

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
July 11, 2012

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf at
8 6:04 PM.
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Gordon CARLSON, Robert
11 KOHLSDORF, Terry ASBURY, Rusty LASELL, Cyrus COOPER, and David EVANS. Absent:
12 Paddy TATUM, and Clay WALKER.
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14 ORDINANCE 12-06, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code, Chapter 2.05.050
15 titled Compensation of assembly members.
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17 There was no public comment.
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19 ORDINANCE 12-10, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
20 Chapter 3.20.050 titled Permanent Investment Fund.
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22 There was no public comment.
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24 ORDINANCE 12-11, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
25 Chapter 6.05 titled Municipal Property, Inventory and Files.
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27 There was no public comment.
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29 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:01 PM.
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33 APPROVED: 
34 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer
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38 ATTEST:  Date Approved: AUGUST 08, 2012
39 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**
3 **Cantwell School**
4 **July 11, 2012**
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to order at
8 6:01 PM. Mayor David Talerico led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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10 ROLL CALL:

11 Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Robert KOHLSDORF, Gordon CARLSON, Terry
12 ASBURY, Rusty LASELL, Cyrus COOPER, and David EVANS. Absent: Paddy TATUM and Clay
13 WALKER.
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15 John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Ms. Tatum and Mr. Walker. David EVANS seconded. The
16 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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18 PUBLIC COMMENTS

19 There was no public comment.
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21 AGENDA

22 Gordon CARLSON MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. David EVANS seconded. The
23 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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25 MINUTES

26 June 13, 2012 Assembly Public Hearing-

27 Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the June 13, 2012 public hearing minutes as submitted. John
28 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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30 June 13, 2012 Assembly Regular Meeting-

31 Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the June 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes as submitted.
32 John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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34 REPORTS

35 May 2012 Financial Report

36 David EVANS MOVED to receive the May 2012 financial report. John WINKLMANN seconded.
37 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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39 MAYOR'S REPORT

40 Mayor David Talerico read a communication received from Rob Allen, Interagency Incident
41 Management Incident Commander thanking the Denali Borough emergency responders for their
42 support during Bear Creek #4 Fire, and complimenting them on their cooperation, dedication, and
43 determination. Mayor Talerico noted that the Anderson and Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Departments
44 were first responders to the fire.
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46 Election day will be November 6, and Denali Borough Code requires that a canvass meeting be held
47 by the first Monday following that date, which would be November 12. The annual Alaska Municipal

1 League (AML) conference will be in Anchorage November 12-16. Mayor Talerico encouraged
2 Assembly members to consider if the November meeting date should be moved.

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4 The Tri-Valley School roof project will be underway shortly. Wolverine Supply was selected as
5 contractor for the project with a bid that was within the expected budget. Funding for state grants of
6 \$50,000 and less is being provided to municipalities upfront, and the Denali Borough has received
7 \$175,000 for five projects; Anderson and Cantwell Fuel Storage Tanks, Landfill Shop Pad, School
8 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Inspection, and Tri Valley School Heating Control
9 System Upgrade. A project snapshot was submitted to the state for the Nenana Canyon Fire
10 Service Well.

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12 Mayor Talerico invited assembly members and planning commissioners to participate in the annual
13 trip into Denali Park, which will be on August 18, and noted that RSVPs must be made by July 31.
14 On August 6, Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) President/CEO Chris Aadneson and Manager of
15 External Affairs Tim Sullivan will be at the Borough office to meet with staff and officials. Possible
16 topics of discussion include railroad land leases, the Cantwell railroad crossing, and whistle stop
17 emergency training planned for October 5-6 in Healy. On July 23, Usibelli Coal Mine has invited the
18 Assembly to attend a luncheon at Black Diamond Resort with officials from the Matanuska-Susitna
19 Borough.

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21 Emergency Services Director Joe Chatfield has resigned, and the job vacancy will soon be posted.
22 Marsha Lambert was hired as Land Planner.

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24 The Department of Natural Resources is seeking preliminary approval to expand the Antler Creek
25 gravel pit, with a short comment period that has already ended. The planning commission made
26 comment regarding the effect expansion would have on the integrity of the highway, traffic patterns,
27 and view-shed.

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29 It was noted that an employee's personal vehicle mentioned at the January meeting is still in the
30 landfill shop and is creating a liability issue. Mayor Talerico responded that he has given the
31 employee permission to complete work on the vehicle, and when the work is complete the vehicle
32 will be removed.

33 34 SCHOOL REPORT

35 Denali Borough School District Board Member Vernon Carlson introduced new School
36 Superintendent Jim Elliott. Dr. Elliott gave a brief history of his work experience in Alaska and
37 reported that he is looking forward to working with the Assembly.

38 39 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

40 Cyrus Cooper and Terry Asbury had no comment.

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42 David EVANS apologized for missing the last two meetings, and thanked fellow assembly
43 members for excusing his absences.

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45 John WINKLMANN commented that there were no disclosures of conflict of interest at the June
46 meeting during budget discussion, and reminded fellow assembly members of disclosure
47 requirements.

1 Gordon CARLSON welcomed those in attendance and commented that the quicker the personal
2 vehicle is removed from the landfill, the better. Mr. Carlson stated that if there is a question of
3 conflict of interest, it should be brought forward directly by those who believe there is a conflict.
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5 Robert KOHLSDORF thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting, welcomed Dr.
6 Elliott, and commented that if an assembly member has a complaint, that information should be
7 brought forward.
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9 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

10 There were no scheduled communications or appearances.
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12 PENDING ORDINANCES

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14 ORDINANCE 12-06, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code, Chapter 2.05.050
15 titled Compensation of assembly members.
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17 Rusty LASELL MOVED to postpone Ordinance 12-06, Version A to the next meeting. David EVANS
18 seconded. Points of discussion that followed include direction provided by Denali Borough Code
19 and the precedent set by the last stipend increase that was on a ballot. The VOTE by show of hands
20 was 6-1 with Gordon CARLSON opposed. The motion passed.
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22 ORDINANCE 12-10, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
23 Chapter 3.20.050 titled Permanent Investment Fund.
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25 John WINKLMANN MOVED to substitute Ordinance 12-10, Version B for Version A. David EVANS
26 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous. It was noted that changes to the
27 ordinance were suggested by investment representatives to broaden opportunities for investment.
28 The VOTE by show of hands was 6-1 with Terry ASBURY opposed. The motion passed.
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30 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 12-10, Version B to the next meeting. Cyrus
31 COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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33 ORDINANCE 12-11, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
34 Chapter 6.05 titled Municipal Property, Inventory and Files.
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36 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 12-11, Version B to the next meeting. Gordon
37 CARLSON seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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39 RESOLUTIONS:

40 There were no resolutions to consider.
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42 PUBLIC COMMENTS

43 There was no public comment.
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45 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

46 Rusty LASELL commented that if someone has something to say about another's conduct, it
47 needs to be spoken. Mr. Lasell also commented that if the Assembly is uncomfortable regarding
48 the compensation issue, Borough Code needs to be changed.
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1 Gordon CARLSON commented that all Assembly members have a potential conflict of interest,
2 and that if someone has a problem with something, they should say what they are thinking. Mr.
3 Carlson stated that the people may express their displeasure with an elected official at the polls,
4 and that he has faith in the voters.

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6 John WINKLMANN welcomed Jim Elliott to the community.

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8 Terry ASBURY had no comment.

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10 David EVANS welcomed Jim Elliott and commented that when he wrestles with conflicts of
11 interest, he considers personal financial interest. Mr. Evans commented that the George Parks
12 Scenic Byway is next to the Antler Creek gravel pit proposed expansion.

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14 Cyrus COOPER commented that when there is a conflict of interest, there are obligations on the
15 part of the person with the conflict as well as those aware of the conflict. Mr. Cooper expressed
16 his concern regarding inappropriate public dumping of materials near Dry Creek.

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18 Robert KOHLSDORF welcomed Jim Elliott, and noted that resolutions similar to Denali Borough
19 Resolution 12-14, which failed to pass at the June meeting, were passed by the Fairbanks North
20 Star Borough and Fairbanks City Council, and a resolution is under consideration by the Nenana
21 City Council.

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23 Mayor David TALERICO reminded Assembly members to respond regarding the Usibelli Coal
24 Mine luncheon on July 23 to the contact provided in the invitation, and to RSVP regarding the trip
25 into Denali Park by July 31. Mayor Talerico also reminded the Assembly of the ARRC meeting
26 on August 6 at the Borough office, October 5-6 whistle stop emergency training, and asked the
27 Assembly to think about the timing of the November meeting.

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29 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

30 The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the Anderson School on
31 August 8, 2012; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

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33 ADJOURN: Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

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37 APPROVED: _____

38 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

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41 ATTEST: _____

42 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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45 Date Approved: AUGUST 08, 2012