
44 member. The Matching Grant Committee will meet prior to the assembly meeting on Wednesday,  
45 March 10, 2016 at 5:00 PM.  
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1 Planning Commission Report

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3 Mayor Clay Walker reported that the planning commission approved a vacation of a lot line, and  
4 passed Resolution PC16-01 recommending action on land in the Otto Lake area at their January  
5 meeting. Mayor Walker noted that the work session prior to tonight's meeting was a step toward  
6 acting upon another planning commission recommendation - to prioritize borough code regarding  
7 land actions. The planning commission is working through next steps required by Resolution PC09-  
8 06 regarding a preliminary easement, which may involve assembly action.

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11 MAYOR'S REPORT

12 Mayor Clay Walker reported on a variety of topics.

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- 14 • The President's federal budget document for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 features Denali on the  
15 cover, and includes full funding for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for FY2016.
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- 17 • Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board approved a final annual report that has been  
18 forwarded to legislators, which includes PILT language for payments to municipalities affected  
19 by the liquid natural gas pipeline.
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- 21 • Discussion continues between the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation,  
22 Shannon and Wilson, and the borough to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan for landfill  
23 groundwater monitoring. The plan is moving toward more of an attenuation study than a  
24 detection monitoring program. The borough may be asked to create a well in a new location.
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- 26 • The Alaska Municipal League Legislative Conference will be held next week in Juneau. Tallon  
27 Shreeve will attend the conference, and will join with Mayor Walker to meet with legislators.
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- 29 • Mayor Walker met with Denali National Park Superintendent Don Striker and Elwood Lynn to  
30 discuss the Zero Landfill Initiative.
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- 32 • Livingston Sloane has begun work on the school condition survey. A draft report is expected in  
33 March. The Tri-Valley School boiler tie-in project request for bids has been posted, and the  
34 Cantwell School Sprinkler project should go out for bid next week. Mayor Walker thanked  
35 Projects Coordinator Chris Noel and School Maintenance Supervisor Curtis Hamel for their  
36 work to move these projects along. An agreement with Holland America Princess for use of a  
37 well on their property has been finalized, and will be available to all borough fire departments  
38 and their mutual aid partners.
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- 40 • There have been a few inquiries from the public regarding marijuana regulations, and a  
41 request has been made to appear before the assembly to discuss a marijuana related  
42 business plan. Applications for state licensing will be submitted to the borough for approval  
43 similar to the process for alcohol licensing.
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- 45 • Work has begun on budgets – next month the assembly will consider an amendment to the  
46 FY2016 budget. Work is being done to draft a FY2017 budget.
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- Winterfest will take place the last weekend in February, with events at Denali National Park, a Denali's Got Talent contest, a kids' bake off, chili feed and other events.
- This year's winner of the Mayor's Community Service Award is Karl Jewett, who has a history of outstanding community volunteerism. The selection committee reviewed nominations from several Denali Borough communities.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta

DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta reported that he had been in Juneau for a legislative fly-in. Students Kiana Carlson and Caspian Schieber were introduced to the legislature and were able to attend a legislative session. School Board members James Tench and Nikki DeMers also attended. At the next school board meeting the FY2015 annual audit will be presented, as will the final FY2017 budget, a FY2016 budget revision and proposals for the 2017 school calendar.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Kimber BURROWS commented that, while she agrees with intent of the planning commission resolution, best practice would be to continue working through code improvements before taking action on land classifications. Ms. Burrows further commented that representatives from the Zero Landfill Initiative will be in Denali for Winterfest. The Denali Borough is unique because the entire community is taking on the zero landfill initiative project, not just the National Park.

Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he agreed with Ms. Burrows that the timing is not right to act on Otto Lake land use. Mr. Zimmerman further commented that this is a good time for the public to become involved in developing land management rules, and that it is important that the public know that land management is being worked on, and that it will take some time to do it right.

David EVANS thanked Tallon Shreeve for attending the legislative fly-in.

Joe CHATFIELD commented that preparation is needed before acting upon land management issues.

Tallon SHREEVE thanked Chris Beck for his presentation during the work session, and commented he is looking forward to attending the legislative conference.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

Kindahl Guhrt, Denali Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant, informed the assembly that the annual Chamber Banquet will be held in May, and that the Chamber is working on events and seminars for the community. There are currently 80-90 chamber members, and membership is expected to increase with summer business owners returning to the area. The Chamber puts out 800 – 1,000 brochures each month, and are working on a system to track to whom the brochures are distributed. Ms. Guhrt attended the Alaska Tourism and Industry Association's annual conference last year, and is hoping to attend this year's conference, as well. A winter business informational packet is being developed.

1 DRAFT ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 16-04: An ordinance approving and acceptance and appropriating up to \$100,000  
3 for the Denali Borough School District for Cantwell School Sprinkler System  
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5 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 16-04. The motion was seconded. Mayor  
6 Walker noted that the DBSD has made a generous commitment to this project. Points of  
7 discussion that followed were that a project overage of more than \$100,000 would require a  
8 separate ordinance to appropriate more funds, and that the net effect of Ordinance 16-04 is  
9 \$0.00. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 16-04 was unanimous.

