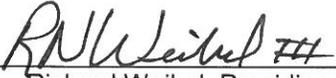


Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Anderson School  
April 10, 2013

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Deputy Presiding Officer Rick Weibel  
8 at 6:01 PM.  
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Rusty LASELL, Steve ANASTASIA, Gordon CARLSON,  
11 Jared ZIMMERMAN, Rick WEIBEL, David EVANS, Terry ASBURY and Patty TATUM.  
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14 Seeing no items on the public hearing agenda, the assembly adjourned at 6:02 PM.  
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19 APPROVED:   
20 Richard Weibel, Presiding Officer  
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25 ATTEST:  Date Approved: MAY 8, 2013  
26 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Anderson School  
April 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Presiding Officer Richard Weibel called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Assembly members present: Rusty LASELL, Gordon CARLSON, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Steve ANASTASIA, Richard WEIBEL, Terry ASBURY, Paddy TATUM and David EVANS.

SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

David EVANS MOVED to nominate Rick WEIBEL as Presiding Officer. Terry ASBURY seconded. There being no other nominations, Mr. Weibel was elected Presiding Officer by acclamation.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER

Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to nominate Rusty LASELL as Deputy Presiding Officer. David EVANS seconded. There being no other nominations, Mr. Lasell was elected Deputy Presiding Officer by acclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hannah Ragland, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident and Denali Citizens Council representative, thanked the Assembly for commenting on the Liberty Bell Block mineral lease offering, and noted that a Best Interest Decision has been affirmed. DCC representatives recently commented in writing, and testified in person, at a hearing on Alaska fracturing regulations.

Baxter Mercer, Healy resident, commented positively on funding non-profits and fire departments in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 budget.

Kyle Davis, Greater Healy/Denali Chamber of Commerce president, introduced Chamber Board member Marty Crow and new employee Jennifer Pearson, and commented on the desire of the Board to revive the Chamber organization. Current membership is at 91 out of a potential of nearly 140. Mr. Davis commented that the Chamber has produced 20,000 copies of a new brochure, is attempting to be self-sufficient with funds, and is working to support its members. Assembly members were invited to attend Chamber meetings on the first Thursday of the month during summer months.

AGENDA

David EVANS MOVED to approve the agenda. Steve ANASTASIA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda was unanimous.

MINUTES

March 13, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the March 13, 2013 public hearing and regular meeting minutes. Terry ASBURY seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 REPORTS

3 February 2013 Financial Report

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5 David EVANS MOVED to receive the February 2013 financial report. Rusty LASELL seconded. The  
6 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous. It was noted that \$75,000 for the stove exchange program  
7 has been received from Golden Valley Electric Association.

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9 MATCHING GRANT COMMITTEE

10 Jared Zimmerman reported that two applications for Matching Grants were received and reviewed,  
11 and that committee members recommend that the Denali Preschool and Learning Center energy  
12 efficiency project and Healy Hockey Association women's changing facility project be funded. The  
13 Denali Preschool application included a request for program funds that was not recommended for  
14 funding as a Matching Grant, but might be incorporated into the FY 2014 budget contribution amount  
15 during the budget process.

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17 MAYOR'S REPORT

18 Mayor Clay Walker reported that comments regarding the Liberty Bell Block lease and Denali  
19 National Park road were forwarded as requested at the last meeting. The date for the annual bus  
20 trip into Denali Park is June 15, and assembly members wanting to attend should inform the office  
21 by May 8. There was not enough time to create a plan for a Governor's picnic at Denali for 2013,  
22 but a committee could be developed to plan for 2014. No government funds may be used for the  
23 picnic. Assembly members, who would like a PC tablet or laptop to conduct Assembly business,  
24 should let the Borough Clerk know. Mayor Walker noted that he has been employed as a bus driver  
25 on the Denali Park road for quite a while, and has the opportunity to continue driving on a limited  
26 basis in the coming summer. It is not anticipated that this employment will create a conflict with  
27 mayoral duties.

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29 The 2013 Interior Alaska Mayors' Awards for the Arts have been announced, including two Denali  
30 Borough recipients. The Denali Arts and Humanities Alliance has been named for the Arts  
31 Advocacy Award, and Amy Reisland-Speer for a Youth Arts Award. Awards will be presented in  
32 Fairbanks on May 3. Mayor Walker travelled to Fairbanks with the Clerk and Treasurer to meet with  
33 Tonya Steuer, Wells Fargo advisor and Sandy Wilson, accountant with Wilson and Wilson. Ms.  
34 Wilson, who will consult with the Borough as needed and to prepare annual financial statements,  
35 plans to attend the August Assembly meeting.

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37 Doyon has planned drilling eleven miles west of Nenana for this summer, and has approached the  
38 Borough Landfill about accepting the drilling material. Mayor Walker visited the site, has discussed  
39 minimum standards for materials brought to the landfill with employees and state authorities, and  
40 recommends approving the receipt of this material (estimated volume 500 – 1,000 tons) at the  
41 landfill rate of \$95 per ton. The new Alaska Railroad wye siding in Healy is going forward, with  
42 construction this summer and plans to be operational summer 2014. An invitation for bid is going  
43 out for the Panguingue B boundary survey. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) revenue is expected to  
44 be lower next year due to federal budget cuts.

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46 The Cantwell School sprinkler project is in the State's capital budget, and has been passed by the  
47 Senate. The Borough will participate in the Tri-Valley Library Community Fair on April 17, and the

1 mayor will attend an Interior Transportation Meeting on April 24. The last day stove change-out  
2 applications will be accepted is April 30.

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4 SCHOOL REPORT

5 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dr. Jim Elliott reported on recent  
6 standardized testing, and presented charts representing results from 2004 and 2012, which show a  
7 drop in DBSD's ranking in the state. Dr. Elliott expressed confidence in school staff, pointed to  
8 instability in leadership as the cause for the falling ranking, and reported this is cause for concern  
9 but not alarm.

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11 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

12 Rusty LASELL, Paddy TATUM, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Gordon CARLSON, Terry ASBURY and  
13 Rick WEIBEL thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

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15 Steve ANASTASIA expressed his interest in meeting constituents from the Anderson community,  
16 and encouraged them to introduce themselves to him.

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18 David EVANS explained that he was absent from the last meeting due to travel with Tri-Valley  
19 students for a hockey trip, and he commended the students for their resolve and perseverance.  
20 Mr. Evans commented that he attended a State Rail Plan Technical Advisory Group meeting that  
21 was an interesting process of putting together a federal report. Congress has created an  
22 unfunded mandate called the Positive Train Control (PTC) system. The system uses data radio  
23 communications between train dispatchers and train crews, or dispatchers and roadway worker  
24 operation. PTC offers an enhancement to current operation methods by preventing human  
25 factor errors that may cause catastrophic results. The PTC system must be in place by 2015.  
26 This mandate will cost Alaska Railroad approximately \$100 million to implement. Mr. Evans  
27 suggested that the Assembly consider a resolution that would support legislative funding of  
28 positive train control.

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30 Presiding Officer Rick Weibel called a meeting recess at 7:21 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:36

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32 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

33 Don Pierce, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), to discuss the closure of  
34 the Clear (AFS) Central Heat and Power Plant (CH&PP)

35 Don Pierce, Grassroots Mobilization/Legislative Coordinator with AFGE 1836, presented information  
36 regarding the proposed closure of the Clear AFS central heat and power plant. Mr. Pierce explained  
37 his understanding that managers of Clear AFS lack confidence in the project, and that the project  
38 would adversely affect Interior Alaska residents in the form of increased fuel oil and electricity costs.  
39 A transparent process is desired that would clarify a discrepancy in cost estimates of nearly \$7  
40 million. Requests for more information on the analysis figures have not yielded results. Points of  
41 discussion that followed include the inability of a federal entity to sell excess energy to the public, the  
42 capacity and production of energy at the Plant currently, the inadequacy of the current grid intertie to  
43 import energy, the reasoning for a lack of bidders to take over the Plant, and the environmental  
44 permitting needs to run the Plant.

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46 ORDINANCES

47 ORDINANCE 13-04: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement  
48 Program for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2019.

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2 Gordon CARLSON MOVED to introduce Ordinance 13-04. Jared ZIMMERMAN seconded.  
3 Terry ASBURY MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-04 by removing Municipal Building projects  
4 from Fiscal Years 2014, 2016, 2018 and to remove door replacement at all schools from Fiscal  
5 Year 2015. Points of discussion that followed include the fluid nature of the Capital Improvement  
6 Program due to adjustments in project priorities, the genesis and purpose of the municipal  
7 building project, and the need for Anderson School Waterline Project to be removed from the list.  
8 The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment to remove the Municipal Building and School  
9 Door projects was 2-6 as follows: Aye – Terry ASBURY, Paddy TATUM; No – Jared  
10 ZIMMERMAN, Dave EVANS, Rusty LASELL, Gordon CARLSON, Rick WEIBEL, and Steve  
11 ANASTASIA. The motion failed.

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13 The roll call VOTE on the main motion to introduce Ordinance 13-04 was unanimous.

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15 Rusty LASELL MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-04 to the next meeting. Gordon CARLSON  
16 seconded. Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-04 by deleting the Anderson  
17 School Waterline Replacement under Fiscal Year 2015. It was noted that the Assembly received  
18 a request at the March meeting from DBSD Superintendent Jim Elliott for reimbursement of the  
19 project in the amount of \$159,300. Mayor Clay Walker asked that the request come from the  
20 School Board, who held a special meeting and acted to request the funds. These funds would  
21 come from the Borough's school maintenance reserve fund, and would require a separate  
22 ordinance. Superintendent Elliott had reported at the September meeting that the project would  
23 be listed first on the DBSD capital improvement program (CIP) list. The Borough's CIP may not  
24 contain completed projects. The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment deleting the  
25 waterline project was unanimous.

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27 The VOTE by show on hands on the original motion to postpone Ordinance 13-04 was  
28 unanimous.

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30 ORDINANCE 13-05: An ordinance providing for the amendment of the budget for fiscal year  
31 2013.

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33 Gordon CARLSON MOVED to introduce Ordinance 13-05. Rusty LASELL seconded. Points of  
34 discussion that followed include the purpose of the ordinance to bring the budget closer to  
35 actual, the purpose of the budgetary reserve to act as a forward funding mechanism, the  
36 waterline project reimbursement request requiring a separate ordinance, and the request for  
37 additional funds from DBSD. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 13-05 was unanimous.

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39 Rusty LASELL MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-05 to the next meeting. Gordon CARLSON  
40 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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42 ORDINANCE 13-06: An ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the budget for  
43 fiscal year 2014.

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45 Rusty LASELL MOVED to introduce Ordinance 13-06. David EVANS seconded. Mayor Clay  
46 Walker noted that this budget is an ambitious budget in its restraint. The roll call VOTE was  
47 unanimous.

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1 Gordon CARLSON MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-06 to the next meeting. David EVANS  
2 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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4 RESOLUTIONS

5 RESOLUTION 13-05: A resolution in support of further study of the costs and benefits of operating  
6 the Clear Air Force Station Power Plant.

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8 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 13-05. Rusty LASELL seconded. It was noted that  
9 representatives of the Air Force were invited to the meeting, but were unable to attend. A point of  
10 discussion that followed was the intent to support further study, rather than to support a decision.  
11 The roll call VOTE to approve Resolution 13-05 was unanimous.

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13 RESOLUTION 13-06: A resolution supporting an in-state natural gas pipeline along the George  
14 Parks Highway Utility Corridor including the seven miles where the Parks Highway passes through  
15 Denali National Park.

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17 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 13-06. Gordon CARLSON seconded. Mayor Clay  
18 Walker noted that this resolution was requested by the Assembly at the last meeting, and that  
19 language was added in support of a route that passes through Denali National Park. Mayor Walker  
20 testified to the legislature in favor of the project via teleconference. Points of discussion include the  
21 cost for the pipeline, and the project concept of serving Alaskans versus export. The roll call VOTE  
22 to approve Resolution 13-06 was unanimous.

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24 OTHER BUSINESS

25 Liquor License/Restaurant Designation Applications:

26 Applicant: ARAMARK

27 D.B.A.: McKinley Village Lodge-Lucky Miss Saloon #5209

28 Applicant: Little Norway, Inc

29 Type: Beverage Dispensary/ New Restaurant Designation

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31 D.B.A.: Denali Bluffs Hotel #4280

32 Type: Beverage Dispensary Tourism: Restaurant Designation Permit  
33 Transfer Ownership

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35 Applicant: Little Norway, Inc

36 D.B.A.: Grand Denali Hotel Alpenglow Restaurant #4099

37 Type: Restaurant Designation Permit  
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39 Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve liquor license applications as listed on the agenda. David  
40 EVANS seconded. It was noted that there have been no negative comments on the licenses. The  
41 VOTE by show of hands to approve the liquor license renewals was unanimous.

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43 PUBLIC COMMENTS

44 Bob Mueller, Anderson resident, commented in support of an in-state gas pipeline noting that it  
45 would provide the building of infrastructure that is not a part of another plan.  
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1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 David EVANS, Gordon CARLSON and Terry ASBURY thanked those in attendance for coming  
3 to the meeting.

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5 Jared ZIMMERMAN, Paddy TATUM, and Steve ANASTASIA had no comment.

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7 Rusty LASELL thanked the Chamber of Commerce representatives for attending the meeting.

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9 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

10 The Assembly will hold a budget work session on April 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Tri-Valley  
11 Community Center in Healy.

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13 The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the Tri-Valley Community  
14 Center on May 08, 2013; Work Session at 5:00 PM, Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and Regular  
15 Meeting to follow.

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17 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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22 APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_  
23 Rick Weibel, Presiding Officer

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27 ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: MAY 8, 2013  
28 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk