

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
December 11, 2013

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Deputy Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell
8 at 6:04 PM.
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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Dave TALERICO, Don DE
11 BLAUW, Paddy TATUM and Rusty LASELL. Absent: Rick WEIBEL and David EVANS.
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13 ORDINANCE 13-13, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$24,000 from the General Fund
14 for expenditures related to grant 13EMPG-34457
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16 There were no comments.
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18 ORDINANCE 13-14, Version A: An ordinance setting the Denali Borough Solid Waste Tipping Fee
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20 There were no comments.
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22 ORDINANCE 13-15, Version A: An ordinance to create a finance committee
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24 There were no comments.
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26 ORDINANCE 13-16, Version B: An ordinance to increase the Mayor's annual salary from \$65,000
27 to \$81,000
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29 There were no comments.
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31 ORDINANCE 13-17, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code Chapter 3.35
32 titled Procurement Procedures and Contracting Standards
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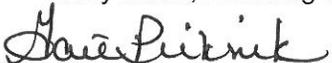
34 There were no comments.
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36 ORDINANCE 13-18, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances
37 Chapter 5.05 titled Denali Borough School District
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39 There were no comments.
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41 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:06 PM.
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44 APPROVED: 
45 Rusty Lasell, Presiding Officer

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47 ATTEST:  Date Approved: JANUARY 8, 2014
48 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
Anderson School
December 11, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Paddy TATUM, David TALERICO, Don DEBLAUW, David EVANS and Rusty LASELL. Absent: Richard WEIBEL. David EVANS arrived at 6:24.

Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to excuse Mr. WEIBEL. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

ASSEMBLY SEAT APPOINTMENT:

Seat A: Jill Boelsma

David TALERICO MOVED to appoint Jill Boelsma to Assembly Seat A. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

OATH OF OFFICE

Gail Pieknik, Denali Borough Clerk, administered the oath of office to Jill Boelsma, Assembly Seat A. The new member took her respective seat on the assembly.

SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

David TALERICO MOVED to nominate Rusty LASELL as Presiding Officer. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER:

Paddy TATUM MOVED to nominate Jared ZIMMERMAN as Deputy Presiding Officer. David TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Johnson, Anderson School student, gave a short presentation on the Anderson School Nature Trail. The nature trail is a year-long project, reaching from the school playground to the soccer field. Trees along the trail have been cleared, with downed trees being used to line the trail. Students have built bird houses to be posted along the trail. There are plans to extend the trail, which is open to the public as well as students, with a two to three year timeline.

Hannah Ragland, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident, welcomed new members to the assembly, and commented on a recent Friends of Stampede meeting regarding borough land classification. Ms. Ragland noted that the planning commission has been working on the classification chapter for roughly two and half years, and are currently on their fifteenth draft. Such a long process causes the public to lose interest and inhibits the ability of the public to follow the progress of the revision. Ms. Ragland also noted that classification of land has been accomplished

1 on a piecemeal basis, and suggested a timeline be established for the completion of land
2 classification with active lease areas being given priority.

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4 AGENDA

5 David TALERICO MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Jill BOELSMA seconded. David
6 TALERICO moved to add a communication from the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department (TVVFD)
7 as item 2 under Communications and Appearances. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show
8 of hands on the amendment was unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands on the main motion to
9 approve the agenda was unanimous.

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11 Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell called a meeting recess at 6:26 pm. During the recess, Borough Clerk
12 Gail Pieknik administered the oath of office to David Evans, Assembly Seat D. Mr. Evans took his
13 seat on the assembly. The meeting reconvened at 6:27 pm.

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15 MINUTES

16 October 9, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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18 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to approve the October 9, 2013 public hearing and regular meeting
19 minutes as presented. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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21 November 7, 2013 Canvass Committee Meeting

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23 Paddy TATUM MOVED to approve the November 7, 2013 Canvass Committee meeting minutes.
24 David TALERICO seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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26 November 7, 2013 Assembly Special Meeting to Certify the Election

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28 Jill BOELSMA MOVED to approve the November 7, 2013 Assembly Special meeting minutes. Jared
29 ZIMMERMAN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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31 November 13, 2013 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

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33 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to approve the November 13, 2013 Assembly Public Hearing and
34 Regular Meeting minutes. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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36 REPORTS

37 September and October 2013 Financial Reports

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39 David TALERICO MOVED to receive the September 2013 and October 2013 financial reports.
40 Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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42 PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS

43 Seat D: Mark Menke

44 Seat H: Sid Michaels

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46 Mayor Walker appointed Mark Menke and Sid Michaels to planning commission seats D and H,
47 respectively. Mayor Walker noted that Mr. Menke submitted his application to the planning
48 commission with reservations, and will serve in as much a capacity as possible, while being willing

1 to step down if there are more individuals interested in a seat from his district. David TALERICO
2 MOVED to confirm the seat appointments as listed. David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of
3 hands was unanimous.

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5 MAYOR'S REPORT

6 Mayor Clay Walker thanked those in attendance for coming, new assembly members for stepping
7 up, and noted that a slim election ballot resulted in a diverse assembly. An application to Assembly
8 Seat B is expected to be on the January meeting agenda to round out the assembly. Mayor Walker
9 reported that a Mayor's Community Service Award has been created to allow Denali Borough
10 residents to recognize citizens of the borough who have performed extraordinary volunteer service,
11 and encourage all to complete a nomination form by the January 31 deadline. The award will be
12 presented on Saturday, February 22 during Winterfest activities.

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14 Mayor Walker reported on his participation in the Alaska Municipal League's (AML) Fall Conference,
15 where he attended a number of workshops. The Governor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 budget contains
16 a \$3 billion transfer to the state's retirement trust fund, which would decrease the system's unfunded
17 debt. State revenue sharing funds will be tight in FY2015. Mayor Walker noted that the borough
18 needs to be as self-sufficient as possible during a time of decreasing state funding. The Denali
19 Borough is named in the Nenana Area Borough Study, which assembly members have received and
20 is worthwhile reading.

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22 Denali Borough resident Terry Hinman has been attending Alaska Gas Development Advisory
23 Council meetings to glean information regarding the project. Mayor Walker stressed that the Denali
24 Borough needs to be informed on this project, and reported that he will attend meetings on an
25 alternating basis with Mr. Hinman.

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27 A Request for Proposals was put out for the Cantwell School Sprinkler project design, with USKH
28 selected as the design firm. The project has an aggressive timeline, with work to be done possibly
29 summer of 2014. The school district asbestos response project is moving forward. Mayor Walker
30 emphasized the importance of the presence of a maintenance director to work with the borough on
31 projects and to facilitate communication. At the Fall joint work session with the school board, a work
32 session was requested for February or March 2014 to discuss capital projects.

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34 A "tri-borough" gathering to include the assemblies of the Matanuska-Susitna, Fairbanks, and Denali
35 Boroughs is tentatively planned for February 23, the Sunday of Winterfest weekend. Mayor Walker
36 attended a legislative open house in Fairbanks, and met with Representative Guttenberg as well as
37 other legislators, discussing the Stampede Recreation Area and FY2015 legislative requests.

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39 Assembly members received a copy of the recent Alaska Department of Environmental
40 Conservation (DEC) inspection of the landfill, which returned a score of 99 – the highest in the
41 history of the borough. Mayor Walker congratulated the landfill staff on their accomplishment.

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43 The lack of a quorum for the November regular meeting resulted in several assembly actions having
44 fairly short timelines. Per Denali Borough Code, Ordinance 13-14 regarding tipping fees would not
45 take effect until six months after its approval date, and the borough is currently negotiating a contract
46 with the Department of Defense, for which action on this item would be helpful.

1 SCHOOL REPORT

2 There was no school report.

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4 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

5 Paddy TATUM had no comment.

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7 Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked new assembly members for stepping up to serve the borough, thanked
8 staff members who worked on the election, and apologized for missing November meetings. Mr.
9 Zimmerman attended the classification meeting at Panguingue Creek, and was impressed with the
10 responsibility the borough has for its land and the importance of doing good things with it. The
11 Nenana Area Borough Options study is an interesting read. Mr. Zimmerman also suggested that the
12 assembly may want to pass a resolution in support of the Stampede Recreation Area.

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14 David TALERICO commented that he is excited to be back on the assembly, and that he
15 appreciated Mayor Walker's support. Mr. Talerico noted that representation at the state level will
16 likely be changing, and the Denali Borough may be in a completely different House district than in
17 the past. Mr. Talerico disclosed that he has been courted to participate in the new redistricting plan,
18 and may be considering that.

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20 David EVANS commented on the good attendance at the meeting, apologized for arriving late,
21 and welcomed new members to the assembly. Mr. Evans noted that a land survey is currently in
22 progress for borough land between Stampede Road and Dry Creek, which is very nice property.
23 It is important that the planning commission do the right thing with the land.

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25 Don DEBLAUW thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting, and commented that he
26 will do his best as an assembly member.

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28 Jill BOELSMA commented that she is excited to be involved in the assembly and thanked the
29 assembly for the opportunity to serve.

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31 Rusty LASELL thanked assembly members for serving and thanked the public for attending the
32 meeting.

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34 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES:

35 Correspondence from the City of Anderson request for \$15,000 to fund pumper truck repair
36 Samantha Thompson, Mayor of the City of Anderson, noted that the Fire Chief and Public Works
37 Foreman were unavailable for the meeting, and that she would answer questions regarding the
38 request for funds to be best of her ability. The estimate quoted in the letter was a quote for the
39 worst case scenario of repairs, and that the city is currently using the fire department pumper
40 truck to flush the city sewer. The request for funding is urgent because it is not clear how long
41 the matching funding from Village Safe Water would be available. It was noted that the current
42 Denali Borough budget is tight, but unspent funds appropriated for the Anderson Fire
43 Department could be reallocated for this amount. Mayor Thompson commented that the amount
44 of the request is nearly the full Fire Department budget.

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46 Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell called a meeting recess at 7:15 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:31
47 pm.

1 Correspondence from the Tri-Valley Volunteer Fire Department requesting DESA
2 reapportionment

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4 Presiding Officer Rusty Lasell vacated the chair to Deputy Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at
5 7:32 pm.

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7 Rusty Lasell described the request that funds appropriated to the Denali Emergency Services
8 Association (DESA) be reallocated toward a purchase of a ladder truck for the Tri-Valley Fire
9 Department, noting that funds allocated for a 911 dispatch service increase will not all be
10 needed, and a ladder truck is available for bid for only a short time. It was noted that DESA is a
11 joint association of the Tri-Valley, McKinley Village, and Cantwell Volunteer Fire Departments.
12 Mr. Lasell stated that the members of DESA support the reallocation, but no documentation of
13 the support was provided.

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15 David TALERICO MOVED to reallocate \$18,000 from budget line item 5100 from DESA 911
16 dispatch contract to new item DESA ladder truck. David EVANS seconded. The roll call VOTE
17 was unanimous.

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19 Presiding Office Rusty Lasell resumed the chair at 7:48 pm.

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21 DRAFT ORDINANCES:

22 ORDINANCE 13-19: An ordinance appropriating up to \$63,650 from the General Fund for
23 reimbursable expenditures related to grant 13SHSP-GR34078

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25 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 13-19. David TALERICO seconded. Mayor Clay
26 Walker noted that the grant for heart monitors for the Tri-Valley Fire Department has been
27 awarded, and the grant agreement signed. Grant expenditures are fully reimbursable. The roll
28 call VOTE was unanimous.

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30 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-19 to the next meeting. David EVANS
31 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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33 PENDING ORDINANCES:

34 ORDINANCE 13-13, Version A: An ordinance appropriating up to \$24,000 from the General Fund
35 for expenditures related to grant 13EMPG-34457

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37 David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 13-13, Version A. David TALERICO seconded.
38 Mayor Walker explained that this grant has been received for a number of years, and goes
39 toward salary and benefits of the Emergency Services Director position. The roll call VOTE was
40 unanimous.

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42 ORDINANCE 13-14, Version A: An ordinance setting the Denali Borough Solid Waste Tipping
43 Fees

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45 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to adopt Ordinance 13-14, Version A. Paddy TATUM seconded.
46 Mayor Walker noted that it will be six years this summer since the last tipping fee adjustment.
47 The consumer price index is the basis for the proposed adjustment, and there is a six month lead
48 time required per Denali Borough Code. It was noted that fees at similar operations in Alaska are

1 higher than those proposed in the ordinance, and that this is one of the very few fees that
2 citizens of the Denali Borough pay. Mayor Walker has discussed the fee increase with the public
3 hauler, and they have no comment. The roll call VOTE to adopt Ordinance 13-14, Version A was
4 unanimous.

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6 ORDINANCE 13-15, Version A: An ordinance to create a finance committee
7 David TALERICO MOVED to adopt Ordinance 13-15, Version A. David EVANS seconded.
8 Mayor Clay Walker noted that a finance committee is desired to provide input on budgeting and
9 investment decisions. The VOTE by roll call was unanimous.

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11 ORDINANCE 13-16, Version B: An ordinance to increase the Mayor's annual salary from
12 \$65,000 to \$81,000

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14 David TALERICO MOVED to amend Ordinance 13-16, Version B by striking the phrase "and
15 approved by a majority vote at the next regular election" from Section 4. Jared ZIMMERMAN
16 seconded. It was noted that per Denali Borough Code, the assembly is charged with setting the
17 mayor's salary. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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19 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 13-16, Version B to the next meeting.
20 Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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22 ORDINANCE 13-17, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code Chapter 3.35
23 titled Procurement Procedures and Contracting Standards

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25 David TALERICO MOVED to adopt Ordinance 13-17, Version A. Jill BOELSMA seconded.
26 Mayor Clay Walker noted that this is a code update, which has not been done since 1990. The
27 roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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29 ORDINANCE 13-18, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances
30 Chapter 5.05 titled Denali Borough School District

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32 David TALERICO MOVED to adopt Ordinance 13-18, Version A. David EVANS seconded. The
33 roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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35 RESOLUTIONS

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37 RESOLUTION 13-15: A resolution to reappoint check signers to the Denali Borough accounts
38 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 13-15. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The roll call VOTE
39 was unanimous.

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41 RESOLUTION 13-16: A resolution extending appreciation and gratitude to Gordon Carlson for the
42 time and energy he dedicated to the Denali Borough Assembly

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44 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 13-16. David TALERICO seconded. The roll call
45 VOTE was unanimous.

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47 RESOLUTION 13-17: A resolution extending appreciation and gratitude to Steve Anastasia for the
48 time and energy he dedicated to the Denali Borough Assembly

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2 Jared ZIMMERMAN MOVED to approve Resolution 13-17. David TALERICO seconded. The roll call
3 VOTE was unanimous.
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5 RESOLUTION 13-18: A resolution extending appreciation and gratitude to Terry Asbury for the time
6 and energy he dedicated to the Denali Borough Assembly
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8 Paddy TATUM MOVED to approve Resolution 13-18. Jared ZIMMERMAN seconded. The roll call
9 VOTE was unanimous.
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11 RESOLUTION 13-19: A resolution supporting the extension and full funding of Payment in Lieu of
12 Taxes (PILT) from the Federal Government
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14 David TALERICO MOVED to approve Resolution 13-19. Paddy TATUM seconded. Mayor Clay
15 Walker explained that the Denali Borough received \$304,000 this year from PILT funding. The roll
16 call VOTE was unanimous.
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18 RESOLUTION 13-20: A resolution identifying state of Alaska budget requests for fiscal year 2015
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20 David TALERICO MOVED to approve Resolution 13-20. Jill BOELSMA seconded. The roll call
21 VOTE was unanimous.
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23 OTHER BUSINESS
24 Administrator's Annual Work Plan on Denali Borough real property per DBC 4.10.030
25 David TALERICO MOVED to approve Draft B of the Administrator's Annual Work Plan. Jared
26 ZIMMERMAN seconded. A point of discussion that followed was the importance of an inventory for
27 which the borough has management authority, and that uses are clarified. The VOTE by show of
28 hands was unanimous.
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30 PUBLIC COMMENTS
31 Hannah Ragland, Panguingue Creek Subdivision resident, thanked the assembly for their work
32 on Borough affairs, and commented that the borough currently holds leases, and that leased
33 land should be classified. Ms. Ragland commented that letters of support are needed for the
34 Stampede Recreation Area.
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36 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS
37 Jill BOELSMA and Jared ZIMMERMAN had no comment.
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39 Don DEBLAUW commented that he will be unable to attend the next two meetings.
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41 Paddy TATUM welcomed new assembly members.
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43 David EVANS noted Healy Hockey's upcoming Christmas on Ice and alumni game, and
44 commented on the importance of borough planning, land classification and disposal efforts.
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46 Dave TALERICO commented that he is happy to be serving as an assembly member. It is a
47 different role than what he has grown accustomed to.
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1 Rusty LASELL commented that Healy will see housing of about 700 people within a three acre
2 area this summer, and that at some point, the borough may be forced to look at zoning.

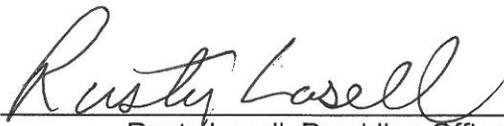
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4 Mayor Clay Walker commended the assembly for accomplishing a lot of work in a short period of
5 time at tonight's meeting.

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7 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

8 The next regular meeting will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center, Healy, Alaska on
9 Wednesday, January 8, 2014: Public Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

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11 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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16 ATTEST:  Date Approved: JANUARY 8, 2014
17 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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23 APPROVED: 
24 Rusty Lasell, Presiding Officer
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