

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Village Community Center
October 12, 2011

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf at 6:02 PM.
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9 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Cyrus COOPER, Gordon CARLSON,
10 Robert KOHLSDORF, Vickie LAUSEN, David EVANS and Clay WALKER. Absent: Terry ASBURY
11 and Eileen HOLMES.
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13 ORDINANCE 11-15, Version C: An ordinance amending Article II, Section 2.02 of the Denali
14 Borough Charter titled Assembly Composition.
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16 There was no public comment.
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18 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:03 PM.
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26 APPROVED: 
27 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer
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32 ATTEST:  Date Approved: NOVEMBER 16, 2011
33 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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October 12, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Deputy Presiding Officer Cyrus Cooper led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Cyrus COOPER, Robert KOHLSDORF, Vickie LAUSEN, Gordon CARLSON, David EVANS and Clay WALKER. Absent: Terry ASBURY and Eileen HOLMES.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Terry Asbury. Vickie LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Eileen Holmes. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Armeda Bulard, Cantwell resident, thanked the Assembly for promptly filling the empty Assembly seat for community of Cantwell.

AGENDA

Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

September 14, 2011 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting -

Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the September 14, 2011 public hearing minutes as submitted. Cyrus COOPER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the September 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Cyrus COOPER seconded. It was noted that on page 5 of 9, lines 11 and 12, the recording of individual votes on Ordinance 11-02 was incorrect. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the minutes with the noted correction was unanimous.

REPORTS

August 2011 Financial Report -

Clay WALKER MOVED to receive the August 2011 financial report. John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Talerico was not in attendance, and provided a written report. Presiding Officer Kohlsdorf reported that he had been contacted by the Mayor to add that the final districting plan for the state of Alaska has received preclearance from the US Department of Justice.

1 SCHOOL REPORT

2 Kimberly Bergey, Denali Borough School District Superintendent, reported that enrollment at all
3 schools appears to be about the same as last year. The School District audit report should be
4 completed by the end of the month. A written report of the Quality Schools interviews that took
5 place last month is expected in mid-November. Quality Schools is a three-year project that will
6 involve revision of the strategic plan, clarification of internal systems, and efforts toward community
7 engagement. The Denali Borough School Board would like to have a joint work session with the
8 Assembly on Thursday, December 1. Ms. Bergey explained that the School Board has established
9 the first Thursday of every month as a work session, with a regular meeting scheduled on the third
10 Thursday of every month.

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12 APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION BOARD

13 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the Denali Borough Election Board as presented. John
14 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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16 ELECTION CANVASS COMMITTEE

17 John WINKLMANN MOVED to appoint the Assembly to serve as the election Canvass Committee.
18 Clay WALKER seconded. It was noted that the Alaska Municipal League Conference is during
19 election week, and that the suggested date of the Canvass Committee meeting is November 13.
20 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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22 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

23 John WINKLMANN, Vickie LAUSEN, Clay WALKER, Cyrus COOPER and Gordon CARLSON
24 had no comment.

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26 David EVANS noted that at the last meeting, there a question regarding the population numbers
27 included in Ordinance 11-18 on redistricting, and that these numbers were found to be correct.

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29 Robert KOHLSDORF commented that the Assembly would be scheduling a meeting with the
30 Alaska Railroad at tonight's meeting.

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32 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST

33 **Correspondence received from Assembly member Terry Asbury in regard to being absent for**
34 **the winter-**

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36 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik explained that she had not heard from Terry Asbury regarding his status
37 since receiving notification that a medical condition may prevent him from attending Assembly
38 meetings throughout the winter months. Cyrus COOPER MOVED to excuse Mr. Asbury through the
39 end of calendar year 2011. John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was
40 unanimous.

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42 DRAFT ORDINANCE

43 ORDINANCE 11-21: An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2012 budget.

44 Clay WALKER MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-21. John WINKLMANN seconded. The roll call
45 vote was unanimous.

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47 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-21 to the next meeting. Clay WALKER seconded.
48 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

1 PENDING ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 11-15, Version C: An ordinance amending Article II, Section 2.02 of the Denali
3 Borough Charter titled Assembly Composition.

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5 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-15, Version C indefinitely. Clay WALKER
6 seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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8 RESOLUTIONS:

9 RESOLUTION 11-23: A resolution supporting repeal of AS 39.35.625, a statute requiring
10 termination studies, and amend AS 39.35.255 to provide for a sustainable salary base to pay off
11 PERS unfunded obligations.

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13 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve Resolution 11-23. John WINKLMANN seconded. The roll call
14 VOTE was unanimous.

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16 OTHER BUSINESS

17 **Assembly approval of election informational mail-out flyer –**

18 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the election informational mail-out flyer as submitted. David
19 EVANS seconded. Discussion that followed focused on the descriptions for Proposition 2. The
20 description of Ordinance 11-18 was amended to include the sentence, "The ordinance does require
21 Assembly candidates to reside within the representation district." John WINKLMANN expressed
22 concern about placing the candidate names on the ballot without prior consultation with the Borough
23 Assembly. The VOTE to approve the flyer by show of hands was unanimous.

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25 **Award contract for the building of the new Cantwell Transfer Station Gatehouse under DBC**
26 **3.35.280(A) -**

27 Gordon CARLSON disclosed he is a minority owner for CLI Construction, and stepped away from
28 the table. David EVANS MOVED to approve the award of the Cantwell Transfer Station Gatehouse
29 contract to CLI Construction. Clay WALKER seconded. The roll call VOTE was unanimous. Gordon
30 Carlson recused himself from the vote.

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32 **Lease Agreement between Ahtna, Inc. and the Denali Borough located near the Cantwell**
33 **Transfer Station, Mile 213.2 Parks Highway, Cantwell, Alaska -**

34 Gordon Carlson explained to the Assembly that a lease agreement has been made between Ahtna,
35 Inc. and the Denali Sportsmen's Association, and there is no need for Borough involvement. Mr.
36 Carlson thanked the Borough for its willingness to assist with the lease.

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38 **Assembly approval of a 5-year lease extension with the same provisions as previously held**
39 **with the state of Alaska. Municipal Land Entitlement (MLE) transferred to the Borough from**
40 **the state of Alaska located at T12S, R8W, Fairbanks Meridian, a portion of the SE ¼ of**
41 **Section 2. The property is approximately 60 acres located north of Stampede Road and west**
42 **of the Parks Highway, Healy, Alaska. Lessor: Denali Borough: Lessee: Baxter Mercer -**

43 Discussion regarding a five-year lease extension for Baxter Mercer included the amount of revenue
44 to be gained by the lease, Denali Borough Code 4.10 dealing with the procedures to follow prior to
45 leasing Borough land, current leases held by the Borough, Planning Commission action on the lease
46 and other municipal land entitlements, and the information provided to the Assembly regarding the
47 lease. Vickie LAUSEN MOVED to postpone this discussion until the next meeting. John
48 WINKLMANN seconded. Baxter Mercer was invited to attend the next meeting to answer questions.
49 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

3 Don DeBlauw, Kobe Road resident, asked the Assembly to consider creating a resolution in support
4 of improving roads in rural areas of the Borough.
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6 Dorothy DeBlauw, Kobe Road resident, thanked the Assembly for their service to the Borough, and
7 noted that there are roads in the Borough in need of improvement. Ms. DeBlauw asked the
8 Assembly to help by advising residents of how best to go about seeking avenues to improve roads,
9 and to communicate with the state that this is a priority.
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11 Pat Griggs, Anderson Subdivision resident, commented that the State of Alaska, in its Final Finding
12 and Decision on the Proposed Land Offering for the Kobe North Agricultural Project noted that roads
13 were to be maintained by local residents, and that the land offering would not affect existing roads.
14 Ms. Griggs commented that existing roads were affected by the land offering, and she would like to
15 see the state provide money to maintain and upgrade roads.
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17 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

18 David EVANS thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.
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20 Gordon CARLSON commented that he will be unable to attend the joint School Board meeting
21 on December 1, as he will be out of state.
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23 Cyrus COOPER thanked those present for attending the meeting.
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25 Robert KOHLSDORF noted that Community Development Block Grants are due December 2.
26 An information packet was requested to be sent to the Borough office. Cyrus COOPER MOVED
27 to request the mayor review the requirements of the Community Development Block Grants
28 (CDBG) and if possible, work toward applying for grants to upgrade roads in June Creek, Kobe,
29 South Wind, Anderson, and Village View Subdivisions. John WINKLMANN seconded. The
30 assembly agreed that the grant paperwork would not be filed this year because of the short
31 timeline, but research could be done for the next grant offering. Points of discussion that followed
32 included the formation of service areas and homeowners associations in these areas, tax
33 implications of service areas, prioritization of projects, and sustainability after grant monies have
34 been spent. The VOTE by show of hands was 6-1. The motion carried.
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36 Clay WALKER commented that the meeting contained good discussions and reminded
37 Assembly members that the legislative request list needs to be discussed. Mr. Walker
38 expressed his condolences to the family of Kim White, who passed away recently, and reflected
39 on the loss of a great community member.
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41 Vickie LAUSEN expressed her condolences to Kim White's family. Ms. Lausen encouraged
42 everyone to vote in the November election.
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44 John WINKLMANN briefly explained that Ordinance 11-18 contained correct numbers, but that
45 he felt it was a moot point. Mr. Winklmann questioned the process for absentee voting that
46 occurs in the Borough office, where two candidates are present.
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2 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

3 The Canvass Committee meeting and Assembly Special Meeting to certify the November 8, 2011
4 Municipal Election to be held in Healy at the Tri-Valley Community Center on Sunday, November 13,
5 2011 at 6:00 PM.
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7 The joint work session with the Denali Borough School Board will be held at 6:30 PM at the Tri-
8 Valley School cafeteria on Thursday, December 1, 2011.
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10 The tentative time and date for a work session with the Alaska Railroad to discuss the Alaska
11 Railroad Strategic Plan will be on January 11, 2012 at 5:00 PM prior to the Assembly regular
12 meeting at the Tri-Valley Community Center in Healy.
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14 The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the Cantwell School on
15 November 16, 2011; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.
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17 ADJOURN: The presiding officer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 PM.
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21 APPROVED:



Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

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25 ATTEST:



Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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29 Date Approved: NOVEMBER 16, 2011