

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
July 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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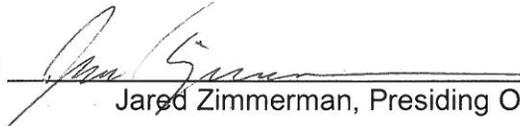
10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Kimberly BURROWS, Tallon
11 SHREEVE, Don DEBLAUW, Paddy TATUM, and Krista ZAPPONE. Absent: Jill BOELSMA, Joe
12 CHATFIELD and David EVANS
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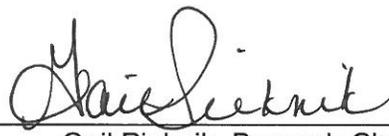
14 ORDINANCE 15-05, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Charter Article II, Section
15 2.08 titled Meetings and Denali Borough Code Chapter 2.15 titled Assembly Meetings
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17 Cantwell resident Armeda Bulard voiced her opposition to Ordinance 15-05 stating that when the
18 borough was originally organized, the organizing committee recognized the value of holding
19 assembly meeting in each voting district. Each voting district and community is unique and equally
20 as important as the next and to hold meetings in only one district would be a disservice to the others.
21 She feels that traveling to the voting districts for assembly meetings is part of the duty and
22 commitment made by each assembly member.
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24 Vernon Carlson voiced his opposition to this ordinance stating that all borough residents should
25 have an equal voice and should have an equal amount of time. Assembly meetings should remain
26 on a rotation schedule.
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28 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.
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33 APPROVED: 
34 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer
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39 ATTEST:  Date Approved: AUGUST 12, 2015
40 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
July 08, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Assembly members present: Tallon SHREEVE, Paddy TATUM, Krista ZAPPONE, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW and Kimber BURROWS. David EVANS arrived at 6:25 p.m. Absent: Jill BOELSMA and Joe CHATFIELD. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Joe CHATFIELD, Dave EVANS and Jill BOELSMA. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cantwell resident Armeda Bulard encouraged all assembly members and anyone considering running for any borough elected office to go to each community and introduce themselves. The borough now conducts borough wide voting and it is important for our locally elected officials to be familiar with all borough residents and communities.

AGENDA

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Don DEBLAUW seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda was unanimous.

MINUTES

June 10, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the June 10, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Don DEBLAUW seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the minutes was unanimous.

REPORTS

May 2015 Financial Report

Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to receive the May 2015 financial report. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the May 2015 financial report was unanimous.

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

Committee Chair Kimber Burrows reported that the committee is working on an outline for a transportation and pedestrian safety plan. The next work session of the HTAPS committee to continue this work will be on August 03, 2015 at the Tri-Valley Community Center at 5:30 pm.

1 MAYOR'S REPORT

2 Mayor Clay Walker reported on the following items:

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4 The Rex Complex fire has dominated our time and efforts recently. The fire began on June 22, 2015
5 by lightning strikes and grew rapidly. The incident command was set up in the Anderson School and
6 at one point there were over 500 responders fighting the fire and housed in the Anderson School.
7 Mayor Walker thanked all the responders that have been working tirelessly to protect property and
8 structures in our borough and around the state.

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10 The Planning Commission toured four potential locations for a Healy solid waste transfer station site
11 during their June meeting. They have now narrowed the number of potential sites from four to two.

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13 The Planning Commission completed their Comprehensive Plan review. The updated version will be
14 on the August Assembly meeting agenda.

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16 The personnel policy is being reviewed and updated and should be on the August Assembly
17 meeting agenda.

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19 Clear Air Force Station experienced a change of command in June. Mayor Walker was able to
20 attend the ceremony.

21
22 Candidate packets are available for Assembly and School Board candidates. The Denali Borough
23 Election will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Candidate packets are due in the borough office by
24 2:00 pm on September 21, 2015.

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26 The new borough rock truck is working well at the landfill and progress is being made in the
27 development of the next landfill cell.

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29 A State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation annual inspection will be conducted
30 on Friday, July 17th at the landfill.

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32 The Municipal Advisory Gasline Board has another meeting scheduled and Mayor Walker plans to
33 participate.

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35 Alaska Municipal League policy position statements are in review and they are asking for a
36 resolution statement from the assembly on these position statements.

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38 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

39 School Board President Vernon Carlson introduced Denali Borough School District Superintendent
40 Dan Polta and welcomed back Jenny Mason who will be PEAK, Cantwell, and Anderson School
41 Principal. Nathan Pitt will be the new Tri Valley School Principal.