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11 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-04 to next meeting. The motion was  
12 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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14 PENDING ORDINANCES

15 ORDINANCE 16-01, Version A: An ordinance repealing the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
16 Chapter 3.20.080 titled Capital Projects Reserve Fund  
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18 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-01. The motion was seconded. Mayor Clay  
19 Walker commended the finance committee for excellent work on this ordinance. Points of  
20 discussion that followed included that the proposed merging of the capital projects and capital  
21 improvements funds will enable the borough to better manage the funds, and language  
22 contained in current Borough Code is not beneficial to the borough. The roll call VOTE was  
23 unanimous.  
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25 ORDINANCE 16-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter  
26 3.20.070 titled Capital Improvements Fund  
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28 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-02. The motion was seconded. The roll call  
29 VOTE to adopt Ordinance 16-02 was unanimous.  
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31 ORDINANCE 16-03: An ordinance appropriating up to \$310,000 from the Capital Projects Fund  
32 to construct an extension of the landfill shop building  
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34 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-03. The motion was seconded.  
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36 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to amend Ordinance 16-03 by removing “capital projects” and  
37 inserting “capital improvements” throughout the document. The motion was seconded. The  
38 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous. The roll call VOTE to adopt Ordinance 16-03 was  
39 unanimous.  
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41 RESOLUTIONS

42 RESOLUTION 16-02: A resolution approving unincorporated communities and their respective  
43 incorporated non-profit entities for participation in the fiscal year 2017 Community Revenue  
44 Sharing  
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46 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-02. The motion was seconded. The  
47 VOTE by roll call to approve Resolution 16-02 was unanimous.  
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1 RESOLUTION 16-03: A resolution approving the destruction of records

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3 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-03. The motion was seconded. Mayor Clay  
4 Walker commended staff for their work on records retention. The roll call VOTE to approve  
5 Resolution 16-03 was unanimous.

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7 RESOLUTION 16-04: A resolution supporting funding State of Alaska Revenue Sharing to  
8 municipalities and unincorporated communities to \$150 million

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10 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-04. The motion was seconded. The  
11 VOTE by roll call to approve Resolution 16-04 was unanimous.

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13 OTHER BUSINESS

14 Liquor License Renewal Application Approval:

- 15 Mountain View Liquor & Grocery: Package Store
- 16 Clear Sky Lodge: Beverage Dispensary
- 17 Kantishna Roadhouse: Beverage Dispensary - Seasonal
- 18 Lynx Creek Pizza/Denali Princess Lodge: Bev. Dispensary – Tourism – Seasonal
- 19 The Perch: Beverage Dispensary – Seasonal
- 20 Kantishna Roadhouse: Package Store – Seasonal
- 21 King Salmon Restaurant/Denali Princess: Beverage Dispensary – Tourism- Seasonal
- 22 McKinley Creekside Cabins: Restaurant – Public Convenience – Seasonal
- 23 Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge: Beverage Dispensary – Tourism – Seasonal
- 24 Tonglen Lake Lodge: Beverage Dispensary – Seasonal
- 25 Clear Sky Lodge: Package Store
- 26 Black Bear Coffee House – Restaurant/Eating Place – Seasonal

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28 Paddy TATUM MOVED to approve the above listed liquor license renewal applications. The motion  
29 was seconded. It was noted that no negative comments have been received on any of the  
30 establishments requesting renewal. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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32 Municipal Advisory Gas Project Annual Report 2015

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34 This item was covered in the Mayor's Report.

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36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

37 There were no public comments.

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39 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

40 The assembly members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. In addition, the following  
41 comments were made:

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43 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that there is potential for marijuana licenses to be considered  
44 on a future agenda, and that it may be good to have the requested business plan appearance  
45 before the assembly begins considering licenses.

1 Kimber BURROWS commented that the interpretive signs in the Nenana Canyon might be a  
2 good vehicle for educational outreach for the Zero Landfill Initiative, and thanked Kindahl Guhrt  
3 for her presentation.

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5 Krista ZAPPONE thanked Chris Beck for the information provided during the work session,  
6 suggested that everyone consider ideas to develop winter tourism, and commented that  
7 Winterfest activities will include hockey games.

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9 Jill BOELSMA commented that Winterfest will kick off with an appetizer and brew fest at the  
10 McKinley Park Community Center, and thanked Ms. Zappone and Mr. Zimmerman for  
11 volunteering to work on land planning code with Agnew Beck.

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13 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

14 There will be a joint work session to discuss Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) with the Denali  
15 Borough School District on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:00 – 8:00 PM to be held in the  
16 cafeteria at the Tri-Valley School.

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18 The next regular meeting will be at the McKinley Community Center on Wednesday, March 09,  
19 2016: Assembly Public Hearing at 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

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21 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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25 APPROVED:

  
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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30 ATTEST:

  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: MARCH 9, 2016