

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
April 08, 2015

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at
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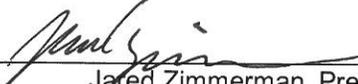
10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Krista ZAPPONE,
11 Jill BOELSMA, Kimberly BURROWS, Tallon SHREEVE, Don DEBLAUW, Paddy TATUM and Joe
12 CHATFIELD.
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14 ORDINANCE 15-02: An ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2015
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16 There were no comments.
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18 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:09 PM.
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24 APPROVED: _____
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Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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30 ATTEST: _____
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Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: MAY 13, 2015
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:09
8 pm. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 ROLL CALL

11 Assembly members present: David EVANS, Tallon SHREEVE, Paddy TATUM, Jared ZIMMERMAN,
12 Don DEBLAUW, Krista ZAPPONE, Jill BOELSMA, Kimber BURROWS and Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor
13 Clay Walker was also present.

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15 PUBLIC COMMENTS

16 There were no public comments.

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18 AGENDA

19 David EVANS MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The
20 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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22 MINUTES

23 March 11, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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25 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the March 11, 2015 minutes as presented. Kimber BURROWS
26 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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28 REPORTS

29 February 2015 Financial Report

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31 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to receive the February 2015 financial report. Krista ZAPPONE seconded.
32 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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34 Denali Borough Planning Commission Seat F Appointment: Barbara Brease

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36 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointment of Barbara Brease to Planning Commission
37 Seat F. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was 7-2 as follows: Yes – Tallon
38 SHREEVE, Paddy TATUM, Kim BURROWS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Krista
39 ZAPPONE, Joe CHATFIELD; No – David EVANS, Jill BOELSMA. The motion passed.

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41 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Project Ad hoc Committee (HTAPS) Report

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43 Committee Chair Kimber Burrows reported that the committee has taken steps toward the next piece
44 of the public process by sending out a survey soliciting public input and comments on trouble areas
45 of pedestrian and vehicle safety. Hard copies of the survey were mailed to each post office box
46 holder and a link to an electronic survey can be found on the borough website. The committee will
47 take the collected information from the survey to help create the framework for a vehicle and

1 pedestrian safety plan. Burrows encouraged all to attend the next meeting of the committee on April
2 28, 2015, at 5:30 pm at the Denali Borough office.

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4 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Project Ad hoc (HTAPS) Committee Seat H, Amanda
5 Austin resignation

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7 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to accept the resignation of Amanda Austin. Jill BOELSMA seconded.
8 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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10 Finance Committee Report

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12 Committee chair David Evans reported that at the March committee work session, First National
13 Bank of Alaska offered a presentation and a TVI/Proequities representative was available via
14 telephone conference to review how borough finances are invested and discuss expenses related to
15 the investments. At the next meeting the committee will look at permanent investment fund
16 allocations, investment policy, and potential Borough Code changes. Mr. Evans encouraged all to
17 attend the next committee meeting on April 22 at 6:00 pm at the Denali Borough office.

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19 Matching Grant Committee Report

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21 Committee chair, Jill Boelsma, reported that the committee received and reviewed one application.
22 The application was from Healy Hockey requesting grant funds to replace rink boards, repair
23 asphalt, and improve the groundwork and parking area surrounding the rink. The committee
24 recommends approving this grant in the budget.

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26 MAYOR'S REPORT

27 Mayor Clay Walker welcomed a full assembly and the audience and introduced new hire, Amber
28 Renshaw, as the Denali Borough Deputy Clerk and Financial Clerk.

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30 At last month's meeting, Mayor Walker reported that some construction and repair work would take
31 place at the Ferry Bridge by the Alaska Railroad. This work took place in March and more work may
32 take place at a later date.

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34 A Fire Chiefs meeting hosted by the borough was held on March 31. A total of 19 people attended
35 including emergency response personnel from Nenana, Clear AFS, Denali National Park, the State
36 of Alaska, Chris Noel, Denali Borough Emergency Plan and Project Coordinator, and Mayor Clay
37 Walker.

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39 The Denali Borough Landfill summer hours have been posted. The Landfill will be closed on
40 Saturdays for borough holiday dates listed on the posting.

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42 The last week of April, Paul VanDyke and Mayor Walker will be attending the Manager of Landfill
43 Operations (MOLO) training in Anchorage. This training is provided to landfill operators and put on
44 by Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

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46 The current recommendations from the Municipal Advisory Gasline Board regarding changes to
47 State tax statute includes both property tax language and payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) language.
48 A bill has been introduced to the legislature which does not include PILT language. Borough legal

1 council, Mr. Jim Gorski, has been contacted to discern if taxable property, as defined by the recent
2 proposal, will mean the Denali Borough will receive some type of tax revenue from a potential
3 pipeline. Mayor Walker will continue to push for the project to include the payment in lieu of taxes
4 language.

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6 The borough's legislative request for a landfill compactor is not showing much promise. However, if
7 the assembly approves the budget amendment that includes a 20% borough match for the landfill
8 compactor, it will demonstrate our commitment for this item.

