

**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
August 12, 2015**

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared
8 Zimmerman at 6:06 p.m.
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Kimberly BURROWS,
11 Tallon SHREEVE, Don DEBLAUW, Paddy TATUM, Joe CHATFIELD and Krista ZAPPONE.
12 ABSENT – Jill BOELSMA, David EVANS
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14 ORDINANCE 15-05, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Charter Article II,
15 Section 2.08 titled Meetings and Denali Borough Code Chapter 2.15 titled Assembly
16 Meetings
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18 Steve Love, Healy resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 15-05, favoring instead the
19 rotation contained in draft Ordinance 15-12 as a good compromise.
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21 ORDINANCE 15-07, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$25,478 from the General
22 Fund for reimbursable expenditures related to State Homeland Security Program Grant
23 (SHSP)
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25 There were no comments.
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27 ORDINANCE 15-08, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the
28 General Fund for reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning
29 Committee Grant (LEPC)
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31 There were no comments.
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33 ORDINANCE 15-09, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$12,000 from the General
34 Fund for reimbursable expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant
35 (EMPG) as well as up to \$12,000 in matching expenditures
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37 There were no comments.
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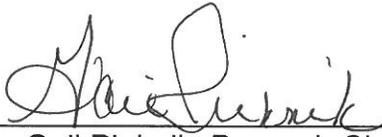
39 ORDINANCE 15-10, Version A: An ordinance declaring surplus property and authorizing the
40 sale of the same and appropriating the net proceeds to the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve
41 Fund
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43 There were no comments.

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ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

APPROVED:  _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: SEPTEMBER 09, 2015
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
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August 12, 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, Kimber BURROWS, and Joe CHATFIELD. (Jill BOELSMA arrived at 6:16 p.m. David EVANS arrived at 6:41 p.m.) Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Ms. Boelsma and Mr. Evans. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Gauvin, Dry Creek resident, commented that he attended the assembly and planning commission joint work session with Agnew Beck to bring attention to possible dangers presented in the Dry Creek area by all-terrain vehicle (ATV) tours. Mr. Gauvin noted that he has lived in the area since 1992, and is concerned by the degradation of the road, which he and his wife have tried to maintain, as well as the rate of speed ATVs travel on the curvy public access road. Mr. Gauvin warned that the borough will need to deal with the issue at some point, and urged proactivity.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

July 8, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to approve the July 8, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Kimber BURROWS seconded. Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to amend the minutes by adding "Emergency Planning and Projects Coordinator" after the name Chris Noel in his comment near the end of the meeting. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment was unanimous.

The VOTE by show of hands on the original motion to approve the July 8, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes was unanimous.

REPORTS

June 2015 Financial Report

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

1 Mayor Walker's appointment to Denali Borough Planning Commission Seat G

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3 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointment of Susan Braun to Denali Borough Planning
4 Commission Seat G. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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

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8 Committee Chair Kimber Burrows reported that the committee is working on an outline for a
9 transportation and pedestrian safety plan. Data from the questionnaire has been summarized, and
10 drafting the body of the safety report is moving forward. The next work session of the HTAPS
11 committee to continue this work will be on August 31, 2015 at the Tri-Valley Community Center at
12 5:30 pm.

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14 MAYOR'S REPORT

15 Mayor Clay Walker thanked those who attended the joint work session of the assembly and planning
16 commission with Agnew Beck on August 5, noting Agnew Beck will be in the borough again during
17 the month of October.

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19 Mayor Walker reported that on August 6, Governor Bill Walker amended a June 26, 2015
20 Declaration of Disaster Emergency to include individual assistance for wildfire damage in the Denali
21 Borough.

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23 A report is expected soon on a recent landfill inspection. Landfill tonnage for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015
24 totaled 4,100 tons, which is down from FY2014, but an increase over the previous three years. A Girl
25 Scout troop will be helping to pick up trash around the landfill as a fundraising project.

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27 The Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) moved to a night schedule for construction projects
28 in response to requests from a number of individuals and business owners, including the borough.
29 DOT Northern Region Director, David Miller, will be in the borough on August 17 to look at projects
30 in the area.

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32 Mayor Walker reported that he will be in Ketchikan for the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Summer
33 Legislative Conference August 18 – 21, and encouraged assembly members to consider attending
34 the AML Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage November 16 – 20. Assembly
35 members wishing to attend the November conference should inform the borough office by
36 September 17.

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38 Chris Noel, Emergency Planning and Projects Coordinator, will attend a meeting of representatives
39 from the Subaru Zero-Landfill Park Initiative, local business leaders, and Denali National Park
40 officials to discuss work toward ending garbage in the national parks.

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42 Candidate packets for assembly and school board seats are available online and in the borough
43 office, and must be filed by September 21.

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45 Mayor Walker reported that he recently attended a National Park Service workshop intended to work
46 through a value analysis protocol for a new wayside near Mile 231 of the George Parks Highway.
47 Collaboration is a very important component of the project.

1 The planning commission continues to evaluate sites for a proposed Healy Solid Waste Transfer
2 Station, including a location owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation. A survey is being developed
3 to help gather public input on potential sites, with an open house planned for September 15 prior to
4 the regular planning commission meeting.

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6 The annual borough trip into Denali National Park will be on August 30.

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8 A request for proposals is in the works for a comprehensive assessment of school facilities. Mayor
9 Walker met recently with Denali Borough School District Superintendent Dan Polta to discuss school
10 maintenance and capital improvement projects.

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12 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

13 Denali Borough School District Superintendent Dan Polta submitted a written report as he was
14 unable to attend the meeting. The report discussed preparations for the start of the school year,
15 including training for staff and readying buildings, as well as a recap of school facility maintenance
16 issues discussed with Mayor Walker.

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18 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

19 Don DEBLAUW commented that the borough has no road powers, and private citizens in the
20 Denali Borough maintain roads to their properties that are then used as public rights of way. An
21 issue with commercial operators on a roadway might be resolved by contacting the operators.

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23 Paddy TATUM had no comment.

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25 Jill BOELSMA apologized for arriving late to the meeting due to road construction, and
26 commented favorably on the joint work session of the assembly and planning commission,
27 noting that the facilitation by Agnew Beck will benefit the borough.

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29 Kimber BURROWS commented that she enjoyed the joint work session, is pleased with Agnew
30 Beck, and would like to see more joint body communication. Ms. Burrows thanked
31 Superintendent Dan Polta for his report, and expressed pleasure that a school facility survey is
32 being pursued. Ms. Burrows also commented favorably on the AML conference.

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34 Jared ZIMMERMAN expressed disappointment at not being able to meet in Anderson, and
35 commented favorably on the recent joint work session, noting that it is educational to work
36 together with the planning commission. Mr. Zimmerman further commented that management
37 authority and title to land is coming, and now is a good time to address land issues.

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39 Tallon SHREEVE thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting.

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41 Krista ZAPPONE commented favorably on the recent joint work session, noting that the borough
42 has a huge task ahead, when dealing with land issues.

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44 Joe CHATFIELD commented positively on the AML Annual Conference, specifically Newly
45 Elected Officers Training. He further commented that there are issues of heavy road use in the
46 borough, and that all parties need to exercise due diligence in an agreeable fashion.

1 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

2 Duane Hoskins, Planner, Alaska Department of Transportation, to discuss how projects are placed
3 in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and where to receive information on
4 road projects

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6 Duane Hoskins, Northern Region Planner, presented information on a draft list of STIP projects for
7 the period 2016 through 2019. There is information about the projects online, and a public comment
8 period for the list ends August 27, 2015. Projects listed may not proceed as scheduled, and may be
9 revised. Mr. Hoskins noted that there has been quite a bit of highway construction in the Denali
10 Borough the last few years, and reported that the Parks Highway Milepost 231 enhancement project
11 has transformed from a small pedestrian project to a very large traffic correction project. Mr. Hoskins
12 also discussed preventative maintenance projects throughout the region that are not located on the
13 STIP list, and described the process for nominating a new project. A call for projects is made when
14 previous projects have reached completion; submitted projects then undergo an evaluation process.

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16 The assembly requested by consensus that Mayor Clay Walker submit comment in support of the
17 Mile 231 project.

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19 DRAFT ORDINANCES

20 ORDINANCE 15-11: An ordinance approving amendments to the Denali Borough
21 Comprehensive Plan

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23 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-11. Jill BOELSMA seconded. Points of
24 discussion that followed include public support of goals for future economic expansion listed in
25 the document and the timeline for periodic updates to the Plan. The roll call VOTE to introduce
26 Ordinance 15-11 was unanimous.

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28 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-11 to the next meeting. David EVANS
29 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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31 ORDINANCE 15-12: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code 2.15.030 titled Regular
32 Assembly Meetings to change the rotation order

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34 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-12. Kimber BURROWS seconded.

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36 Points of discussion included there not being a suitable meeting place in the Panguingue Creek
37 district, the compromise this ordinance presents for those in favor of a single meeting site
38 location, flexibility allowed in Denali Borough Code to change the meeting rotation, public
39 comment opposed to increasing the number of meetings in Healy, and the absence of a
40 municipal building.

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42 The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-12 was 8 – 1 as follows; Yes - David EVANS,
43 Jared ZIMMERMAN, Krista ZAPPONE, Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM, Tallon SHREEVE, Jill
44 BOELSMA, Kimber BURROWS; No - Don DEBLAUW. The motion passed.

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46 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-12 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA
47 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

1 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a ten minute recess at 7:16 pm. The meeting
2 resumed at 7:26 pm.

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4 PENDING ORDINANCES

5 ORDINANCE 15-05, VERSION A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Charter Article II,
6 Section 2.08 titled Meetings and Denali Borough Code Chapter 2.15 titled Assembly Meetings
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8 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-05 indefinitely. Jill BOELSMA seconded.
9 The roll call VOTE to postpone Ordinance 15-05 indefinitely was 7 – 2 as follows; Yes – Jared
10 ZIMMERMAN, Tallon SHREEVE, Joe CHATFIELD, Don DEBLAUW, Krista ZAPPONE, Kimber
11 BURROWS, Jill BOELSMA; No – David EVANS, Paddy TATUM. The motion passed.
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13 ORDINANCE 15-07: An ordinance appropriating up to \$25,478 from the General Fund for
14 reimbursable expenditures related to State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP)
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16 Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-07. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The roll call
17 VOTE was unanimous.
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19 ORDINANCE 15-08: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the General Fund for
20 reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant (LEPC)
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22 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-08. David EVANS seconded. The roll call
23 VOTE was unanimous.
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25 ORDINANCE 15-09: An ordinance appropriating up to \$12,000 from the General Fund for
26 reimbursable expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as
27 well as up to \$12,000 in matching expenditures
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29 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-09. David EVANS seconded. The roll call
30 VOTE was unanimous.
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32 ORDINANCE 15-10: An ordinance declaring surplus property and authorizing the sale of the
33 same and appropriating the net proceeds to the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve Fund
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35 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-10. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The roll
36 call VOTE was unanimous.
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38 RESOLUTIONS

39 RESOLUTION 15-09: A resolution supporting federal designation for the tallest northern
40 American peak as Denali
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42 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 15-09. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call
43 VOTE was 8 – 1 as follows; Yes – Kimber BURROWS, David EVANS, Joe CHATFIELD, Don
44 DEBLAUW, Jill BOELSMA, Tallon SHREEVE, Krista ZAPPONE, Jared ZIMMERMAN; No –
45 Paddy TATUM. The motion passed.
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1 RESOLUTION 15-10: A resolution approving the destruction of records

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3 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 15-10. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call
4 VOTE was unanimous.

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6 RESOLUTION 15-11: A resolution supporting the Alaska Municipal League adopting position
7 statements

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9 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve Resolution 15-11. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The roll
10 call VOTE was unanimous.

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12 OTHER BUSINESS

13 Paddy TATUM MOVED to postpone the Denali Borough Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual
14 to the next meeting. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. Mayor Clay Walker described the process followed
15 to develop the revision. Points of discussion that followed include paid time off versus sick and
16 vacation leave, as well as the appropriateness of drug testing for cannabinoids. The VOTE by show
17 of hands was 8 – 1 as follows; Yes - Paddy TATUM, Tallon SHREEVE, Kimber BURROWS, Joe
18 CHATFIELD, Jill BOELSMA, David EVANS, Don DEBLAUW, Krista ZAPPONE; No – Jared
19 ZIMMERMAN. The motion passed.

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21 PUBLIC COMMENTS

22 There were no public comments.

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24 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

25 Joe CHATFIELD thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting, and thanked fire
26 fighters for their help during the recent wildland fires.

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28 Krista ZAPPONE thanked Duane Hoskins for presenting at the meeting.

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30 Tallon SHREEVE thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting, and expressed
31 appreciation for the opportunity to review the personnel policy.

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33 David EVANS explained that he was late due to traveling to Anderson for the meeting. Mr. Evans
34 commented that the idea that borough land should be held for lease revenue is only valid if the
35 land is leased, and suggested that revenue from the sale of land could be invested to provide a
36 revenue stream generated by principal.

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38 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that many municipalities have a property tax that produces a
39 revenue stream, and that using land to generate revenue would be difficult. If land is to be useful,
40 it should be sold. Mr. Zimmerman also commented that past discussions regarding districting
41 have included the concern that the borough would become over-represented by the Healy area,
42 where the majority of the borough population is concentrated. Mr. Zimmerman thanked the
43 planning commission for their work on the Borough Comprehensive Plan and borough
44 administration and staff for their work on the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

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46 Kimber BURROWS thanked the planning commission for their work on the Borough
47 Comprehensive Plan and staff for their work on the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.
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1 Jill BOELSMA thanked borough administration and staff for their work on the Personnel Policy.
2 Ms. Boelsma thanked the community for their part in raising \$32,000 at the Denali Education
3 Center recent auction that will be used to make improvements to the Charles Sheldon Center.
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5 Paddy TATUM commented that when a municipal building is developed in the borough seat
6 (Healy), all regular assembly meetings should be held in that community.
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8 Don DEBLAUW thanked borough employees Chris Noel and Marsha Lambert for their
9 assistance during the recent Kobe Fire. Mr. DeBlauw commented that he is proud of his
10 community for putting together help for victims of the fire, and noted that there will be a
11 fundraiser in the near future.
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13 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

14 The next regular meeting will be at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska on
15 Wednesday, September 09, 2015: Public Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.
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17 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The VOTE by
18 show of hands was unanimous.
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20 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.
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25 APPROVED: _____
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Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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31 ATTEST: _____
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Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: SEPTEMBER 09, 2015
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