

**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Cantwell School  
November 12, 2014**

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Acting Presiding Officer David Evans  
8 at 6:12 PM.  
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jill BOELSMA, Kimberly BURROWS, Don DEBLAUW,  
11 Paddy TATUM and David EVANS. Absent: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David TALERICO and Rusty  
12 LASELL.  
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14 ORDINANCE 14-07, Version B: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
15 Chapter 9.10 titled Subdivisions.  
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17 There were no comments.  
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19 ORDINANCE 14-08, Version D: An ordinance creating Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title 7,  
20 Business Licenses and Regulations and Creating Chapter 7.05, titled Liquor Licenses  
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22 There were no comments.  
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24 ORDINANCE 14-10, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
25 Chapter 3.21 titled Management of Grants adding Chapter 3.21.075 titled Municipal Assistance  
26 Program  
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28 There were no comments.  
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30 ORDINANCE 14-11, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,200 from the General Fund for  
31 reimbursable expenditures related to state of Alaska Homeland Security Grant number 14SHSP-  
32 GR34094.  
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34 There were no comments.  
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36 ORDINANCE 14-12, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the General Fund for  
37 reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant number 15LEPC-  
38 GR35602.  
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40 There were no comments.  
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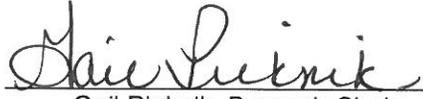
43 ORDINANCE 14-13, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$24,000 from the General Fund for  
44 expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant number 14EMPG-GR35586.  
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46 There were no comments.  
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ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

APPROVED:   
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:   
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk Date Approved: DECEMBER 10, 2014

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Cantwell School  
November 12, 2014**

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7 CALL TO ORDER: Acting Presiding Officer David Evans called the regular meeting to order at 6:16  
8 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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10 SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

11 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to nominate Jared Zimmerman as Presiding Officer. Jill BOELSMA  
12 seconded.

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14 Joe CHATFIELD moved to nominate David Evans as Presiding Officer. Mr. Evans declined the  
15 nomination.  
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17 Acting Presiding Officer Evans declared the nominations closed. The VOTE by show of hands to  
18 select Mr. Zimmerman as Presiding Officer was unanimous.  
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20 SELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER:

21 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to nominate David Evans as Deputy Presiding Officer. Joe CHATFIELD  
22 seconded. Acting Presiding Officer Evans declared the nominations closed. The VOTE by show of  
23 hands was unanimous.  
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25 ROLL CALL

26 Assembly members present: Jill BOELSMA, David EVANS, Joe CHATFIELD, Kimberly BURROWS,  
27 and Don DEBLAUW. Absent: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David TALERICO, Rusty LASELL, and Paddy  
28 TATUM. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.  
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30 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik reported that Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Lasell, Ms. Tatum, and Mr. Talerico  
31 asked to be excused because they were unable to attend the meeting.  
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33 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse those absent. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The VOTE by show  
34 of hands was unanimous.  
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36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

37 Vernon Carlson, Denali Borough School District Board member, thanked the assembly for their  
38 support, and for providing funding to the school district.  
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40 Steve Jones, McKinley Village area resident and planning commissioner, spoke in support of the  
41 three zoning ordinances on the agenda. Mr. Jones explained that current Denali Borough Code  
42 zones all land in the Denali Borough as unrestricted except for that surrounding the landfill. The  
43 planning commission supports adoption of height restrictions for public safety and future use  
44 purposes. Proposed Ordinance 14-14, in combination with proposed Ordinances 14-15 and 14-16,  
45 would allow the borough to plan a regional airport and to create a scenic corridor through the  
46 Nenana River Canyon area. Mr. Jones further commented that these would be proactive steps to  
47 maintain control over land use, and that no private landholders would be affected.  
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1 Andrea Blakesley, Panguingue Creek Homeowners Association, commented favorably on a  
2 proposed addition to Resolution 14-12 for the Antares Road repair and extension project. The  
3 project would attempt to repair an area damaged by a landowner that would provide access to two  
4 homes. While the land involved is owned by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, they have  
5 no plan to repair the damage.  
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#### 7 OATH OF OFFICE

