Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Community Center
October 10, 2012

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

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Gordon CARLSON, Robert KOHLSDORF, Terry ASBURY, Rusty LASELL, Paddy TATUM and Clay WALKER. Absent: Cyrus COOPER and David EVANS.

ORDINANCE 12-11, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6.05 titled Municipal Property, Inventory and Files.

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____ Date Approved: NOVEMBER 20, 2012
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Mayor David Talerico led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Robert KOHLSDORF, Gordon CARLSON, Terry ASBURY, Rusty LASELL, Paddy TATUM and Clay WALKER. Absent: Cyrus COOPER and David EVANS.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Mr. Cooper and Mr. Evans. Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There was no public comment.

AGENDA
John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES
September 12, 2012 Assembly Public Hearing-
Rusty LASELL MOVED to approve the September 12, 2012 public hearing minutes as submitted. Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

September 12, 2012 Assembly Regular Meeting-
Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the September 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS
August 2012 Financial Report
John WINKLMANN MOVED to receive the August 2012 financial report. Clay WALKER seconded. It was noted that the landfill pickup truck has been purchased. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor David Talerico reported that he recently had a meeting with Ahtna, Incorporated's Vice-President of Land and Resources, Kathryn Martin. Ms. Martin would like to present information at the November meeting regarding a proposed request that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough release Ahtna land to the Denali Borough.

The Alaska Municipal League's Board of Directors will have a vacancy for District 6, which includes the Denali Borough. Any Borough official is eligible to be a candidate. There are also opportunities to serve on legislative subcommittees: Revenue & Finance; Education, Local Government & Public Services; Land Use, Resources & Economic Development; and Public Works & Infrastructure.

Emergency Services Director Steve Eddington recently attended the Homeland Security Preparedness Conference, and is working with Denali Borough Schools to facilitate participation in the Great Alaskan Shake Out, an earthquake preparedness program scheduled for October 18.

Derelict vehicles have been dropped on the landfill road as well as other local roads. The Mayor is attempting to contact registered owners, and is hoping troopers will be able to help deal with this issue.

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) whistle stop training in Healy on October 4-6 was a success, with an estimated 300 people riding the train and attending the open house. Steve Eddington, Mayor Talerico, and several fire departments attended training on passenger extraction from trains, hazardous waste response and tank car response. The Fairbanks Hazardous Materials Response Team attended, as well.

Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority have completed negotiating a Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency. A stipulation of the decree is that GVEA spend no less than $75,000 on a stove project within the Denali Borough that meets the requirements of the Fairbanks stove Change Out program. Neither Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor Luke Hopkins nor Mayor Talerico were aware this stipulation was part of the decree. Points of discussion include the ability of the Borough to administer such a program's staffing needs and expertise required, the effect non-participation could have on the Healy Clean Coal Project, the benefits of participation, and the decree's thirty-day public comment period. Reference was made to FNSB Ordinance 2010-28, which established the Fairbanks Change Out program. Mayor Talerico will look into staff qualification requirements to administer the program.

It was noted that the vehicle at the landfill discussed at the September meeting has been removed from the premises, and that candidates have filed for all four Borough Assembly seats and four of five School Board seats up for election in November.

SCHOOL REPORT

Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dr. Jim Elliott reported that the School Board was pleased to find at the joint work session that the number one priority for Capital Improvement Projects was the Cantwell sprinkler system. Dr. Elliott thanked Mayor Talerico for hosting a meeting with Wolverine Supply regarding the Tri-Valley School gym floor. The outcome of the meeting was a goal to have the floor ready for use by November 1, 2012. Inclusion of a mascot logo on the new floor is a possibility, with fund-raising having begun toward that end.

DBSD is midway through the annual count period, with enrollment higher than expected at three sites, and lower at Anderson. Dr. Elliott is working to address the issue of students within the Anderson School attendance area attending school in Nenana, and has contacted the Commissioner of Education regarding the matter. Discussion followed regarding various aspects of the issue including; transportation of the students, the role of schools in community cohesion, criteria in Board policy for attendance exemptions, and the need to repair the initial damage that resulted in the deviation from the attendance area. Dr. Elliott stressed his commitment to the Anderson School and community, as well as Anderson School's superior performance.

PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS

John WINKLMANN MOVED to confirm the appointment of Steve Jones to Planning Commission Seat B. Gordon CARLSON seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to confirm the appointment of Molly McKinley to Planning Commission Seat G. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION BOARD

Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the Election Board for the November 6, 2012 Denali Borough Regular Election. John WINKLMANN seconded. It was noted that all election workers live within the area of the precinct for which they work. The VOTE by show of hands was 6 -0 with Terry Asbury abstaining. The motion passed.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Paddy TATUM, Terry ASBURY, John WINKLMANN, Rusty LASELL, and Robert KOHLSDORF had no comment.

Gordon CARLSON commented that Representative Dave Guttenberg visited the Cantwell School and walked through the building to view areas in need of maintenance.

Clay WALKER commented that the ARRC event was great fun, expressed thanks for the information provided for the work session regarding school capital improvement projects, and apologized for missing the work session.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

There were no scheduled communications or appearances.

PENDING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 12-11, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6.05 titled Municipal Property, Inventory and Files.

Rusty LASELL MOVED to adopt Ordinance 12-11, Version B. John WINKLMANN seconded.

Gordon CARLSON MOVED to strike the word "information" from the last sentence under 6.05.0230 Ancillary files. Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

The roll call VOTE on the main motion to adopt was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 12-21: A resolution supporting repeal of AS 39.35.625, a statute requiring termination studies, and provision for a sustainable salary base to pay off PERS unfunded obligations.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve Resolution 12-21. Rusty LASELL seconded. The roll call VOTE to approve Resolution 12-21 was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrea Blakesley, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident, encouraged the Assembly to view a stove program as an opportunity rather than a burden. The program could be made simpler than what is done in Fairbanks, and could enhance air quality in the Borough.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Clay WALKER commented positively on the quick meeting.

Gordon CARLSON commented that the stove change out is a good idea, but that he did not like the Borough being negotiated into a program without its knowledge. Mr. Carlson also commented that at the last meeting, a member of the public was not allowed to make public comment, and that he did not feel that was right. Mr. Carlson will not be able to attend the November meeting and may not make the December meeting.

Rusty LASELL commented that the ARRC training was very good, and noted that those providing the training were impressed with the responders' ability to work together. Mr. Lasell stated that while the public has a right to speak, the Assembly needs to protect individuals from accusations that cannot be proven.

Robert KOHLSDORF commented that he did not feel public comment was prevented at the last meeting. There would be a cost to the Borough for the stove change out program, and it is something the Borough is being told to do by someone outside of the Borough.

John WINKLMANN commented positively on the stove change out as long as it could be kept simple. Mr. Winklmann also commented that this was his last meeting, and thanked the public and administration for a mostly pleasurable, and at times contentious, experience serving on the Assembly.

Terry ASBURY commented that it is ironic that environmental folks say clean coal will improve the air quality in Healy, yet the majority of the money for the stove change out program will be spent for the Fairbanks community.

Paddy TATUM commented that the Anderson School boiler will be burning coal instead of a more efficient oil burner, and spoke in support of more efficient stoves.

Mayor Talerico reported that there has been an issue at the end of Antares Road over which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has jurisdiction. DNR will be sending representatives to look at the area and assess the situation. Mayor Talerico thanked Mr. Winklmann for his service on the Assembly, as well as his stellar service to the people of the Denali Borough.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

The Canvass Committee and Denali Borough Assembly Special Meeting to certify the November 6, 2012 Election will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center on November 8, 2012; Canvass Committee at 6:00 PM and assembly special meeting to follow.

The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the Cantwell School on November 20, 2012 (Note: Date Change); Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

ADJOURN: Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf adjourned the regular meeting at 7:28 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: NOVEMBER 20, 2012