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10 On April 15, Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) will have an open house meeting at 5:30
11 pm at the McKinley Village Community Center regarding the MP 231 Parks Highway Enhancement
12 Project. A DOT representative will also be at the next assembly meeting on May 13 to discuss other
13 summer highway projects.

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15 The planning commission is working on a potential location for a Healy Transfer Station. The
16 assembly can expect a resolution regarding further developing the Healy Transfer Station at the May
17 meeting.

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19 The planning commission has identified a need to receive assistance in the planning process,
20 specifically relating to Code review for managing lands and land development. The planning
21 commission will review a proposal to receive planning services support at the April 21 meeting.

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23 A temporary position at the landfill has been filled by Misty Smart. The position will run from April to
24 October.

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26 The borough office and landfill will be closed April 16 for an all staff meeting. The staff will provide
27 input on a personnel policy revision. The personnel policy will be brought to the assembly for
28 approval when complete.

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30 There has been some progress on a number of maintenance projects. The cost of the Cantwell
31 Sprinkler mist system was determined to be prohibitive, so we are again looking at a traditional
32 sprinkler system. Nortec is working on the design portion of the Tri-Valley Energy Efficiency Project
33 to connect the coal fired boiler to the elementary wing of the school. Nortec recently held a meeting
34 at the Tri-Valley School with maintenance staff to walk through some design options. Mayor Walker
35 was also able to attend.

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37 The shop at the landfill needs to be enlarged and the borough has received a \$50,000 grant for this
38 project. A building proposal is in hand for consideration. The borough is still pursuing the purchase
39 of a rock truck for the landfill.

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41 A member of the original borough assembly, Don Mellecker, passed away. Mr. Mellecker served
42 two full terms. He was on the assembly when the borough initiated forward funding and the
43 budgetary reserve.

1 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

2 Interim Superintendent, John Holst, announced that Mr. Dan Polta will start as the new
3 Superintendent on July 1, 2015.

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5 School Board members Vern Carlson and James Tench traveled to Juneau to meet with legislators
6 and were assured that education funding would be unchanged; however, a couple days after their
7 return, the finance committee cut \$47.5 million from the education foundation formula that is used to
8 fund schools.

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10 The capital projects bill is being worked on by the legislature but it looks like only matching funds for
11 federal projects will be allocated.

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13 State funding is up in the air, and will be until the end of the legislative session. It is too early to
14 propose budget amendments. Mr. Holst encouraged all in attendance that the reality of the State's
15 financial situation is going from "stinking rich to incredibly wealthy" and he remembers when our
16 State saw this financial decline in 1985; the State of Alaska got through it then and will get through it
17 again.

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19 Mr. Holst asked on behalf of School Board President, Vern Carlson, that the assembly consider a
20 discussion about having the school board and the assembly go from nine member boards to seven
21 member boards.

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23 The Farm to School grant does not look like it will be renewed, at least not at the level that it has
24 been. The school district would like to find a way to continue this program.

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26 Almost all hiring is complete, except for the maintenance supervisor position. This position is
27 currently posted and open until filled unless State funding constraints curtail this effort as this is the
28 only position not yet under contract.

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30 Kudos to Jon Bailey who has done a great job for a number of years. The Alaska Department of
31 Education and Early Childhood Development recently conducted a review of our maintenance
32 practices and it went very well.

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34 Mr. Holst met with a HTAPS Ad hoc committee member to discuss pedestrian safety around each of
35 the three school sites. The board may want to work with the committee and DOT to support and
36 encourage this effort.

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38 Mr. Holst asked the assembly to consider inviting school board members to attend the Denali
39 National Park field trip if it occurs this summer.

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41 Mr. Holst thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He stated he was here ten years ago as Interim
42 Superintendent and always feels welcomed and appreciated.

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44 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

45 Joe CHATFIELD thanked the audience for their attendance.

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47 Krisa ZAPPONE thanked the audience for their attendance and Mayor Walker and Interim
48 Superintendent John Holst for their reports.

1 Don DEBLAUW commented that one of his priorities as an assembly member is to get things
2 going with land management and figuring out how to get the borough land available to be used
3 by the people. He also thanked Mr. Holst for getting so much accomplished as Interim
4 Superintendent.

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6 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked the audience for their attendance. He suggested that the mayor
7 invite appropriate representatives to the May meeting in Healy to continue the Stampede
8 Recreation Area discussion.

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10 David EVANS stated that Design Alaska has done life cycle analysis on a number of facilities
11 throughout the state, and that he would like to begin a conversation with Mayor Walker and
12 Design Alaska to consider such an analysis on our borough facilities.

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14 Kimber BURROWS thanked the audience for their attendance, and Mayor Walker and Interim
15 Superintendent John Holst for their reports. She thanked Amanda Austin for her service on the
16 HTAPS Ad hoc committee and offered her support of the Farm to School program at the schools.

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18 Jill BOELSMA thanked Interim Superintendent John Holst for his informative school district
19 report.

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21 Paddy TATUM thanked the audience for their attendance and Mayor Walker and Interim
22 Superintendent John Holst for their reports.

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24 Tallon SHREEVE thanked the audience for their attendance.

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26 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

27 There was no communication or appearances.

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29 DRAFT ORDINANCES:

30 ORDINANCE 15-03: An ordinance for the Denali Borough to establish and adopt the budget for
31 Fiscal Year 2016

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33 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-03. David EVANS seconded. Mayor
34 Walker said the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budget is an increase from last year but is still a
35 conservative budget. Land Administration under Land Management has a healthy budget due to
36 anticipation of the need for professional services related to borough lands. Deposits to fund
37 accounts of over \$400,000 are budgeted to major school maintenance and capital projects.
38 Majority of grant requests were fully funded. Municipal Assistance request for \$63,000 is
39 budgeted to go beyond the full amount requested for fire department and library requests and is
40 a 25% increase over last year. Mr. Evans mentioned consultant expenses and asked how best to
41 identify those expenses in the budget.

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43 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman opened the floor for public comment on the FY 2016 budget.

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45 Samantha Thompson, Mayor of Anderson, and Scott Thompson, Fire Chief of Anderson, offered
46 to answer questions regarding the City of Anderson's funding request to assist the City of
47 Anderson with legal fees, specifically attorney fees associated with their sewer system situation.

1 There was much discussion regarding the sewer system challenges and the options available to
2 correct the issues.

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4 Jon Bailey, Anderson resident, asked assembly member David Evans for more information about
5 the school facility life cycle analysis and fully supported the funding for a consultant to look at the
6 life cycle of the school facilities. Mr. Bailey encouraged the support for the City of Anderson
7 request for legal fees and thanked the assembly members for their service.

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9 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman closed public comment.

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11 The assembly discussed what expenses would fall under the category of contingency and how
12 and where to best put an expense for a potential life cycle analysis.

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14 The roll call VOTE on the motion to introduce was unanimous.

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16 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-03 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA
17 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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19 Presiding Officer Jared ZIMMERMAN called for a meeting recess at 7:44 pm. The meeting
20 resumed at 7:59 pm.

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22 ORDINANCE 15-04: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement
23 Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2016 through 2021

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25 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-04. Kimber BURROWS seconded. Mayor
26 Walker discussed the capital projects and explained that some projects were reprioritized based
27 on conversations with school maintenance staff. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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29 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-04 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS
30 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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32 PENDING ORDINANCES:

33 ORDINANCE 15-02, Version A: An ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2015

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35 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-02. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. Mayor Walker
36 reviewed the amended budget items. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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38 RESOLUTIONS

39 There were no resolutions.

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41 OTHER BUSINESS

42 Management of Borough Real Property DBC 4.10.030: Mayor's Annual Work Plan

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44 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the Mayor's Annual Work Plan for 2015. Kimber BURROWS
45 seconded. Mayor Walker stated that this plan is modeled after last year's plan with some updates.
46 Mayor Walker stated that the planning commission is conducting some Code review and developing
47 a Land Management Plan which will describe generally allowed uses on borough lands. The VOTE
48 by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

3 There were no comments.
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5 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

6 Tallon SHREEVE thanked the audience for their attendance and for the reports offered, including
7 the report on the City of Anderson sewer issues.
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9 Paddy TATUM suggested the assembly consider holding meetings only in Healy, the borough
10 seat and a central location, to minimize staff effort and miles traveled for those that live in the
11 North and South areas of the borough.
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13 Kimber BURROWS offered her support of a life cycle analysis for borough facilities.
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15 Don DEBLAUW commented that he appreciates every community having a local meeting and
16 stated that he struggles to hear well in the Tri-Valley Community Center Healy meeting location
17 because of the room acoustics.
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19 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he enjoys seeing a larger segment of the public by
20 traveling to the borough communities. He also suggested that the Anderson sewer may need its
21 own life cycle analysis.
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23 David EVANS offered support of the idea of assembly meetings being held in a central location.
24 He believes it would make meetings more efficient.
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26 Jill BOELSMA had no report.
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28 Krista ZAPPONE commented that public attendance might be an issue if there is only one
29 location. Additionally, she appreciated the information on the City of Anderson sewer system and
30 would like to consider how the borough could help.
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32 Joe Chatfield thanked the audience for their attendance and commented he could see both sides
33 to keeping assembly meetings centrally located. He suggested that we could reach out to all the
34 communities by streaming meetings over the internet.
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36 Mayor Walker commented that changing the meeting location would require a Denali Borough
37 Charter change and the issue would need to go to ballot for a vote of the public. He believes this
38 would increase efficiency and the assembly could get it on the ballot for the next election if
39 desired. He also offered his support of the idea of a life cycle analysis of borough facility
40 buildings.
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42 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

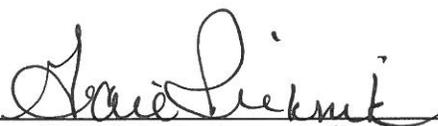
43 The assembly will be touring Clear Air Force Station on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. They will meet at
44 the Main Dining Hall at 6:00PM for dinner, mission brief and then tour.
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46 The next regular meeting will be held on May 13, 2015 at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy
47 Alaska: Public Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.
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ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

APPROVED:  _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: MAY 13, 2015
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk