

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
May 08, 2013

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Rick Weibel at 6:01
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Rusty LASELL, Steve ANASTASIA, Jared
11 ZIMMERMAN, Rick WEIBEL, David EVANS, Terry ASBURY and Patty TATUM. Absent: Gordon
12 CARLSON
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14 ORDINANCE 13-04, Version B: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement
15 Program for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2019.
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17 There were no comments.
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19 ORDINANCE 13-05, Version A: An ordinance providing for the amendment of the budget for fiscal
20 year 2013.
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22 There were no comments.
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24 ORDINANCE 13-06, Version A: An ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the
25 budget for fiscal year 2014.
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27 There were no comments.
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29 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:02 PM.
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37 APPROVED: 
38 Richard Weibel, Presiding Officer
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43 ATTEST:  Date Approved: JUNE 12, 2013
44 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
May 08, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Richard Weibel called the regular meeting to order at 6:16 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

David EVANS MOVED to excuse Mr. Carlson. Rusty LASELL second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Pearson, Administrative Assistant for the Denali Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Assembly for funding the Chamber, and distributed brochures of local Chamber businesses. Ms. Pearson invited Assembly members to attend the annual Chamber Banquet on Saturday, May 11.

AGENDA

Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the agenda. Jared ZIMMERMAN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

April 10, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to approve the April 10, 2013 public hearing and regular meeting minutes. Steve ANASTASIA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS

March 2013 Financial Report

David EVANS MOVED to receive the March 2013 financial report. Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clay Walker thanked Assembly members for filing their financial disclosure forms in a timely manner, and reported that the Borough booth at Tri-Valley Community Library Community Fair was a success. Mayor Walker thanked Assembly member Steve Anastasia and Planning Commissioner Baxter Mercer for representing the Borough at the Fair. The Planning Commission recently commented on an application for temporary use of water for the Parks Highway Rehabilitation Project.

The mayor attended the Interior Alaska Transit Corridor Project implementation meeting in Fairbanks and noted that it would be good to have a representative from the Denali Borough attending future meetings. Schlueter Services, based out of Wasilla, has received an Alaska

1 Department of Transportation (DOT) grant to provide transit services in the Denali Borough, and is
2 offering transit services from Anchorage to Fairbanks on a scheduled basis. The grant requires a
3 match showing support for the organization. Mayor Walker met with DOT Northern Region Planning
4 Chief Ethan Birkholz and Regional Director Steve Titus who suggested that the Denali Borough plan
5 and perhaps fund small projects such as trails to learn the process and to have plans ready when
6 highway projects are planned. The speed limit through the McKinley Village area was discussed, as
7 well.
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9 The University of Alaska will cease contracting with Denali Borough fire departments for 911 service
10 soon, and the City of Fairbanks is able to provide the service for a price. A dispatch home in the
11 Denali Borough is something worth working toward. State wildland forestry representatives held a
12 meeting recently to discuss the upcoming wildfire season, where it was suggested the Borough has
13 a community wildlife protection plan which may enable funding for fire mitigation projects. Burn
14 permits are going to a statewide online system. Amy Reisland-Speer and Denali Arts and
15 Humanities Alliance were named Interior Alaska Mayor's Arts Awards winners.
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17 The annual trip into Denali National Park will take place on June 15, with RSVPs due by May 22.
18 The Borough received an application for a special use permit to drill bore holes on Borough
19 municipal land entitlements. The Mayor will make a recommendation to the Planning Commission
20 on this. Two landfill equipment operators resigned their positions this week, with Borough staff
21 working to ensure a safe and smooth transition. Stove change-out award documents were sent out
22 today.
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24 SCHOOL REPORT

25 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dr. Jim Elliott thanked the Assembly for the
26 opportunity to address school issues at the work session, and for working in partnership with the
27 School District. Current enrollment is 860 students, with 625 enrolled in PEAK distance learning.
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29 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

30 Jared ZIMMERMAN congratulated Amy Reisland-Speer and Denali Arts and Humanities Alliance
31 on being named Interior Alaska Mayor's Arts Awards winners. Mr. Zimmerman requested that
32 conversations with gas line representatives include the suggestion to continue testing holes for a
33 route that is in the highway right of way.
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35 Steve ANASTASIA commented that trails projects need to be ready to go as part of planning for
36 traffic and pedestrians on our roadways. The more organized we are, and the more planning we
37 have in place, the more ready we are to implement.
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39 Rusty LASELL commented that trails would be nice, but the Borough does not have a Parks and
40 Recreation Department to build and maintain trails.
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42 David EVANS apologized for missing the work session, and thanked those who were in
43 attendance. Mr. Evans commented that the Tri-Valley Building Trades Program annual
44 barbeque will be on May 9, that pedestrians on the roadways are a safety issue, and suggested
45 consideration of a stop light in the McKinley Village area.
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1 Paddy TATUM asked if the Assembly could comment on the application for temporary use of
2 water. The mayor spoke to Ms. Tatum's inquiry. The comment period has already been closed,
3 but the Planning Commission was able to submit comment on time.

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5 Terry ASBURY and Rick WEIBEL had no comment.

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7 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

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9 ORDINANCES

10 PENDING ORDINANCES:

11 ORDINANCE 13-04, Version B: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital
12 Improvement Program for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2019.

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14 Rusty LASELL MOVED to amend by substitution Ordinance 13-04, Version C for Version B.
15 David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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17 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-04 to the next meeting. Anastasia
18 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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20 ORDINANCE 13-05, Version A: An ordinance providing for the amendment of the budget for
21 fiscal year 2013.

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23 Terry ASBURY MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-05, Version A by deleting the amount for line
24 item 4371 Legislative Grants under Mayor Expenses. The VOTE by show of hands was
25 unanimous.

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27 Rusty LASELL MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-05, Version A by changing line item 7020
28 Additional Allowable Contribution under School District Expenses to \$1,419,732. The motion
29 died for lack of a second.

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31 Discussion followed regarding the school district's request for increased funding, the negative
32 effect providing the full amount requested would have on the Borough's revenue versus
33 expenditures, and justification for the increase.

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35 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-05, Version A to the next meeting.
36 David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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38 ORDINANCE 13-06, Version A: An ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of
39 the budget for fiscal year 2014.

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41 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-06, Version A to change the amount of line
42 item 5100 Public Safety Contributions under Mayor Expenses to \$298,553, to reflect a change in
43 the Denali Emergency Services Association contributions shown in the budget narrative as
44 follows:

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Denali Emergency Services Association - Insurance, dispatch contract, radio and pager maintenance.	\$61,953
Denali Emergency Services Association - 911 dispatch contract	\$22,000

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2 David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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4 Steve ANASTASIA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-06 to the next meeting. Rusty LASELL
5 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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7 RESOLUTIONS

8 RESOLUTION 13-07: A resolution pertaining to the asset allocation of the Denali Borough
9 Permanent Investment Fund.

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11 Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve Resolution 13-07. David EVANS seconded. It was noted that an
12 allocation resolution is required by code, and Mayor Clay Walker suggested the Assembly consider
13 forming a financial subcommittee.

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15 Terry ASBURY MOVED to amend Resolution 13-07 Item 2a) by deleting 60% and replacing it with
16 75%, and Item 2b) by deleting 40% and replacing it with 25%. Paddy TATUM seconded. The
17 VOTE to amend was 3 – 4, as follows: Aye – Terry ASBURY, Paddy TATUM, David EVANS; No –
18 Rusty LASELL, Rick WEIBEL, Steve ANASTASIA, Jared ZIMMERMAN. The motion failed.

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20 Rusty LASELL MOVED to postpone Resolution 13-07 to the next meeting, Steve ANASTASIA
21 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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23 Presiding Officer Rick Weibel called a meeting recess at 7:38 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:55
24 pm.

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26 OTHER BUSINESS

27 Liquor License/Restaurant Designation Applications:

28 Applicant: D.B.A. Tonglen Lake Lodge, LLC

29 License #: 5221

30 Owner: Donna Gates

31 Location: Mile 230 Parks Highway, Denali, Alaska

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33 Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the liquor license/restaurant application as listed on the agenda.
34 Jared ZIMMERMAN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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36 COMMUNITY MAPPING

37 Mayor Clay Walker reported that he and Borough Planner Marsha Lambert met with Alaska
38 Department of Commerce and Community Development (DCCED) representatives, who presented
39 information on a mapping proposal. The proposal is not based upon the geodatabase recently
40 purchased by the Borough, but is based upon aerial photography. The State would maintain the
41 website on which the maps are held. The cost of the project is estimated at \$200,000, with grants
42 available for up to fifty percent of the cost. Points of discussion that followed include a comparison
43 with this offer to Google maps, the fact that this issue is on the Planning Commission's May meeting
44 agenda, and how these maps might link with the Borough's current maps.

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46 PUBLIC COMMENTS

47 Brian Napier, Denali Citizens Council Board Member, invited Assembly members to their May 23
48 annual membership meeting, which will include comments by Denali National Park

1 Superintendent Don Striker, a bird walk, and a recap on the year of conservation in the greater
2 Denali area.

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4 Peggy Menke, Healy resident, commented in favor of planning trails, and that the Dry Creek area
5 would be a great place to start planning.
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7 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

8 Terry ASBURY commented that there was an attempt to form a trailways committee, but the
9 committee never met. An effort to revisit that committee may be in order to develop plans for
10 trails.
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12 Paddy TATUM and David EVANS had no comment.
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14 Rusty LASELL drew attention to the upcoming Cantwell Spring Formal, and thanked those in
15 attendance for coming to the meeting.
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17 Steve ANASTASIA, Jared ZIMMERMAN, and Rick WEIBEL thanked those in attendance for
18 coming to the meeting. Mr. Weibel also recognized DBSD School Board members in
19 attendance.
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21 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

22 The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the McKinley Community
23 Center on June 12, 2013; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and Regular Meeting to follow.
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25 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.
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30 APPROVED: 
31 Rick Weibel, Presiding Officer

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34 ATTEST:  Date Approved: JUNE 12, 2013
35 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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