

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Community Center
October 08, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jill BOELSMA, Jared ZIMMERMAN, David TALERICO, Rusty LASELL, Don DEBLAUW, Paddy TATUM and David EVANS. Absent: Kimberly BURROWS and Rick WEIBEL.

ORDINANCE 14-07: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9.10 titled Subdivisions.

There were no comments.

ORDINANCE 14-08, Version A: An ordinance creating Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title 7, Business Licenses and Regulations and Creating Chapter 7.05, titled Liquor Licenses

There were no comments.

ORDINANCE 14-09, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$110,000 from the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve Fund

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

APPROVED: 
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: NOVEMBER 12, 2014

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7 ROLL CALL

8 Assembly members present: Jill BOELSMA, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Rusty LASELL, David TALERICO,
9 David EVANS, Paddy TATUM and Don DEBLAUW. Absent: Kimber BURROWS and Rick WEIBEL.
10 Mayor Clay Walker was also present. Rick Weibel arrived at 6:20 PM.

12 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik reported that Ms Burrows asked to be excused because she is out of
13 town on business.

15 David EVANS MOVED to excuse M. Burrows. Dave TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of
16 hands was unanimous.

18 PUBLIC COMMENTS

19 Noah Schieber, Healy resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 14-08, version B supporting the 3:00
20 AM bar closure.

22 AGENDA

23 Dave TALERICO MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The
24 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

26 MINUTES

27 September 10, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

28 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the September 10, 2014 public hearing and regular meeting
29 minutes as presented. Dave TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

31 REPORTS

32 August 2014 Financial Reports

33 Dave TALERICO MOVED to receive the August 2014 financial report. Don DEBLAUW seconded.
34 The VOTE by show of hands to receive the financial report was unanimous.

36 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Project Ad hoc Committee

38 Mayor Clay Walker reported that the committee had a work session on September 15, 2014 to
39 discuss a public outreach to receive comments on potential risk areas. Duane Hoskins from the
40 Department of Transportation attended the work session. The public outreach open house is
41 scheduled for October 15, 2014 at the Tri-Valley Community Library. There will be maps of the
42 Healy area along with comment sheets for the public to fill out. The information and comment sheets
43 are also available on the Denali Borough website. Comment deadline is October 22nd. The next
44 committee work session will be at 6:30 PM on October 29, 2014 at the Tri-Valley Community Center.

46 Election Board

47 Rick WEIBEL MOVED to approve the Denali Borough November 4, 2014 Election Board. Dave
48 TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 Election Canvass Committee
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4 Rick WEIBEL MOVED to approve the Denali Borough Assembly to serve as the Canvass
5 Committee for the November 4, 2014 Regular Election. Jared ZIMMERMAN seconded. The VOTE
6 by show of hands was unanimous.
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8 MAYOR'S REPORT

9 Mayor Clay Walker introduced a new staff member that joined the Denali Borough on Monday,
10 October 6th. Mr. Chris Noel is the new Emergency Planning and Projects Coordinator and has
11 experience in ICS protocol, Emergency EMT and has maintenance background. He is also a
12 member of the McKinley Volunteer Fire Department.
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14 The Native Village of Cantwell is working with the Denali Borough to provide recycling at the
15 Cantwell Transfer Station. They will have an annual lease with the Denali Borough to use the shop
16 building for \$1.00 yearly fee. The mayor has been working with the borough insurance carrier,
17 AMLJIA, on a contract to limit the borough's liability.
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19 There is a legal dispute from a gravel severer that has filed an appeal to the mayor. The mayor has
20 responded and denied the appeal. The company has 30 days to respond. The assembly may need
21 to convene as the Board of Review. The Board of Review per the Denali Borough Code, reviews the
22 mayor's decision. Mr. Jim Gorski is the Denali Borough Attorney on the appeal and has suggested
23 that the Board of Review hire another attorney that specializes in quasi judicial procedures since Mr.
24 Gorski would have a conflict representing the borough and running the quasi judicial proceedings.
25 There will be more information next month.
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27 The borough gravel pits with the large brush piles have been posted with no dumping signs. The
28 Usibelli Coal Mine trip was successful with 5 Denali Borough Assembly members, 1 staff and the
29 mayor attending with Bill Brophy and Joe Usibelli Jr. leading the tour group.
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31 The Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board (MAG) Meeting was on September 30 and
32 October 1 in Anchorage. The purpose of the board is to develop a framework to evaluate the
33 effects and issues that will arise in the future concerning development of the State's abundant
34 North Slope natural gas resources and the newly created infrastructure to make those
35 resources available to customers throughout the state and markets worldwide. The next
36 meeting will be on October 28th and the MAG Board will look at the PILT payment from the gas
37 tax.
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39 The Denali Borough Finance Committee will meet on October 14th at 6:30 PM at the Denali
40 Borough office. The mayor thanked Rick Weibel and Rusty Lasell for their service to the
41 borough. He also thanked the assembly members.
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43 SCHOOL REPORT

44 There was no school report.
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2 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

3 David TALERICO, David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Jill BOELSMA, Rick WEIBEL, Don
4 DEBLAUW and Paddy TATUM had no comment.

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6 Rusty LASELL reported that this would be his last assembly meeting and that he has enjoyed
7 working with the assembly and staff. He reiterated that the Denali Borough is Home Rule so
8 encouraged people to get involved.

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10 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

11 Dave Runfola, State of Alaska Fish and Game, Northern Region Subsistence Resource
12 Specialist III

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14 Mr. Runfola gave an introduction on the Healy Wild Resource Harvest and Use Survey Project in
15 preparation for proposed development of the Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Pipeline. The local
16 survey will be a comprehensive harvest and use survey to document what kinds of fish, wildlife
17 and plant resources people are harvesting and using. This information will provide developers
18 and agencies with information that will help them prevent or minimize negative impacts to
19 hunting, fishing, trapping and other activities during construction and operation of the Alaska
20 LNG Pipeline. Participation will be voluntary and confidential. The data will be analyzed and
21 reported as a summary for the entire community. Healy residents will have an opportunity to
22 review data before publication. The survey team will include 8 ADF&G staff from Fairbanks and
23 paid local research assistants to pair up with ADF&G staff for two weeks. The local assistants
24 will be paid for training and for each survey completed. The research teams will work together to
25 ask survey questions and map resource use. The survey data collection will take place January
26 – March 2014 with completion of the project scheduled for 2016. Mr. Runfola will work with the
27 Denali Borough Mayor and staff to help inform the Healy area residents of this project.

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29 DRAFT ORDINANCES

30 ORDINANCE 14-10: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter
31 3.21 titled Management of Grants adding Chapter 3.21.075 titled Municipal Assistance Program

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33 Dave TALERICO MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-10. Jill BOELSMA seconded. Mayor Clay
34 Walker explained that this ordinance would provide municipal assistance to municipalities within
35 the Denali Borough. Since municipalities are not recognized as non profits within the state of
36 Alaska, there isn't a way for the Denali Borough to fund them. This ordinance provides a legal
37 way to fund incorporated municipalities. The roll call VOTE to introduce was unanimous.

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39 Dave TALERICO MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-10 to the next meeting. Rick WEIBEL
40 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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42 ORDINANCE 14-11: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,200 from the General Fund for
43 reimbursable expenditures related to state of Alaska Homeland Security Grant number 14SHSP-
44 GR34094

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46 Dave TALERICO MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-11. Rick WEIBEL seconded. The roll call
47 VOTE was unanimous.

1 Dave TALERICO MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-11 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA
2 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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4 ORDINANCE 14-12: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the General Fund for
5 reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant number
6 15LEPC-GR35602

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8 Dave TALERICO MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-12. David EVANS seconded. The roll call
9 VOTE was unanimous.

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11 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-12 to the next meeting. Rick WEIBEL seconded.
12 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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14 ORDINANCE 14-13: An ordinance appropriating up to \$24,000 from the General Fund for
15 expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant number 14EMPG-
16 GR35586

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18 Dave TALERICO MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-13. Rick WEIBEL seconded. The roll call
19 VOTE was unanimous.

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21 Dave TALERICO MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-13 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA
22 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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24 PENDING ORDINANCES:

25 ORDINANCE 14-07, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances
26 (DBC), Chapter 9.10 titled Subdivisions.

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28 The Denali Borough Assembly received comments on this ordinance from Mr. Tim Venechuk,
29 Interior Surveying and Mapping. Mr. Venechuk's comments included not passing this ordinance
30 as written. His concerns included F-1 and F-6 and the fact that the ordinance does not
31 differentiate utility easements from access easements. He suggested more work be done on the
32 ordinance.

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34 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-07, version B to the next meeting. Discussion
35 included having the mayor and land technician do research with other municipalities addressing the
36 comments from Mr. Venechuk and to come up with language for this ordinance. There was also
37 discussion on adjacent landowners versus land owners beyond those that may be affected. Dave
38 TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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40 ORDINANCE 14-08: An ordinance creating Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title 7,
41 Business Licenses and Regulations and Creating Chapter 7.05, titled Liquor Licenses

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43 The assembly had version A, B and C on the table for consideration. Dave TALERICO MOVED
44 to amend by substitution Ordinance 14-08, version B for version A. Rick WEIBEL seconded.
45 The VOTE by show of hands was 6 -2 with Jared ZIMMERMAN and Don DEBLAUW opposed.
46 The motion to amend passed.

1 Rick WEIBEL MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-08, version B to the next meeting. Dave
2 TALERICO seconded.

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4 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to amend Ordinance 14-08, version B to delete the last sentence in
5 Section 7.05.050 and insert, "A person may enter or remain on the premises of a bono fide
6 restaurant or eating place licensed under this title to consume food or nonalcoholic beverages."
7 Rick WEIBEL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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9 The VOTE to postpone to the next meeting was unanimous.

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11 ORDINANCE 14-09: An ordinance appropriating up to \$110,000 from the Solid Waste Equipment
12 Reserve Fund

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14 Dave TALERICO MOVED to adopt. Rick WEIBEL seconded. The roll call VOTE was
15 unanimous.

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17 RESOLUTIONS

18 RESOLUTION 14-09: A resolution extending appreciation and gratitude to Richard Weibel for
19 the time and energy he dedicated to the Denali Borough Assembly

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21 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 14-09. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The roll call
22 VOTE was unanimous.

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24 OTHER BUSINESS

25 None

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27 PUBLIC COMMENTS

28 Noah Schieber, Healy resident, thanked Rick Weibel and the assembly for working on Ordinance
29 14-08.

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31 Armedia Bulard, Cantwell, reported that the Community of Cantwell, Inc. (CCI) chose 1280 acres of
32 land in the Cantwell area for future government and town site under the ANCSA14C(3)
33 conveyances. AHTNA, CCI, Native Village of Cantwell and state of Alaska DNR held meetings and
34 275 acres have been approved to hold in the state of Alaska Land Trust. This acreage includes the
35 Cantwell School, Cantwell Transfer Station and Cantwell Shooting Range sites.

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37 Andrea Blakesly, Healy, suggested a 2:30 AM bar closure instead of 3 AM.

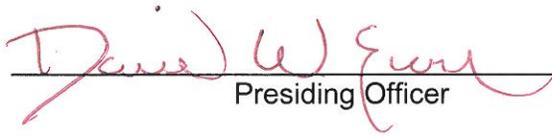
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39 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

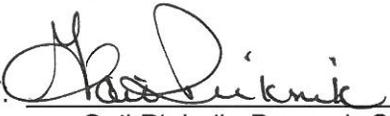
40 Jared ZIMMERMAN, David EVANS, Dave TALERICO, Paddy TATUM, Don DEBLAUW and Jill
41 BOELSMA thanked Rick Weibel and Rusty Lasell for their service to the assembly. Ms. Boelsma
42 reminded everyone that the ASAP comment period deadline is approaching.

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44 Rick WEIBEL and Rusty LASELL thanked the borough staff for their hard work, welcomed the
45 new staff member Chris Noel and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

1 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING
2 The Canvass Committee meeting and Assembly Special Meeting to certify the November 4,
3 2014 Regular Election will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska on
4 Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM.
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6 The next regular meeting will be held on November 12, 2014 at the Cantwell School: Public Hearing
7 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.
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9 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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APPROVED: 
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  Date Approved: NOVEMBER 12, 2014
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk