

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
May 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 6:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David EVANS, Don DEBLAUW, Kimberly BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Tallon SHREEVE and Jill BOELSMA. Absent: Krista ZAPPONE and Paddy TATUM

ORDINANCE 16-06, Version A: An ordinance for the Denali Borough to establish and adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Vern Carlson, Denali Borough School Board President, requested that the \$200,000 school district funding be placed back in the budget to fund the schools at 100 percent. He really appreciated the joint work session the assembly and school board had to discuss school funding.

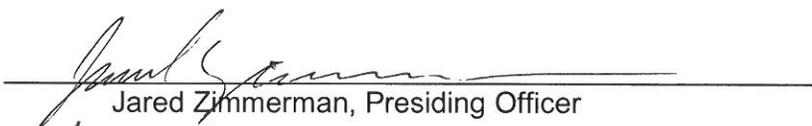
ORDINANCE 16-07, Version A: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 through 2022

There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE 16-08, Version A: An ordinance approving appropriation of an additional up to \$200,000 from the Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund for expenses related to the Cantwell K-12 School sprinkler installation and fire alarm upgrade project

Vern Carlson, Denali Borough School Board, appreciates the assembly funding this project. It has gotten off to a good start. There already have been engineers in the school building and the library has been cleared out to get ready for the project. This issue has been going on since 2001, so has been a long time coming. If the funding wasn't set up now, it would never happen.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  Date Approved: JUNE 8, 2016
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
May 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Assembly members present: David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Kimber BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Jill BOELSMA and Tallon SHREEVE. Absent: Paddy TATUM and Krista ZAPPONE arrived at 6:40 pm. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Paddy Tatum and Krista Zappone. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marge Nord, Cantwell, submitted a petition to prevent the sale of marijuana within the Denali Borough. The petition summary and background states, "The establishment of shops or coffee-shop type facilities for the purpose of selling or distributing marijuana would be detrimental to the health and safety of Denali residents. It is a medical fact that the use of marijuana damages the developing brains of young persons. It is a concern that a readily available source would increase usage, concentrate undesirable behavior in the area and pose a threat to the traveling public. The Denali Borough has no means to regulate or oversee such facilities." The action petitioned states, "We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge the Denali Borough Assembly and Mayor to deny any license application for the sale/distribution of marijuana within the Denali Borough and to pass an ordinance forbidding the sale of marijuana in the Denali Borough." The total signatures collected were 63 residents.

Marybeth Michaels, Clear, commented she has lived in the area almost 40 years and is opposed to the Clear View Landfill proposal. She feels the company will run rough-shot over the locals with bulldozers and leave the area with a pile of trash all over the highway system and possibly the river systems. The assembly has a chance to change things. We already have the Denali Borough Landfill which is a very good landfill. This shouldn't happen to us in the Denali Borough. We are being used. We receive nothing except asbestos and a pile of junk full of lead paint, PCB's and other poisons. She is dead set against this and hopes the assembly feels the same way.

Bob Mueller, Milepost 276.5, commented that he is very opposed to this landfill. We are talking about bringing something in here that is going to not only have airborne pollutants but jeopardize the water table. This entire area sits on a glacial silt. There is no way to monitor who is delivering material and what is being delivered to the area. The state of Alaska has sold residential property all around this gravel pit where the proposal for the new landfill would be located and to place a hazardous dump there is just insanity. There is more at stake than someone making money. It's a way of life.

Jeanette Witte, Anderson, commented she came to the Alaska in 1958 and moved to the area in 1962. She is disappointed the Alaska Railroad proposed this with everything that has gone on here.

1 There are lakes, rivers and the best water in the world. Everyone that votes for this, and tries to put
2 this here in the borough, she truly believes that it would be premediated murder. You will be killing
3 vegetation, animals and people with these toxic hazardous materials. Many people don't know what
4 is at that base (Clear Airforce Station) and they worked at that base. We will be dealing with this
5 mess from this toxic dump in the future as well as our children and grandchildren. We have to stop
6 this toxic dump. We don't have a choice.

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8 Ford Reeves, Denali Park, Alaska, spoke to the legalization of marijuana in 2014. There are three
9 other states, Oregon, Washington and Colorado that have legalized marijuana. The state of Alaska
10 Liquor and Marijuana Board oversees the regulations that have been set up in the state. The state of
11 Alaska is in an economic recession which has caused an economic crises.

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13 The Huffington Post reports that legalized marijuana is the fastest growing industry in the United
14 States. In Oregon, the marijuana industry is expected to grow thirty percent on an annual
15 compounded rate between 2016 and 2020 reaching an approximate value of 22 billion dollars. The
16 state of Oregon, Department of Labor, reported it will create 2,155 jobs in 2016 generating 46 million
17 dollars in wages having an initial market of three hundred million dollars.

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19 Mr. Reeves reported information about Washington State which legalized marijuana last year. The
20 state of Washington generated 7 million dollars in tax revenue. The Washington State Liquor Board
21 reports that there are 1.5 million dollars in sales every day to about 160 retailers state wide. In
22 Colorado, legalized marijuana in 2012. Marijuana sales generated 996 million dollars in 2015 up
23 from 699 million in 2014. In 2015, the industry generated 135 million dollars in taxes and fees which
24 distributed 35 million dollars to fund school construction plans. In 2016 it generated 1.21 billion
25 dollars and 14.2 million dollars in taxes in March alone this year up 56 percent from the previous
26 year. According to a February 2016 Associated Press report, 61 percent of Americans support
27 marijuana legalization, eighty-two percent aged 18 – 29 and 44 percent aged 60 and older support
28 legalization.

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30 Susan Gauvin, Dry Creek/Otto Lake, commented she has contacted the commercial tour operators
31 about grading the roads they use for their business and they were met with resistance. Their
32 neighbor has put in over 60 hours of work with his tractor repairing their road. Ms. Gauvin is
33 requesting the Denali Borough Assembly reconsider the Denali Borough Planning Commission's
34 Resolution 16-02 to do something to protect the roads and trails in the area. Apparently the good
35 neighbor approach is not working so perhaps there is an alternative approach that would be effective
36 this season.

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38 James Gauvin, Dry Creek/Otto Lake, commented he is at the meeting tonight to update the
39 assembly on the roads in the area. Mr. Gauvin was riding a bike on the road and heard ATV's
40 coming so he stopped. One ATV was on the right side of the road and the other wasn't. If he was not
41 paying attention or driving his truck, there would have been an accident. Based on the number of
42 tour companies operating in the area, at 15 tours per day, comes out to 9,000 ATV trips per season
43 per company which could add up to 18,000 ATV trips per season. The Denali Borough is in violation
44 of Denali Borough Code 4.25 which states that "All borough land, except the landfill and established
45 material sites, is unclassified and must be classified prior to any action taken that affects the land."
46 One thousand ATV trips affects the land. In January 2016, the planning commission passed
47 Resolution 16-02. The resolution requests the assembly do something prior to the ATV season.
48 Last month at the planning commission meeting, the Mr. Gauvin was informed that the reason

1 nothing has been done is because the lands have not been classified. For the last three years he
2 was told to go talk to the operators but the operators would not talk to them. He asked if anyone
3 from the borough has spoken with the operators. He doesn't feel that the people who live out at Dry
4 Creek should have to take care of this issue. He will be coming to the next assembly meeting to ask
5 how PC Resolution 16-02 will be implemented.
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7 Ivana Haverlikova, Healy, commented that since the planning commission passed Resolution 16-02
8 there has been no change on the Dry Creek access road. The businesses continue using the roads
9 and trails and the conditions are deteriorating quickly. There is a safety issue in the area and she
10 would like something done.
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12 Randy Witte, Clear, commented that he has lived here almost all of his life and is retired from Clear
13 Air Force Station (AFS). He is opposed to the Clear View Landfill. Mr. Witte was involved with the
14 Clear Air Force Station Landfill for many years and there are still many sites that need to be cleaned
15 up because they are a mess. There is also a sewage lagoon located near Anderson and there is the
16 Denali Borough Landfill located near Anderson and Clear so it seems there is enough in the area.
17 When the Denali Borough Landfill was created, the Alaska Department of Environmental
18 Conservation (ADEC) said that they were going to have these liners but the liners never happened
19 because ADEC said that the ground was so porous that they didn't utilize it. He hopes the Clear
20 View Landfill is denied. There are creeks nearby and many animals so if the landfill got out of
21 control, it would be a disaster.
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23 Jeff Taylor, Anderson, commented that he has lived here for 50 years and is opposed to the
24 proposed landfill as is anyone he has talked to.
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26 Dave Shockey, Clear, commented that the proposed landfill would be too close to his house and he
27 is very opposed to the landfill.
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29 Dorothy DeBlauw, Milepost 275, commented that she is requesting the borough not take this issue
30 lightly. Clear should keep the landfill on the base. If people want the landfill, build it in their
31 neighborhood. The residents of Anderson/Clear are against it so listen to them.
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33 Becky Mueller, Milepost 276.5, commented she is opposed to Clear View Landfill because there is a
34 dump already which takes in trash from the borough. She is against toxic waste being brought in and
35 concerned if the liner leaked and contaminated their water source.
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37 Kevin Schwan, Denali Cannabis Cache at Milepost 238.9, wanted to let the people know that are in
38 opposition to marijuana sales have a fear of change and concerns about the children. He will be
39 running a regulated business that is no different than alcohol sales. People that use marijuana are
40 good people with loving families and friends. Mr. Schwan submitted a petition in support of
41 marijuana with 119 signatures from residents of the Denali Borough.
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43 George Haskins, Anderson, is concerned with the cost of the borough considering a Healy Transfer
44 Station at a cost of \$466,000. With the state of Alaska in an economic crisis, he doesn't know how
45 the borough is expected to pay for the transfer station. Also, how can the borough justify this
46 concept when FY 2017 revenue for the landfill shows \$376,000 and the expenses proposed for FY
47 2017 at \$560,770? He suggested the borough rethink the concept of a transfer station or table it.
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1 AGENDA

2 David EVANS MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.
3 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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5 MINUTES

6 April 13, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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8 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2016 public hearing and regular
9 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was
10 unanimous.

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12 REPORTS

13 March 2016 Financial Report

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15 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to receive the March 2016 financial report. The motion was seconded.
16 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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18 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee (HTAPS) Report

19 Kimber Burrows reported that the committee members are excited to have the final draft of the
20 report finished. The next meeting will be set shortly to approve the final report and to vote to send it
21 to the assembly.

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23 Planning Commission Report

24 Mayor Clay Walker reported that the planning commission met in April, and noted that the
25 commission began working on revisions to the Denali Borough Code Title 4 Real Property
26 Acquisition, Management and Disposal. There is also a sign ordinance on the agenda which they
27 postponed to the next meeting in order to give all of their attention to Title 4.

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29 There will be a resolution for consideration on Milepost 235 at-grade crossing. The planning
30 commissioner who is bringing this forward has an idea that there should be a haz-mat and bus lane
31 added for vehicles that are required to stop at crossings. This would allow other vehicular traffic to
32 continue without stopping.

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34 At the next planning commission meeting, there will be a resolution for the planning commission to
35 consider supporting the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas line through Denali National Park. There will
36 also be a plat presented with a vacation of easement request.

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38 Mayor's Report

39 Mayor Clay Walker gave a written report some of which included:

- 40 • State Assessor Marty McGee came to the borough office in advance of research to
41 determine the Full Value Determination report for the Denali Borough. The report helps the
42 state calculate the borough's contribution to school district funding.
- 43 • Alaska LNG community open house was held in Cantwell and Healy to discuss the proposed
44 routing of the Alaska LNG gas line project.
- 45 • Denali National Park hosted an ice cream social for the students that participated in the
46 school to work program.
- 47 • Alaska Government Finance Officers met at their spring conference in the Denali Borough.
48 Annette Ziegman, Denali Borough Treasurer, served as the host for the two day conference.

- Doyon is working with the Denali Borough again this year to accept drill cuttings from the Nenana Oil Fields. The cuttings will be tested for acceptance per DEC regulations prior to being accepted at the landfill.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta

DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta reported on a variety of topics including:

- The school bussing contract has been awarded for the next five years. The contract is awarded to First Student. Mr. Polta and Curtis Hamel rode the busses to get a direct experience to see what the routes are like. They were able to make suggestions on safety and possibly making these routes better for students.
- Facilities updates include some small projects which include wiring in the shop area and kitchen at the Cantwell School. At Tri-Valley School they are looking at installing additional block heaters and at the Anderson School repairing general maintenance items to stop further deterioration. They are also working on a five-year maintenance plan for items not included on the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Interviews were completed for Anderson and Cantwell Schools Language Arts Social Studies teacher and other positions within the district.
- Requested the assembly fund the schools to the full fund request. Superintendent Polta and the school board are working on a budget that uses the revenues received to provide operational needs which is a transition from the previous administration such as adding a career counselor, teaching staff, a technology person and assistant, a maintenance director. He appreciates the level of support by the assembly.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Joe CHATFIELD appreciates the concerns brought forward on the proposed landfill. It is unfortunate people who were here have left. On the land use issue at Dry Creek/Otto Lake area, he was hoping the operators could come up with their own solution to the problem of trails degradation. He would like to see what the borough can do about the trails. We don't have road powers but it is a safety issue. Maybe we should consult our attorney to see what the borough can do to find a solution. Title 4 is not finished yet but maybe the mayor can contact the operators in the area to see if they will work together to come up with a solution.

Jill BOELSMA thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Don DEBLAUW agrees with Mr. Chatfield that the trail and road problems are a safety issue. The locals put up with it every year. He appreciates the people that came to the meeting to discuss the proposed landfill. He doesn't understand why it was brought to the public only one week ago.

Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked everyone for coming and for their testimony. This is what the assembly needs to make a decision. On the land issues, Title 4 is not finished yet which only speaks to borough owned lands. The borough does not have zoning which could take care of many of the issues that have come up tonight including the land use issue, marijuana, where businesses should be located and the landfill issue. The assembly has not heard anyone come to the meeting in support of zoning. He would like to be proactive on issues through zoning

1 instead of after they happen. He suggested a work session next month to tour the Otto Lake/Dry
2 Creek area and would like to see operators in the area join the assembly to talk about it.

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4 Kimber BURROWS commented that she appreciates the people who came and testified. It helps
5 the assembly make decisions on local issues.

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7 Krista ZAPPONE thanked everyone for coming and testifying because it helps to know what
8 people are thinking.

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10 Tallon SHREEVE commented that he appreciates hearing public comment because it helps the
11 assembly better serve the people.

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13 David EVANS feels conflicted on the marijuana issue because all of the people that end up on
14 the wrong side of the law because it is illegal. Innocent people are getting into trouble just for
15 being near marijuana. He is concerned with marijuana use and driving. The industry has to find
16 a way to test and have an education program on driving while impaired because the vehicle is a
17 lethal weapon. He appreciates the people who come to testify on the landfill issue. He would not
18 have known that there was concern over a construction and demolition (C&D) monofill. C&D can
19 have asbestos and paint on it. He is surprised by the lack of presentation by Alaska Railroad,
20 Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Alaska Department of Environmental
21 Conservation. The roads and trails that were mentioned have been around a long time. Years
22 ago DNR did not have concerns over how the roads were built or located so they have become a
23 problem. The Healy transfer station is in discussion only tonight and we will place it in the budget
24 when we can afford it.

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26 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

27 **Ralph Samuels, Holland America Group, Vice-President of Government and Community**
28 **Relations, to discuss how Holland America tourism effects the state and local**
29 **communities**

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31 Mr. Samuels explained that Alaska has competition when it comes to tourism. The Asian market
32 is very strong for travel within China, Asia, Mediterranean and Europe. There are more than
33 1,000 ports globally.

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35 There is a planning process for deploying ships to an area. The cruise companies research the
36 area and decide how the market will absorb 50,000 more customers. Of course it is all
37 dependent upon consumer demand.

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39 There are political concerns with the state of Alaska financial crisis right now. Will the state
40 charge more taxes? The cost of fuel in Alaska is still high compared to other markets, which has
41 an effect on the price of a cruise.

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43 The cruise industry creates many jobs in Alaska. Holland America/Princess Lines total
44 employment is 3,618 with 509 year around jobs.

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46 The strong U.S. dollar right now hurts us because the earnings are reported in U.S. dollars. So if
47 you have an Australian company, or are selling cruises out of Vancouver with Canadians, if
48 they're buying with Canadian dollars that are now 60 cents on the (U.S.) dollar; or you have

1 Australian dollars, which are low; even the Chinese currency is low compared to the U.S. dollar.
2 It is something you should be aware of as you look at how Alaska plays into the marketplace.
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4 The current issues in Alaska are the head tax charged by the State of Alaska and Juneau. The
5 Alaska liquor tax is the highest in the industry. The fuel tax is increasing. The Mat-Su Borough
6 and Ketchikan have bed tax. These taxes make a dent in customer budgets. Every time a ship
7 goes into port and every time a customer gets off a ship, they are charged taxes to purchase
8 items and some of the taxes are pretty high.
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10 On the marijuana issue, the ships are concerned because customers cannot bring the product
11 on board the ship. The industry has to figure out how to control it.
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13 Mr. Samuels took note of the Otto Lake/Dry Creek issue stating that Holland America/Princess
14 wants to be a good neighbor and wants to be engaged locally. He will be speaking with his
15 company about this issue.
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17 **Shane Durand, Central Recycling Services, to discuss an application for a land lease with**
18 **the Alaska Railroad for the purpose of a new monofill, Class 1 solid waste landfill and**
19 **recycling facility located within the Denali Borough near Clear, Alaska.**
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21 The company works with government contracts to reduce materials going into the landfills.
22 Central Recycling is from Anchorage. They demolish buildings and recycle products, dependent
23 on market conditions, to transport the product dependent on market needs. The company
24 currently recycles glass, cardboard, concrete, plastics, electronics, tires and brick to name a few.
25 The company operates a monofill in Salcha and received a score of 100 percent from ADEC on
26 their annual inspection.
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28 The Clear AFS contract includes \$2 billion in work to prepare for the new upgrades. The Denali
29 Borough Landfill is a Class II unlined landfill that can only accept up to 20 tons per day. A Class I
30 landfill can accept much more tonnage. In the future, the Denali Borough will probably not be
31 able to run a Class II because there will be too much trash as well as DEC regulations will be
32 changed to not have Class II with the state.
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34 The railroad has an existing gravel pit near the railroad tracks. The hole that is already there is
35 an advantage. The plan is to remove the construction and demolition from Clear AFS however
36 the demolition contract has not been awarded yet.
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38 The company is currently seeking a permit with ADEC for a monofill and a Class I landfill. The
39 water table is 130' deep and the state requirements are only 10'. If the economics are there, the
40 company would like to accept from all over the state. The timeline for demolition at Clear AFS is
41 July or August this year. The site is 750 acres for operations and a buffer zone. The company
42 plans to have 10 – 20 employees for the Class I landfill and three employees for the monofill.
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44 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called a meeting recess at 9:00 PM. The meeting resumed
45 at 9:12 PM.
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1 PENDING ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 16-06, Version A: An ordinance for the Denali Borough to establish and adopt the
3 budget for Fiscal Year 2017

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5 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to amend by substitution Ordinance 16-06, Version B for Version A. The
6 motion was seconded. Krista ZAPPONE explained notable points of Version A versus Version B
7 which brings school funding up \$200,000 for full funding. The VOTE by show of hands to amend
8 by substitution was unanimous.

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10 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to amend Ordinance 16-06, Version B, line item 5200 Nonprofit
11 Contributions, Denali Emergency Services Association, to increase the amount of funding to
12 \$57,379 for the Tri-Valley VFD garage property insurance. The total non-profit line item will be
13 \$382,623. The motion was seconded. The VOTE to amend by show of hands was unanimous.

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15 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-06 to the next meeting. The motion was
16 seconded. The VOTE to postpone Ordinance 16-06 to the next meeting was unanimous.

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18 ORDINANCE 16-07, Version A: An ordinance establishing the Denali Borough Capital
19 Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 through 2022

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21 David EVANS MOVED to amend Ordinance 16-07 under Healy Transfer Station to delete
22 \$300,000 and insert \$466,000. The motion was seconded. The VOTE to amend Ordinance 16-
23 07 was unanimous.

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25 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-07 to the next meeting. The motion was
26 seconded. The VOTE to postpone Ordinance 16-07 to the next meeting was unanimous.

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28 ORDINANCE 16-08, Version A: An ordinance approving appropriation of an additional up to
29 \$200,000 from the Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund for expenses related to the
30 Cantwell K-12 School sprinkler installation and fire alarm upgrade project

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32 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-08. The motion was seconded. The roll call VOTE
33 to adopt Ordinance 16-08 was unanimous.

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35 RESOLUTIONS

36 RESOLUTION 16-07: A resolution pertaining to the asset allocation of the Denali Borough
37 Permanent Investment Fund

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39 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-07. The motion was seconded. The roll call
40 VOTE was unanimous.

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42 OTHER BUSINESS

43 Approval of hiring a temporary employee at the Denali Borough Landfill that is related to another
44 employee

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46 David EVANS MOVED to approve the hiring of a temporary employee that is a relative of another
47 employee at the Denali Borough Landfill. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands
48 was unanimous.

1 Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Application Approvals:

- 2 • Denali North Star Inn #3724
- 3 Transfer Ownership
- 4 Restaurant Designation Permit
- 5 • Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge – Music of Denali #4902
- 6 Transfer Ownership (Stock Transfer)
- 7 Restaurant Designation Permit
- 8 • Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge- Rapids #4592
- 9 Transfer Ownership (Stock Transfer)
- 10 Restaurant Designation Permit
- 11 • Denali Princess Lodge- Grizzly Bar & Grill #4901
- 12 Transfer Ownership (Stock Transfer)
- 13 Restaurant Designation Permit
- 14 • Denali Princess Lodge- King Salmon Restaurant #3660
- 15 Transfer Ownership (Stock Transfer)
- 16 Restaurant Designation Permit
- 17 • Denali Princess Lodge- Rapids #2633
- 18 Transfer Ownership (Stock Transfer)
- 19 Restaurant Designation Permit

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21 David EVANS MOVED to approve liquor/restaurant designation license applications as listed above.
22 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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24 Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC): Proposal to issue a ground lease to Central Monofill
25 Services, Inc for Material Storage, Recycling facility, new Monofill and Class I solid waste landfill.
26 Comment period open until May 25, 2016.

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28 Taking into consideration the assembly by ordinance approves all landfills within the Denali
29 Borough, the assembly decided not to comment to Alaska Railroad on the lease of property to
30 Central Monofill Services. There were concerns about the size of the land they are leasing and the
31 95 years that they are leasing the land for. There will be more information once the assembly hears
32 from DEC and reviews the permit application. A Class I landfill would be safer than the borough's
33 un-lined MSW pits. The Denali Borough needs to do what is best for the Denali Borough and its
34 residents. The benefits to the borough include recycling and a resource center. There could be a
35 revenue impact to the Denali Borough Landfill but the new C&D pit may last a little longer.

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37 Tim Sullivan, ARRC, contacted the office to see the impact on the Denali Borough. Mayor Clay
38 Walker informed Mr. Sullivan that the assembly approves landfills within the borough boundaries.

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40 PUBLIC COMMENTS

41 Sandra Trumbower, Anderson, questioned if the assembly ordinance would be approval for the
42 monofill and Class I landfill, or just the monofill. Would they both be approved in one ordinance or
43 two ordinances? Assembly members feel that the assembly can approve either or both.

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45 George Haskins, Anderson, commented that he is concerned about what can go into a monofill and
46 would like to see the DEC regulations. It looks like to him that they want the monofill approved in the
47 beginning. The company is not going to put out the money right now to build a Class I. Are we
48 getting to the point where the borough can no longer afford a Class II or if pushed into a Class 1,

1 would the borough be able to afford it? The borough could put caveats or desires on this through the
2 approval process. The company is forced into getting the ADEC permit for a Class 1 landfill now,
3 because it is easier doing it in one application. It would be nice to have ADEC at a meeting to
4 answer some of these questions.

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6 Vern Carlson, Denali Borough School Board, thanked the assembly, mayor and staff for supporting
7 and fully funding the school.

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9 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

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

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13 Kimber BURROWS thanked Mr. Vern Carlson for his service to the schools and requested a
14 work session at Dry Creek/Otto Lake area.

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16 Jared ZIMMERMAN there would have to be two public hearings on the ordinance to approve a
17 landfill so would like to have another public hearing in Anderson and a special meeting if
18 necessary to discuss Clear View application.

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20 Joe CHATFIELD feels that there is no need to rush this decision to approve or disapprove a
21 landfill. He is disappointed that the operators couldn't work together at Dry Creek/ Otto Lake area
22 to address the issue of trail use.

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24 Krista ZAPPONE thanked the public for staying at the meeting and thanked Dan Polta and Vern
25 Carlson for touring the landfill with the assembly and for their dedication to public service.

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27 Jill BOELSMA thought that it was an exciting meeting and thanked Vern Carlson for his service.

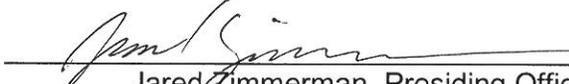
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29 Tallon SHREEVE thanked the presenters for attending. The discussions were very interesting
30 tonight.

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32 Don DEBLAUW appreciated Vern Carlson attending the meeting. He would like more information
33 on the landfill and supports a work session on the Otto Lake/Dry Creek trails.

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35 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

36 The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, June 08, 2016: Work Session at Otto Lake/Dry
37 Creek with the tour operators in the area at 4:30 PM; Assembly Public Hearing 6:00 PM at the
38 Tri-Valley Community Center with the Regular meeting to follow.

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40 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM.

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43 APPROVED: 
44 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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