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43 The flood in the Tri-Valley School server room this past winter caused much damage but repairs
44 have been made and some of the servers have been moved to other locations.

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46 The School District finances are in order and the district office is fully staffed. There are a few new
47 faces so feel free to stop by and get acquainted with the staff. The new school district Ford
48 Expeditions are in route to the district.

1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 Krista ZAPPONE welcomed all those in attendance and thanked all the fire responders working
3 in our borough and state.

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5 Tallon SHREEVE thanked the audience for their attendance and thanked Mayor Walker for the
6 update on the Rex Complex fire.

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8 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked the audience for their attendance, welcomed Superintendent Polta,
9 thanked all the firefighters around our state and borough and thanked the community of Cantwell
10 for their 4th of July festivities.

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12 Kimber BURROWS thanked those in attendance for coming and for providing public comment.
13 She also thanked Mayor Walker for the update on the Rex Complex fire.

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15 Don DEBLAUW thanked all the fire responders in our area. He commented that fire information
16 was hard to find and updated information could have been helpful.

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18 David EVANS thanked the assembly for excusing him from the last meeting.

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20 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

21 Representative David Talerico reported on the following items:

22
23 Welcome to Superintendent Dan Polta and Principal Jenny Mason.

24
25 The State of Alaska is not in great financial shape. During this past session there were three big
26 topics; Money, Marijuana, and Medicaid. Large budget cuts had to be made and the effects will
27 begin to be felt now that we are in the new fiscal year. Nearly 60% of the total State of Alaska
28 budget goes to Health and Social Services, Education, and the UAF system. The next session
29 will bring the need for more budget cuts and all the so called "low hanging fruit" has already been
30 cut. The three largest budget items will most likely receive additional budget cuts.

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32 Medicaid expansion will require its own special session. The State payment system will have to
33 be fixed before Medicaid expansion decisions can be made.

34
35 A marijuana board has been established to make recommendations on future legislation. The
36 ballot initiative that passed during the most recent election specifically dictated that marijuana will
37 be taxed so this will be a big topic during the next session.

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39 The United States Supreme Court recently ruled on the legality of same sex marriage and
40 Alaska law is now out of compliance with Federal law. This will be another item to be discussed
41 during the next legislative session.

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43 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a 10 minute recess at 7:25pm.

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45 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the meeting back to order at 7:36pm.

1 DRAFT ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 15-07: An ordinance appropriating up to \$25,478 from the General Fund for
3 reimbursable expenditures related to State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP)

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5 Krista Zappone MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-07. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll
6 call VOTE was unanimous.

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8 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-07 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS
9 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to postpone Ordinance 15-07 was unanimous.

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11 ORDINANCE 15-08: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the General Fund for
12 reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant (LEPC)

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14 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-08. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll
15 call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-08 was unanimous.

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17 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-08 to the next meeting. David EVANS
18 seconded. The VOTE to postpone Ordinance 15-08 to the next meeting was unanimous.

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20 ORDINANCE 15-09: An ordinance appropriating up to \$12,000 from the General Fund for
21 reimbursable expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as
22 well as up to \$12,000 in matching expenditures

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24 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-09. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The
25 roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-09 was unanimous.

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27 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-09 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS
28 seconded. The VOTE to postpone Ordinance 15-09 to the next meeting was unanimous.

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30 ORDINANCE 15-10: An ordinance declaring surplus property and authorizing the sale of the
31 same and appropriating the net proceeds to the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve Fund

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33 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-10. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The
34 roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-10 was unanimous.

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36 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-10 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS
37 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to postpone Ordinance 15-10 to the next meeting was
38 unanimous.

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40 PENDING ORDINANCES

41 ORDINANCE 15-05, VERSION A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Charter Article II,
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44 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-05 indefinitely. Krista ZAPPONE
45 seconded.

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47 Krista ZAPPONE commented that most meetings are not well attended by the Healy community
48 and other communities have better attendance.

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2 Kimber BURROWS stated that she appreciates traveling to see each unique community and
3 their issues.

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5 Don DEBLAUW stated that he enjoys traveling to each community.

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7 Paddy TATUM stated that she is still in favor of keeping all meetings in Healy.

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9 David EVANS asked when and how to recognize the Panguingue District 4 in the rotation.

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11 Jared ZIMMERMAN stated he would like to recognize the Panguingue District in the rotation and
12 would like to hear from the Anderson community before the ordinance is postponed indefinitely.

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14 Kimber BURROWS withdrew her motion.

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16 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-05 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS
17 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to postpone Ordinance 15-05 to the next meeting was
18 unanimous.

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20 RESOLUTIONS

21 There were no resolutions presented.

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23 OTHER BUSINESS

24 **ABC Board: Restaurant Designation/Liquor License Approval Request**

25 Applicant: ARAMARK LLC

26 License: # 5407

27 DBA: Denali River Cabins

28 Location: Mile 231.1 Parks Highway

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30 General Manager of Denali River Cabins Fernando Salvador expressed the company's excitement
31 about this license request explaining that they currently have a casual dining room serving casual
32 and light dining options but would love to include wine and other alcoholic beverages service as well.
33 He reported that ARAMARK, LLC currently has other licenses for other establishments in the Denali
34 area and they fully comply with all requirements that accompany the license.

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36 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the liquor license and restaurant designation applications
37 for Denali River Cabins. David EVANS seconded. The VOTE to approve the motion was unanimous.

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39 **Approval to move forward with hiring a consultant to evaluate and list projected upgrade
40 needs for the Denali Borough School buildings**

41 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to approve the administrative search for consultant proposals to evaluate
42 and list projected upgrade needs for the Denali Borough School buildings. Kimber BURROWS
43 seconded. The VOTE to approve the motion by show of hands was unanimous.

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45 **Kingfisher Pad Kiosk restoration**

46 Mayor Walker explained that this Kiosk is under the authority of the State of Alaska, Department of
47 Transportation, and not the Denali Borough.

1 Kimber BURROWS asked if we could ask the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation, to
2 update the kiosk or have it removed.

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4 Jared ZIMMERMAN stated that he would like to see the borough establish some attractive
5 "Welcome to the Denali Borough" highway sign.

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7 David EVANS asked if we have the personnel to maintain highway signs.

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9 PUBLIC COMMENTS

10 Armeda Bulard, Cantwell, reminded the assembly that there is a designated information board along
11 the highway that is for Denali Borough use. She encouraged the continued upgrade and
12 maintenance of all of our school buildings and encouraged all assembly members to participate in
13 the Alaska Municipal League (AML) if given the opportunity. She concluded by thanking the
14 assembly members for their service.

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16 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

17 Don DEBLAUW thanked the audience for their attendance.

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19 Paddy TATUM thanked Representative David Talerico for his report.

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21 Kimber BURROWS thanked the public and Fernando Salvador for their attendance. She thanked
22 Representative Talerico for his service and report. She hopes to see more distant learning
23 education opportunities as the UAF system goes through budget cuts. She concluded by
24 suggesting that the assembly offer its support to the National Park Service as they begin the
25 planning process for establishing a trail from the George Parks Highway Mile 230 area to the
26 Denali National Park entrance.

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28 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked the audience for their attendance. Fire danger has a lot of folks
29 concerned and he would like some public education on being fire wise with our homes and
30 neighborhoods. Chris Noel, Denali Borough Emergency Planner, has agreed to conduct a fire
31 wise meeting for the Panguingue Creek neighborhood and he would encourage others to
32 organize similar education opportunities.

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34 Tallon SHREEVE thanked the public for their comments and thanked Representative Talerico for
35 his report.

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37 Krista ZAPPONE thanked the audience for their attendance and Representative Talerico for his
38 report. She offered her full support for the school building maintenance and improvement plans
39 because she recognizes that our school buildings are so vital to our kids and communities.

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41 David EVANS expressed his appreciation to the landfill staff. The landfill is looking very
42 impressive. He stated that because the landfill now has a number of pieces of heavy equipment
43 the shop expansion project at the landfill needs to become a high priority to protect our
44 investment.

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46 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

47 There will be a joint work session with the Denali Borough Planning Commission at the Tri-Valley
48 Community Center at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

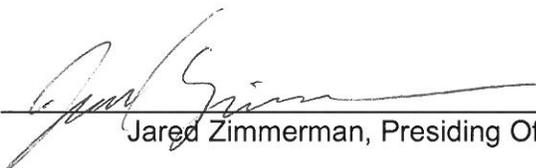
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The next regular meeting will be at the Anderson School, Anderson, Alaska on Wednesday, August 12, 2015: Public Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

The Assembly will be travelling through Denali National Park to Kantishna to visit with constituents on Sunday, August 30, 2015. This will be an all day trip and no action will be taken per the Open Meetings Act.

Dave EVANS made a motion to adjourn. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

APPROVED:  _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: AUGUST 12, 2015
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk