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**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
September 09, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 6:08 p.m.

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

ORDINANCE 15-11, Version A: An ordinance approving amendments to the Denali Borough Comprehensive Plan

There were no comments.

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

Steve Love, Healy resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 15-12, Version A.

Susan Braun, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 15-12, Version A. Ms. Braun commented that half the borough population lives in Healy, and that there are no feasible meeting venues in the Panguingue/Ferry district, making Healy a good alternative.

Brian Napier, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 15-12, Version A. Mr. Napier commented that adoption of the ordinance would allow the public access to meetings and representation.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____

Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: OCTOBER 14, 2015

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
September 09, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

The Borough Clerk reported that Mr. Evans and Mr. DeBlauw had contacted her to request they be excused. Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Mr. Evans and Mr. DeBlauw. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Jill BOELSMA MOVED to appoint Kimber BURROWS as Deputy Presiding Officer pro tempore. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kris Capps, Kids in Motion President, commented that the Fairbanks Concert Association and Fountainhead Development, Inc. will be partnering to provide bus services and discounted hotel rooms to Denali Borough residents for upcoming performances. Ms. Capps further commented that the Denali Borough is being recognized as an economic engine for Fairbanks commerce.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

August 12, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the August 12, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the August 12, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes was unanimous.

REPORTS

July 2015 Financial Report

The Borough Treasurer reported that she had been nominated to serve on the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association (AGFOA) Board of Directors and if nominated, there would be travel costs associated with attending board meetings.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to receive the July 2015 financial report. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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

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3 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointment of Anne Capistrant to Denali Borough
4 Planning Commission Seat I. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was
5 unanimous.

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

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9 Committee Chair Kimber Burrows reported that the committee is making progress on the first draft of
10 the Healy pedestrian transportation plan. The next work session of the HTAPS committee to
11 continue this work will be on October 5, 2015 at the Tri-Valley Community Center at 6:00 pm.

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13 Denali Borough Finance Committee Report

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15 Jared Zimmerman reported that the finance committee completed a draft investment policy, and
16 passed a resolution to request the assembly consider a change to Denali Borough Code regarding
17 investments. Mr. Zimmerman asked that assembly members let him know if they are interested in
18 serving on the finance committee.

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20 MAYOR'S REPORT

21 Mayor Clay Walker reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held their
22 quarterly meeting on September 2, where a mass notification system for the Denali Borough was
23 discussed, and a summary of the Rex Complex Fire was presented. Emergency Planning and
24 Projects coordinator Chris Noel will present a Firewise Alaska presentation at the next Panguingue
25 Creek Homeowners Association meeting. The State Homeland Security Program grant was
26 approved to be funded at 90 percent to purchase tactical trauma care supplies and training, as well
27 as a thermal camera.

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29 A request for proposals has been published and amended for a comprehensive assessment of
30 school facilities, with a submission deadline of September 30.

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32 Mayor Walker attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) summer meeting in Ketchikan
33 Conference presentations are available at the AML website. Community revenue sharing estimates
34 for the next few years are decreasing, and while the Governor hopes to continue funding revenue
35 sharing, there is potential for it to be lost within three years.

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37 The borough trip to Kantishna was cancelled due to snow. Alaska Department of Transportation
38 (DOT) Northern Director Dave Miller visited the borough, toured various projects, and discussed
39 potential State Transportation Improvement Projects.

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41 Annual groundwater sampling was conducted at the landfill, where there is much work being done
42 on cell production. Scrap metal has been removed from the landfill, cleaning up the look. The dump
43 truck to be sold as surplus was recently used to help remove fire debris from the Kobe Complex Fire
44 area. For a limited time, there will be free acceptance of debris for those impacted by the fire. Mayor
45 Walker has been discussing the potential of electronics recycling with Interior Green Star.

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47 Mayor Walker applauded Denali Borough School District Superintendent Dan Polta's hiring a
48 facilities manager.

1 There will be an open house to gather comment on a proposed Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station
2 on September 15, followed by a public hearing and planning commission meeting. There will be a
3 dedication ceremony for Golden Valley Electric Association's Healy Unit 2 Power Plant on
4 September 21, the same date that candidate packets are due. Mayor Walker will attend a Municipal
5 Advisory Gas Board meeting on September 23. Agnew::Beck will be conducting a community
6 meeting prior to the regular assembly meeting on October 14.

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8 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

9 Denali Borough School District Superintendent Dan Polta submitted a written report, as he was
10 unable to attend the meeting. Highlights of the report include start of the new school year, the hiring
11 of Curtis Hamel as District Maintenance Director, submission of the Anderson waterline and roof
12 projects at the Anderson and Cantwell schools as capital improvement projects, and scheduled
13 school open houses.

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15 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

16 Paddy TATUM and Jill BOELSMA had no comment.

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18 Kimber BURROWS thanked Mayor Walker for attending the AML summer meeting and
19 supported the treasurer's serving on the AGFOA board. Ms. Burrows commented that cancelling
20 the Kantishna trip was appropriate, and that she is glad the borough is able to help fire victims.

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22 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he is glad to see our borough, with its limited powers, able
23 to help fire victims, and is glad to have Anne Capistrant joining the planning commission.

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25 Krista ZAPPONE commented that she recently visited the landfill, and was impressed with the
26 site and workers there.

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28 Joe CHATFIELD thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting, and commented that
29 he would like to see the assembly pay attention to crisis response preparation.

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31 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

32 Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison: Denali Borough Fiscal Year 2015 pre-audit discussion

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34 Laurie Gieck, CPA with Kohler, Schmitt and Hutchison, introduced herself to the assembly and
35 explained that the firm is conducting field work related to the borough's annual audit. As part of
36 the audit process, auditors will review financial statements prepared by borough staff, and
37 discuss roles and procedures with staff to develop an opinion that they will present at the
38 December assembly meeting. A key component of this year's financial statements will be the
39 reporting of Public Employees Retirement System unfunded liabilities, which will be allocated to
40 each municipality by the State of Alaska. The Denali Borough School District is a component unit
41 of the borough, and conducts their own audit, which is incorporated into the borough audit. Ms.
42 Gieck encouraged the assembly to work with the mayor to communicate with the auditor if they
43 have concerns.

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45 DRAFT ORDINANCES

46 ORDINANCE 15-13: An ordinance setting the tipping fee for Denali Borough Landfill acceptance
47 of coal ash
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1 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-13. Kimber BURROWS seconded. Mayor
2 Clay Walker explained that the ordinance would establish a rate for ash received at the landfill
3 that may be used as cover material, which the Alaska Department of Environmental
4 Conservation has determined to be beneficial use. Points of discussion that followed include the
5 fairness of the \$14 rate, the ability to adjust the rate by non-code ordinance, and the need for
6 cover material. The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-13 was unanimous.

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8 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-13 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA
9 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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11 PENDING ORDINANCES

12 ORDINANCE 15-11: An ordinance approving amendments to the Denali Borough
13 Comprehensive Plan

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15 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-11. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The roll call
16 VOTE was unanimous.

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

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21 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-12. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. Points of
22 discussion that followed include the idea that the ordinance provides fair representation to
23 borough districts, the fact that the ordinance has had public hearings only in Healy, assembly
24 member's responsibility is to discuss and share information in their home district, and the
25 effective date of January 13, 2016.

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27 Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-12 to the next meeting, Jill BOELSMA
28 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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30 RESOLUTIONS

31 There were no resolutions for consideration.

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33 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a ten minute recess at 7:07 PM. The meeting
34 resumed at 7:20 PM.

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36 OTHER BUSINESS

37 Denali Borough Personnel and Procedures Policy

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39 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the Denali Borough Personnel Policy and Procedures
40 Manual with an effective date of October 1, 2015. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of
41 hands was unanimous.

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43 Denali Borough residential building purchase for municipal office: review building appraisal, land
44 appraisal, building inspection and decide the next step in the process.

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46 Mayor Clay Walker reported that an inspection and appraisal have been completed on a Healy
47 private residence measuring approximately 3,400 square feet, with approximately 2,000 additional
48 square feet of basement area. The current office space for the borough is approximately 2,200

1 square feet. The decision before the assembly is if the borough should solicit a design proposal for a
2 remodel of the existing building to create office space and a chamber area. There are two lots for
3 sale, one that includes the residential building, and an adjacent lot. The additional lot could allow
4 space to build a chamber. Points of discussion that followed included the question of including
5 school district office space, the anticipated cost of a design proposal, Americans with Disabilities Act
6 compliance, the proposed comprehensive assessment of school facilities, and the benefit of building
7 from the ground up.

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9 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to solicit a design proposal for remodeling the residential building.
10 Paddy TATUM seconded. A point of discussion that followed was the need to compare the cost of
11 remodel with that of a new building. The VOTE by show of hands was 5-1 as follows: Yes – Paddy
12 TATUM, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Kimber BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM, No – Krista
13 ZAPPONE. The motion passed.

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15 Denali National Park request for comment on Trails Management Plan

16 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman asked to be excused from voting on this topic, claiming a
17 conflict of interest as he is employed Denali National Park, and has been involved in writing the
18 Trails Management Plan.

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20 Mr. Zimmerman cited Denali Borough Code 2.40.060 (2), "The presiding officer shall rule on the
21 request of an assembly member to be excused from voting on a matter in which the member has or
22 believes they have a substantial financial interest. If the presiding officer is the member making the
23 request, or has the same or a similar or related financial interest in the same matter, the assembly
24 shall designate another assembly member to rule on the request."

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26 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to designate Kimber BURROWS to rule on the request to excuse Jared
27 Zimmerman from voting on the Denali National Park Trails Management Plan. Krista ZAPPONE
28 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous. Kimber BURROWS excused Jared
29 ZIMMERMAN from voting on the Denali National Park Trails Management Plan. Mr. Zimmerman
30 vacated his seat during discussion and voting.

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32 Mayor Clay Walker Mayor informed the assembly that he has walked both trails in the plan, and that
33 he believed it would be valuable for the borough to lend support to these natural trails and
34 enhancements, and that the Nenana Bluff trail could allow bicycle travel or pet use. A point of
35 discussion that followed included the importance of bike paths to residents.

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37 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to request the mayor comment favorably on the Denali National Park Trails
38 Management Plan. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous, with
39 Jared Zimmerman abstaining.

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41 Mr. Zimmerman resumed his seat on the assembly.

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43 PUBLIC COMMENTS

44 There were no public comments.
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1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 Joe CHATFIELD thanked those present for attending the meeting, and commented that a
3 borough municipal building is a good idea. Mr. Chatfield further commented that he would like to
4 see a bike trail system in future development plans.

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6 Krista ZAPPONE had no comment.

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8 Jared ZIMMERMAN and Kimber BURROWS thanked those in attendance for coming to the
9 meeting.

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11 Jill BOELSMA thanked Kimber Burrows for acting as Deputy Presiding Officer.

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13 Paddy TATUM thanked those who voiced comment on Ordinance 15-12.

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16 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

17 The next regular meeting will be at the McKinley Community Center on Wednesday, October 14,
18 2015: Public Hearing 7:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

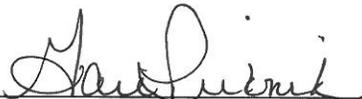
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20 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The
21 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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23 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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28 APPROVED: _____


Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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34 ATTEST: _____


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: OCTOBER 14, 2015