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**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
October 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 6:03 p.m.

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

ORDINANCE 16-12, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title 4, Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVED: _____


Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: November 02, 2016

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
October 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

David EVANS MOVED to excuse Ms. Tatum. The motion was seconded. The vote by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA

Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded. Krista ZAPPONE MOVED to amend the agenda by adding Dr. Leif Holm, North Pole Pharmacy, under Communications and Appearances. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda was unanimous.

MINUTES

September 14, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

David EVANS MOVED to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS

August 2016 Financial Report

David EVANS MOVED to receive the August 2016 financial report. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Clay Walker verbally highlighted activity included in a written report, including the following:

- The borough's 2016 Full Value Determination was received from the State of Alaska, and showed a 47 percent over the estimate for 2015. The increase in Full Value Determination will result in an increase of the borough's required local contribution by as much as \$300,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.
- A substantial completion meeting was held today on the Cantwell Sprinkler Project, a project that held the number one position on the borough's Capital Improvement Projects list sixteen years ago.

- 1 - Mayor Walker thanked a Healy Hockey group that picked up windblown trash around the landfill
2 as a fundraising activity, and welcomed other groups who would like to earn money for their
3 organizations.
- 4 - Sid Michaels resigned from planning commission seat H, creating a second vacant seat on the
5 commission. An application has been received to fill vacant seat I, and a confirmation of
6 appointment may be on the assembly's next meeting agenda.
- 7 - Mayor Walker and Assembly Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman attended a strategic planning
8 retreat to discuss the future of the Denali Borough School District.
- 9 - Mayor Walker attended a recent meeting on the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline
10 (AKLNG), where the topic was the transition of the project to the Alaska Gasline Development
11 Corporation.

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13 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

14 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta

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16 DBSD School Board President Vern Carlson reported that 31 people attended the DBSD Strategic
17 Planning retreat. Mr. Carlson thanked Mayor Walker and Mr. Zimmerman for attending, and
18 commended DBSD Maintenance Manager Curtis Hamel for his work with the Cantwell Sprinkler
19 project.

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21 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

22 Susan Braun, Planning Commissioner, reported the following;

- 23 - At their September meeting, the planning commission was informed by an Otto Lake resident
24 that businesses were working on road upkeep, and that gravel was taken from borough land,
25 leaving damage. The planning commission requested clear guidance and regulations to prevent
26 such an event from occurring in the future.
- 27 - Land Planner Marsha Lambert received a clarification from the State of Alaska Department of
28 Natural Resources (DNR) regarding a private easement on a local road stating that the business
29 did have the right to block access to other use on the easement route.
- 30 - The commission refrained from commenting on the AKLNG route as the assembly has already
31 made comment.
- 32 - The commission voted to invite a DNR representative to attend the October meeting to present
33 information on road and easement standards, a responsibility that was recently transferred from
34 DNR to the borough.
- 35 - Work on a sign ordinance has been tabled indefinitely, and no action was taken on the Clear
36 View monofill.
- 37 - Commissioners Barbara Brease and Susan Braun will attend the Alaska Planners Association
38 conference in November.
- 39 - The October meeting agenda includes a discussion of Denali Borough Code (DBC) regarding
40 subdivisions.

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42 APPROVE THE ELECTION BOARD

43 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the 2016 Election Board. The motion was seconded. The VOTE
44 by show of hands was unanimous.

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46 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

47 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting. Other comments
48 include the following:

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2 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented positively on the strategic planning retreat, and encouraged the
3 public to get involved in future action steps.

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5 Krista ZAPPONE commented positively on the Tri-Valley School Boiler Project completion, and
6 thanked Rock and Roll Construction for their work on the Healy Hockey rink. Ms. Zappone also
7 reminded those present that the Tri-Valley Library will be presenting their biannual Mystery
8 Theater in November.

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10 David EVANS encouraged the public to get out and vote in November.

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12 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

13 Marc Van Dongen, Mat-Su Borough Port Mackenzie Port Director/Port Engineer, presentation on
14 Port MacKenzie

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16 Marc Van Dongen stressed that the mission of Port MacKenzie is to export natural resources, and
17 that the port is not in competition with the Port of Anchorage. Mr. Van Dongen stated that the
18 development of Port MacKenzie provides every community along the rail line an opportunity for
19 growth. Port activity to date has involved twelve types of commodities. The deep water and narrow
20 inlet location causes water to flow quickly and eliminates the need for dredging, and surrounding
21 land leaves much room for expansion. State funding has completed five segments of rail line to the
22 port, with three more segments to complete pending funding. This is the largest project the State of
23 Alaska has funded since construction of the George Parks Highway. Mr. Van Dongen identified five
24 potential impacts on Port MacKenzie – completion of the rail line, completion of the Knik Arm
25 Crossing, securing an anchor tenant such as LNG, handling coal from Wishbone Hill, and a gas line
26 project. There is the potential for the interior to be impacted more than the MatSu Borough, and Mr.
27 Van Dongen expressed the belief that Port MacKenzie could be as important to the Denali Borough
28 as it is to the MatSu Borough.

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30 Dr. Leif Holm, North Pole Pharmacy, spoke to the assembly about his interest in investing in a tele
31 pharmacy in the Healy area. Dr. Holm explained this would be a way to provide pharmaceutical
32 services to small towns in Alaska, and would provide employment for local residents. The main
33 barrier to going forward is finding a business location.

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35 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a meeting recess at 7:32 PM. The meeting
36 reconvened at 7:52 PM.

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38 DRAFT ORDINANCES

39 ORDINANCE 16-13: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code, Chapter 3.21, titled
40 Management of Grants

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42 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 16-13. The motion was seconded. The roll call VOTE
43 was unanimous.

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45 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-13 to the next meeting. The motion was
46 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

1 PENDING ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 16-12, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title
3 4, Real Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal

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5 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-12 to the next meeting. The motion was
6 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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8 RESOLUTIONS

9 RESOLUTION 16-16: A resolution requesting the State of Alaska Department of Transportation
10 and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) place left turn pavement markings and signage at the
11 intersection of Parks Highway and Healy Spur Road

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13 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve Resolution 16-16. The motion was seconded. The roll call
14 VOTE was unanimous.

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16 RESOLUTION 16-17: A resolution to award a contract for the Denali Borough Landfill Shop
17 addition project

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19 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-17. The motion was seconded. It was noted that
20 the electrical work will cause the price of the project to increase, with the final project cost expected
21 to be near \$360,000. The roll call VOTE to approve Resolution 16-17 was unanimous.

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23 OTHER BUSINESS

24 Clear View Monofill application to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

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26 Assembly Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman asked Donna Mears, Design Engineer for Clear View
27 Monofill project, to update the assembly on the monofill application. Ms. Mears is working on
28 addressing ADEC's request for clarification, and expects that the application to ADEC should be
29 complete in December.

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31 PUBLIC COMMENTS

32 Robert Smith, Anderson resident, commented that he is categorically opposed to the Clear View
33 monofill project.

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35 Sandra Trumbower, Anderson resident, commented in opposition to the Clear View monofill project,
36 and encouraged the assembly to work toward streaming meetings online.

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38 George Haskins, Anderson resident, spoke in opposition to the Clear View monofill project,
39 commenting that the initial presentation on the project lacked detail. Mr. Haskins gave examples of
40 his personal experiences with hazardous materials damaging water and property, closing with the
41 statement that water is sacred.

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43 Donna Mears, Design Engineer for Clear View monofill project, commented that she hopes to have
44 the project application completed in time to be on the December assembly meeting agenda, and that
45 the public should be looking at the most recent application. Ms. Mears further commented that
46 hazardous material disposal is not the intent for this facility.

1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 Assembly members thanked those in the audience for their attendance.

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4 Tallon SHREEVE commented that a tele pharmacy in the borough would be a good thing.

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6 David EVANS commented that the Clear View monofill does not make sense to him at this point
7 in time, and that he is not sure it is needed for the Clear Air Force Base demolition project.
8 However, the process identified in Denali Borough Code requires that an ordinance be
9 considered for any new landfill.

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11 Jill BOELSMA commented that early voting will start at the borough office on October 19, and
12 encouraged the public to get out and vote.

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14 Krista ZAPPONE commented that the Healy Hockey Coal Queens will be selling hoagies on
15 Election Day as a fundraiser.

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17 Don DEBLAUW commented that it was good to hear the positive future potential of Port
18 MacKenzie, and further commented that the assembly is listening to public comments regarding
19 Clear View monofill, and that there is a process that must be followed.

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21 Joe CHATFIELD commented that the information presented regarding Port MacKenzie was
22 interesting, and that it is important to think about long term goals for state infrastructure.
23 Agricultural infrastructure is needed in Alaska.

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25 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

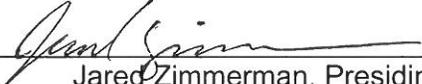
26 Joint work session with the Planning Commission and Chris Beck to discuss Land Use Planning
27 options, Tri-Valley Community Center, 6:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

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29 The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Anderson
30 School; Public Hearing 6:00 PM with the Regular Meeting following the public hearing.

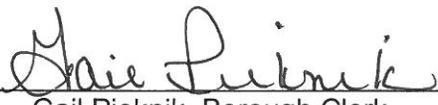
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32 The Canvass Committee meeting and Assembly Special Meeting to certify the Denali Borough
33 Election will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska on Thursday, November
34 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

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36 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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47 ATTEST: _____


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: November 02, 2016