8 Gail Pieknik, Denali Borough Clerk, administered the oath of office to Kimberly Burrows and Jill  
9 Boelsma. (Joe Chatfield's oath of office was administered prior to the meeting.) Each new member  
10 took their respective seat on the assembly.  
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#### 12 AGENDA

13 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The  
14 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 16 MINUTES

17 October 08, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

18 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the October 08, 2014 public hearing and regular meeting minutes  
19 as presented. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 21 REPORTS

22 September 2014 Financial Report

23 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to receive the September 2014 financial report. Don DEBLAUW seconded.  
24 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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26 Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Project Ad hoc Committee

27 Kimber Burrows reported that the committee has been busy, hosting an open house and holding a  
28 committee meeting in October. Comments gathered from the open house and data from an Alaska  
29 Department of Transportation summer traffic study have been reviewed, and members are  
30 developing suggestions for improvements to identified areas. The next committee meeting will be  
31 held November 24 at 5:30 pm at the Tri-Valley Community Center.  
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33 Planning Commission seat appointments

34 Mayor Clay Walker appointed the following to the Denali Borough Planning Commission

35 Seat A: Lee Lightfoot

36 Seat E: Baxter Mercer

37 Seat I: Patricia Griggs

38 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointments as listed. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The  
39 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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41 Planning Commission Seat F letter of resignation from Ryan Juszczak.

42 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to accept a letter from Ryan Juszczak in which he resigns from planning  
43 commission seat F. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 45 MAYOR'S REPORT

46 Mayor Clay Walker congratulated newly elected and re-elected assembly members. Mayor Walker  
47 reported that the solid fuel stove change out program is complete, and that a final report to close out  
48 the program will be issued in the next few months. The borough received a 100 percent score on a

1 recent site visit and audit by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency  
2 Management. Mayor Walker recommended passage of Ordinances 14-11, 14-12, and 14-13 which  
3 would allow the borough to proceed with these grants. Alex Javor has been hired as a temporary  
4 landfill employee to fill in during employee vacations. The borough's annual financial statements are  
5 nearly complete, and the audit will be presented at the December regular meeting. The borough has  
6 not received a reply from a severance operator whose appeal regarding tax due was denied.  
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8 The finance committee held a work session to discuss the financial structure of the borough, and  
9 has a work session scheduled for January 27, 2015. Overnight accommodations tax receipts for the  
10 quarter ending September 30, 2014 are greater than the prior year. The Alaska Municipal League  
11 (AML) conference will be November 19 – 21, 2014. Sean DeWalt, AML Joint Insurance Agency risk  
12 manager, will be in the borough to present OSHA training the end of November. A Local Emergency  
13 Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center on December  
14 3. The Consulate General from South Korea visited the borough, and discussed energy resources,  
15 population trends, and tourism with the mayor.  
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#### 17 SCHOOL REPORT

18 Dr. Jim Elliott, Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent, reported that the Cantwell  
19 School has been named one of the highest performing Alaska Reward Schools, and Anderson  
20 School has as a high progress Alaska Reward School. Dr. Elliott distributed information on projected  
21 and actual enrollment for Fiscal Year 2015. Estimates are very close to projected numbers. Dr.  
22 Elliott closed by thanking the assembly for supporting Denali Borough schools.  
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#### 24 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

25 Don DEBLAUW had no comment.  
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27 Kimber BURROWS welcomed Joe Chatfield to the assembly, thanked Mayor Walker and Dr.  
28 Elliott for their reports, thanked the public for their comments, and commented that she is looking  
29 forward to the AML conference.  
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31 Jill BOELSMA thanked those who voted and those who helped with elections, congratulated Joe  
32 Chatfield on his election to the assembly, congratulated Cantwell School on being named an  
33 Alaska Reward School, and commented that she is looking forward to the AML conference.  
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35 Joe CHATFIELD thanked those who voted for him, commenting that is community members'  
36 responsibility to do what we can for the communities in which they live.  
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38 David EVANS commented that Juneau will be a bit friendlier with Dave Talerico being voted in to  
39 the House seat for District 6, and taking a seat on the Resources committee.  
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41 Deputy Presiding Officer David Evans called for a meeting recess at 7:05 pm. The meeting  
42 resumed at 7:14 pm.  
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44 Deputy Presiding Officer David Evans opened public comment for those who arrived late to the  
45 meeting.  
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47 Maryann Cox, Cantwell resident, commented that there should be more discussion on Ordinance  
48 14-08. Ms. Cox suggested that state regulated hours be maintained and establishments that

1 have issues be required to close earlier for a period of time. Ms. Cox commented that owners  
2 strive to live within the bounds of the law, and the time to address infractions would be when they  
3 occur.

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5 Noah Schieber, Healy resident, commented that there is a system in place to target irresponsible  
6 establishments through the Alaska Beverage Control Board. Ordinance 14-08 is in response to a  
7 tragedy in the community that spurred people to a grass roots effort.

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9 Armeda Bulard, Cantwell resident and outgoing owner of Longhorn Saloon, commented that she  
10 would like to see Ordinance 14-08 tabled as there is not a full assembly present. Ms. Bulard also  
11 questioned what "vacating the premises" would mean.

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13 Maryann Cox, Cantwell resident, apologized for being unaware of the tragedy prompting  
14 Ordinance 14-08, and commented that later closing hours would be desired for special events.

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16 Dorothy Deblauw, Kobe resident, commented that a lot of work went into Ordinance 14-08, it  
17 meets the needs of the community, and has her support.

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19 Andrea Blakesley, Healy resident, spoke in support of Ordinance 14-08, commenting that  
20 changes have been made in response to input from owners of alcohol serving establishments.  
21 This is not an attempt to solve the entire problem, it is an attempt to separate late night partiers  
22 with work commuters.

## 23 24 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

### 25 26 DRAFT ORDINANCES

27 ORDINANCE 14-14: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter  
28 9.15 titled Zoning

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30 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-14. Jill BOELSMA seconded.

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32 Deputy Presiding Officer David Evans rescinded the Chair to Kimber BURROWS at 7:26 pm.

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34 Points of discussion regarding Draft Ordinance 14-14 included the need to educate the public  
35 regarding zoning issues, and that the ordinance would address all land in the Denali Borough.

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37 Deputy Presiding Officer David Evans resumed the Chair at 7:29 pm.

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39 The roll call VOTE to introduce was 4 – 1 as follows: Ayes – Don DEBLAUW, Kimber  
40 BURROWS, David EVANS, Jill BOELSMA; No – Joe CHATFIELD. The motion failed due to the  
41 lack of five votes.

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43 ORDINANCE 14-15: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, creating  
44 Chapter 9.21 titled Zoning Nenana River Scenic Corridor

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46 Kimber Burrows MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-15. Jill BOELSMA seconded. Mayor Walker  
47 explained that this ordinance was worked through by the planning commission for about two  
48 years. The roll call VOTE to introduce was unanimous.

1 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-15 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA  
2 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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4 ORDINANCE 14-16: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, creating  
5 Chapter 9.22 titled Zoning Airport Reserve District

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7 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 14-16. Jill BOELSMA seconded. Mayor  
8 Walker explained that this ordinance was worked through by the planning commission for about  
9 two years, and dates back considerably further. Alaska Department of Transportation Planning  
10 Director Jeff Roach visited the area, and believed it showed promise for a cursory investigation.  
11 The current Healy River airport is inadequate, and consideration might be given to relocation.  
12 The roll call VOTE to introduce was unanimous.

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14 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-16 to the next meeting. Kimber BURROWS  
15 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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17 PENDING ORDINANCES:

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

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21 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to amend by substitution Version C for Version B. Jill BOELSMA  
22 seconded. It was noted that the changes in Version C were discussed at the last meeting. The  
23 VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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25 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 14-07. Don DEBLAUW seconded. The VOTE by  
26 roll call vote was unanimous.

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28 ORDINANCE 14-08, Version D: An ordinance creating Denali Borough Code of Ordinances Title  
29 7, Business Licenses and Regulations and Creating Chapter 7.05, titled Liquor Licenses

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31 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 14-08, Version D. Don DEBLAUW seconded.

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33 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-08 to the next meeting. The motion died for  
34 lack of a second.

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36 Points of discussion that followed include the desire to have a full assembly vote, the desire to  
37 bring the ordinance to all communities in its revised form, and how special events would be  
38 affected.

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40 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-08 to the next meeting. Jill BOELSMA  
41 seconded. The vote by show of hands was 4 – 1 with Don DEBLAUW opposed. The motion  
42 carried.

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44 ORDINANCE 14-10, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of  
45 Ordinances, Chapter 3.21 titled Management of Grants adding Chapter 3.21.075 titled Municipal  
46 Assistance Program

1 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to amend by substitution Ordinance 14-10, Version B for Version A.  
2 Kimber BURROWS seconded. Discussion that followed included that amendments in Version B  
3 were in response to comments from the City of Anderson and Division of Community and  
4 Regional Affairs Local Government Specialist Jeremy Johnson, as well as an the addition of a  
5 provision to cap the amount. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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7 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to postpone Ordinance 14-10 to the next meeting. Joe CHATFIELD  
8 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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10 ORDINANCE 14-11: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,200 from the General Fund for  
11 reimbursable expenditures related to state of Alaska Homeland Security Grant number 14SHSP-  
12 GR34094  
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14 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 14-11. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call  
15 VOTE was unanimous.  
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17 ORDINANCE 14-12: An ordinance appropriating up to \$11,779 from the General Fund for  
18 reimbursable expenditures related to Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant number  
19 15LEPC-GR35602  
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21 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 14-12. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call  
22 VOTE was unanimous.  
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24 ORDINANCE 14-13: An ordinance appropriating up to \$24,000 from the General Fund for  
25 expenditures related to Emergency Management Performance Grant number 14EMPG-  
26 GR35586  
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28 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to amend by substitution Ordinances 14-13, Version B for Version A.  
29 Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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31 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to adopt Ordinance 14-13. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call  
32 VOTE was unanimous.  
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34 RESOLUTIONS  
35 RESOLUTION 14-10: A resolution extending appreciation and gratitude to William "Rusty" Lasell for  
36 the time and energy he dedicated to the Denali Borough Assembly  
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38 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve Resolution 14-10. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll  
39 call VOTE was unanimous.  
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41 RESOLUTION 14-11: A resolution to participate in the AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program for  
42 the Denali Borough  
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44 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve Resolution 14-11. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call  
45 VOTE was unanimous.  
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1 RESOLUTION 14-12: A resolution identifying state of Alaska budget request for Fiscal Year 2016  
2 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve Resolution 14-12. Kimber BURROWS seconded.

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4 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to amend Resolution 14-12 by deleting \$515,000 and inserting \$520,000  
5 as the request amount. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands on the  
6 motion to amend was unanimous.

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8 Discussion followed regarding a proposed addition for an Antares Road Repair and Extension  
9 project.

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11 The roll call VOTE on the original motion to approve Resolution 14-12 was unanimous.

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13 OTHER BUSINESS

14 There was no other business.

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16 PUBLIC COMMENTS

17 Armeda Bulard, Cantwell resident, commented that there are access roads in our communities that  
18 need to be looked at, and that there is a provision for service areas in Denali Borough Code. An old  
19 section of the Denali Highway from the Cantwell intersection to the Jack River Bridge is in need of  
20 some repair.

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22 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

23 Joe CHATFIELD commented that the Kobe Agricultural Project road is in need of repair, and  
24 funding to improve this road should be pursued.

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26 Jill BOELSMA and Kimber BURROWS thanked those present for attending the meeting.

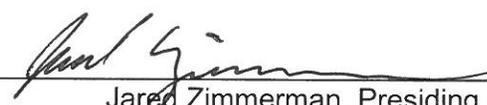
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28 Don DEBLAUW thanked the planning commission for their work on zoning ordinances,  
29 commenting that it may stop unwanted development. Mr. DeBlauw also recognized the  
30 dedication of the Schieber family and friends who have driven to a number of meetings  
31 throughout the borough.

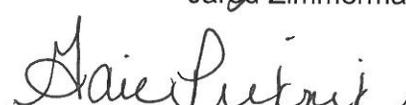
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33 David EVANS thanked Steve Jones for his comments regarding the zoning ordinances, and  
34 emphasized the need to public education and discussion regarding these ordinances.

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36 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

37 The next regular meeting will be held on December 10, 2014 at the Anderson School: Public  
38 Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

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40 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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43 APPROVED:   
44 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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47 ATTEST:  Date Approved: DECEMBER 10, 2014  
48 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk