

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Community Center
October 14, 2015

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared
8 Zimmerman at 6:38 p.m.

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

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

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17 There were no comments.

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19 ORDINANCE 15-13, Version A: An ordinance setting the tipping fee for Denali Borough
20 Landfill acceptance of coal ash

21
22 There were no comments.

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24 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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27 APPROVED:  _____
28 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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31 ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: NOVEMBER 11, 2015
32 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:40
8 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 ROLL CALL

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

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15 PUBLIC COMMENTS

16 There were no public comments.

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18 AGENDA

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

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22 MINUTES

23 September 9, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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25 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the September 9, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting
26 minutes as presented. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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28 REPORTS

29 August 2015 Financial Report

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

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34 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee (HTAPS)
35 Committee member resignation: Ed Bohner, Seat A

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37 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to accept the resignation of Mr. Ed Bohner from the Healy
38 Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. Ms. Burrows
39 commended Mr. Bohner on his contribution to the work of the committee. The VOTE by show of
40 hands was unanimous.

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42 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee (HTAPS) Committee Report

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44 Kimberly Burrows, HTAPS Committee Chair, reported that a draft Healy transportation plan will be
45 considered at the next meeting. If the plan is approved, it will then be forwarded to the planning
46 commission and assembly for inclusion in the borough's comprehensive plan.

1 Approval of the Election Board

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3 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the 2015 Election Board. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The
4 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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6 Set the November Canvass Committee

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8 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to appoint the Denali Borough Assembly to serve as the Canvass
9 Committee for the November 3, 2015 regular election. Krista ZAPPONE seconded. David EVANS
10 MOVED to amend the motion to include a provision for a staff member to be appointed if a quorum
11 is not present. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment was
12 unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands on the main motion to appoint the assembly as the
13 canvass committee was unanimous.

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15 Jill Boelsma and Tallon Shreeve requested to be excused from the canvass committee meeting, as
16 they will be out of town. Mayor Clay Walker also noted that he will not be in attendance.

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18 MAYOR'S REPORT

19 Mayor Clay Walker reported that he plans to attend a Municipal Advisory Gas (MAG) Project Review
20 Board meeting on November 6 in Juneau, and that there have been two meetings since last month's
21 assembly meeting. Assembly members received information on proposed construction impact
22 payments and flow-related payments in lieu of taxes via email. In the proposal, flow-related
23 payments are described as "flow-related property tax." The allocation of gas revenue payments
24 among state and local jurisdictions is yet to be determined, and the Denali Borough will need to be
25 an active participant to make its voice heard.

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27 The planning commission held an open house to gather input on potential sites for a Healy Transfer
28 Station. Of the several sites being discussed, one is on Alaska Railroad Corporation land, and the
29 railroad appears to be receptive to the idea of a lease.

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31 The Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs has presented an opportunity for the
32 borough to obtain maps of the Anderson and Healy communities at a cost of approximately \$55,000.

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34 The landfill received a compliance score of 99% on its annual Department of Environmental
35 Conservation inspection. Mayor Walker thanked the landfill team, which includes the landfill staff,
36 office staff, and assembly members for helping to achieve the high score.

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38 Mayor Walker noted that he recently attended the dedication on the Healy 2 Power Plant, which has
39 been operational for the last few weeks.

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41 Mayor Walker ceded the floor to Emergency Services and Projects Coordinator, Chris Noel. Mr.
42 Noel reported on the bi-annual preparedness conference he attended, which was a full week of
43 presentations regarding security issues including active shooter awareness and cyber security.
44 Local Emergency Planning Committee member Sam Kimmel was also able to attend the
45 conference.

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47 Mr. Noel reported that procurement of tactical gear is in progress through a Homeland Security
48 grant, he has been participating in and presenting to staff on safety activities as part of the Alaska

1 Municipal League Joint Insurance Agency loss control incentive program, and that he spoke on
2 creating defensible space around homes at a recent Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association
3 meeting.

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5 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

6 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta reported that the school district is
7 in the midst of their twenty day student count period, which calculates enrollment at each of the
8 schools and is part of the determination of school funding. Enrollment averages appear to be fairly
9 close to projections made for this school year. Once funding is determined, the school district will
10 begin work on a budget revision, then the budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.

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12 Superintendent Polta and District Maintenance Manager Curtis Hamel recently met with Mayor
13 Walker to discuss capital projects. Due to over budget construction cost estimates for the Cantwell
14 School Sprinkler project, a two phase project approach involving separate sprinkler and fire alarm
15 work is being considered. The cost estimates for the Tri-Valley Elementary Wing Boiler Energy
16 Efficiency Upgrade project also came in high. The school district is planning to cover overages with
17 their capital projects fund. Reimbursement for expenses will then be requested through the capital
18 improvement projects process for FY 2016.

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20 Results for new standardized tests implemented last year will be released on or near October 26.
21 Individual student reports will be distributed to parents after being received by the school district.
22 These assessments are different from previous years, and are of a more rigorous structure, which
23 will create a new baseline for DBSD results.

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25 Superintendent Polta reported that funding conversations are being had around the state regarding
26 minimum school size. Legislators are discussing an increase in minimum enrollment from 10 to 25.
27 The DBSD School Board will be considering a resolution to support maintaining the minimum school
28 size of 10 students. Superintendent Polta asked the assembly to consider passing a similar
29 resolution.

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31 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

32 Kimber BURROWS thanked Dan Polta for his report, and asked that sample resolutions
33 regarding school size be forwarded to her. Ms. Burrows thanked Agnew::Beck representatives
34 for their presentation, and asked that the Denali Chamber of Commerce be invited to
35 occasionally report to the assembly.

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37 Krista ZAPPONE thanked those who presented reports.

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39 Jill BOELSMA thanked Agnew::Beck for their public information session prior to the meeting, and
40 thanked Dan Polta for the excellent school report.

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42 David EVANS thanked the assembly for excusing him from the last meeting, when he had an
43 opportunity to take a cement truck on the train.

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45 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked Mayor Clay Walker for his work on the MAG Board, commenting
46 that the borough needs to think about infrastructure development. Mr. Zimmerman noted that
47 there is a finance committee meeting on October 21, and that if an assembly member were
48 interested in serving on the committee, to let him know.

1 Tallon SHREEVE thanked Agnew::Beck for their presentation, and Dan Polta for his report on
2 the details behind our children's education. Mr. Shreeve commented that the borough needs to
3 work to be involved in the MAG process.

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5 Don DEBLAUW apologized for missing the last meeting, and thanked Agnew::Beck for their
6 presentation.

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8 Paddy TATUM thanked Agnew::Beck for their presentation and those in attendance for coming
9 to the meeting.

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11 Joe CHATFIELD commented that the borough needs to be actively involved in changes
12 presented by a potential gas line, and that he is looking forward to working on the land planning
13 process.

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15 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

16 Agnew: Beck: Report on Management Strategies and Land Classifications for Denali Borough-
17 Owned Land.

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19 Chris Beck, Lead Planner with Agnew::Beck, reported that meetings have been held in the
20 Anderson, Healy, and McKinley Village communities to gather land use suggestions, and that they
21 will now develop a final report of recommended code changes, land planning processes and land
22 classifications. The borough's next step will be to work with the planning commission to make
23 changes to Denali Borough Code to clarify land categories. After Code is revised, recommendations
24 may be explored for specific parcels of land.

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26 Adam Smith, Senior Associate with Agnew::Beck explained that the Denali Borough owns 47,000
27 acres of land and that current code specifies that the borough must conduct a survey before land is
28 classified. Mr. Smith reported that Agnew::Beck is working toward recommendations based upon the
29 context of borough land being only partially surveyed or patented, the borough's desire to improve
30 code and policies that guide management of borough owned land, and the State of Alaska facing
31 serious fiscal and economic challenges.

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33 The assembly was encouraged to look at the Denali Borough Comprehensive Plan to determine
34 what the Denali Borough's vision of the future holds. Involvement in planning for the future of the
35 borough was emphasized. Discussion included the potential for winter tourism, the importance of
36 maintaining an esthetic value, the role of establishing parameters in lower level decision making, the
37 need to have land use records accessible, the potential for permitted use of borough land, and the
38 question of enforcement within active land management.

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40 Mr. Beck suggested a joint meeting of the assembly and planning commission to discuss land
41 processes, and to involve the planning commission in a formal recommendation for action and
42 approval.

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44 Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called for a ten minute recess at 8:21 PM. The meeting
45 resumed at 8:34 PM.

1 DRAFT ORDINANCES

2 ORDINANCE 15-14: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter
3 3.20.040 titled Investments

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5 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-14. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The roll
6 call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 15-14 was unanimous.

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8 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-14 to the next meeting. Krista
9 ZAPPONE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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11 PENDING ORDINANCES

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

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15 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-12. David EVANS seconded. The
16 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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18 ORDINANCE 15-13, Version A: An ordinance setting the tipping fee for Denali Borough Landfill
19 acceptance of coal ash

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21 It was noted that Ordinance 15-13 is intended to help large ash depositors find a place to
22 dispose of ash at a reasonable price. The ash may then be used as cover material at the landfill.
23 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-13. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call
24 VOTE to adopt Ordinance 15-13 was unanimous.

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26 RESOLUTIONS

27 There were no resolutions for consideration.

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29 OTHER BUSINESS

30 Approval of Denali Borough Investment Policy

31 Jill BOELSMA moved to approve the Denali Borough Investment Policy. Kimber BURROWS
32 seconded. Jill BOELSMA moved to amend page 2, Section V, by deleting verbiage after "Funds may
33 be invested in" and adding "accordance with DBC 3.20.040." Kimber BURROWS seconded. The
34 VOTE by show of hands on the amendment was unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands on the
35 main motion to approve the Denali Borough Investment Policy was unanimous.

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37 Approval of the Grant Award Change Policy

38 David EVANS MOVED to approve the Grant Award Policy Change. Kimber BURROWS seconded.
39 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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41 PUBLIC COMMENTS

42 Kris Capps, Kids in Motion President, commented that Fountainhead Development in Fairbanks has
43 launched a discount program related to performances sponsored by the Fairbanks Concert
44 Association. The next performance in Healy through the Concert Association's outreach program will
45 be Letters Aloud on Tuesday, November 17. Ms. Capps also commented that the Healy-style
46 Dancing with the Stars will be held on November 16.

1 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

2 Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM, Don DEBLAUW, Tallon SHREEVE, David EVANS and Jared
3 ZIMMERMAN thanked those present for attending the meeting.

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5 Jill BOELSMA commented that she will be not be able to attend the November meeting, and
6 thanked Kimber Burrows, Krista Zappone, Jared Zimmerman and Tallon Shreeve for declaring
7 their candidacy for open assembly seats.

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9 Krista ZAPPONE had no comment.

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11 Kimber BURROWS thanked Emergency Services and Projects Coordinator Chris Noel for his
12 report, the work he has done over the summer, and for representing the borough at the bi-annual
13 preparedness conference.

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15 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

16 The Canvass Committee meeting and Assembly Special Meeting to certify the November 3,
17 2015 Regular Election will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska on
18 Thursday, November 05, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

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20 The next regular meeting will be at Cantwell School on Wednesday, November 11, 2015: Public
21 Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

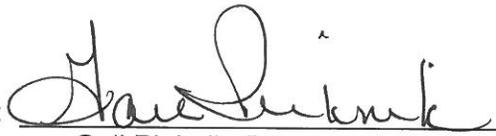
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23 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The
24 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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26 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

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31 APPROVED: _____


Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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37 ATTEST: _____


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: NOVEMBER 11, 2015