

Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
Anderson School  
December 14, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Rusty LASELL, John WINKLMANN, Gordon CARLSON, Robert KOHLSDORF, and Paddy TATUM. Absent: David EVANS, Clay WALKER, Terry ASBURY and Cyrus COOPER

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

APPROVED:   
Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  Date Approved: January 11, 2012  
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
2 **Denali Borough Assembly**  
3 **Anderson School**  
4 **December 14, 2011**  
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7 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Robert KOHLSDORF called the regular meeting to  
8 order at 6:01 PM. Mayor David Talerico led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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10 ROLL CALL:

11 Assembly members present: Rusty LASELL, John WINKLMANN, Robert KOHLSDORF,  
12 Paddy TATUM, and Gordon CARLSON. Absent: Cyrus COOPER and Terry ASBURY. Clay  
13 WALKER arrived at 6:04 PM. David EVANS arrived at 6:06 PM.  
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15 John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Cyrus Cooper. Gordon CARLSON seconded. The  
16 VOTE by show of hands was 5-1 with Robert KOHLSDORF opposed.  
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18 PUBLIC COMMENTS

19 There were no public comments.  
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21 AGENDA

22 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the agenda as submitted. David EVANS seconded.  
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24 John WINKLMANN MOVED to delete number 1 under Other Business "Approval of the  
25 Denali Borough Comprehensive Plan" and move number 2 and 3 up on the agenda. Clay  
26 WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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28 The VOTE by show of hands on the main motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.  
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30 MINUTES

31 November 13, 2011 Canvass Committee Meeting –

32 David EVANS MOVED to approve the November 13, 2011 Canvass Committee minutes as  
33 submitted. John WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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35 November 13, 2011 Special Meeting to certify the election -

36 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the November 13, 2011 Special Meeting minutes as  
37 submitted. Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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39 November 16, 2011 Assembly Public Hearing-

40 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the November 16, 2011 public hearing minutes as  
41 submitted. Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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1 November 16, 2011 Assembly Regular Meeting-  
2 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve the November 16, 2011 regular meeting minutes as  
3 submitted. David EVANS seconded. Gordon CARLSON asked that a typographical error  
4 on page 5, line 16 be corrected. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 6 REPORTS

##### 7 October 2011 Financial Report

8 David EVANS MOVED to receive the October 2011 financial report. Paddy TATUM  
9 seconded. Clay WALKER asked for clarification of Total Expense Percentage of Budget on  
10 page 2. Borough Treasurer Annette Ziegman will look into it and report back at the next  
11 meeting. The VOTE by show of hands on the motion to receive the financial report was  
12 unanimous.  
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#### 14 MAYOR'S REPORT

15 Mayor Dave Talerico reported that the Alaska Municipal League (AML) legislative fly-in will  
16 be held February 7-9, 2012, and encouraged Assembly members to attend. Mayor Talerico  
17 also noted that AML has several active committees in which Assembly members could  
18 participate via teleconference, and directed them to akml.com for more information.  
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20 Chris Aadnesen, President and CEO of the Alaska Railroad, has confirmed his attendance  
21 at the January 11 work session to discuss the Alaska Railroad strategic plan. Mayor  
22 Talerico will be out of the office February 29 through March 12 to attend the National  
23 Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference in Washington, DC as AML  
24 representative.  
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26 The Mayor presented Assembly members with a list of items purchased with Homeland  
27 Security grants for the year 2003 through 2006, as well as copies of the general ledger and  
28 audited financial reports for all transactions related to the grants.  
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#### 30 SCHOOL REPORT

31 The Denali Borough School District Superintendent was not in attendance. Mayor Talerico  
32 commended maintenance worker Jon Bailey for his work on lighting improvements at all  
33 three Borough schools.  
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#### 35 PLANNING COMMISSION

36 Denali Borough Planning Commission Mayor's seat appointments –

37 Seat A: Julia Potter

38 Seat E: William Mitchell

39 Seat I: Patricia Griggs

40 Clay WALKER MOVED to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Commission.

41 Rusty LASELL seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.  
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#### 43 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

44 Gordon CARLSON, Paddy TATUM, Clay WALKER and Rusty LASELL had no  
45 comment.

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2 David EVANS apologized for arriving late and welcomed new Assembly members.

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4 Robert KOHLSDORF and John WINKLMANN welcomed new Assembly members.

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6 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST

7 **Gary Hutchison, CPA, Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison, to review the Denali Borough**  
8 **Fiscal Year (FY)2011 audit.**

9 Garry Hutchison, CPA with Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison, reported that the 2011 financial  
10 audit is complete, with an opinion issued on September 15, 2011. The audit was completed  
11 earlier than past years, and showed positive results. Mr. Hutchison directed the attention of  
12 the Assembly to the financial report and highlighted several reports that show the borough  
13 to be in a strong financial position. Overnight accommodations revenue from FY2010 to  
14 FY2011 was flat. Revenues generated from the landfill were roughly \$100,000 less in  
15 FY2011 than FY2010.

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17 Mr. Hutchison noted that details for grant funding are included in the audit, and that there  
18 was an issue with a bank error during FY2011 regarding collateralization of assets, that the  
19 issue was discovered internally, and was successfully resolved.

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21 **Gary Hutchison, CPA, discussion to determine the scope of work for the volunteer**  
22 **fire department fixed asset audit.**

23 Garry Hutchison, CPA with Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison, explained to the Assembly that it is  
24 a good idea to require accountability from organizations to which you provide money or  
25 assets as part of the stewardship process. Records are required in order to be able to  
26 conduct an audit. Mr. Hutchison recommended that, if the Assembly would like to audit  
27 inventory items from entities benefitting from Denali Borough grants, an inventory first be  
28 requested from the entities themselves.

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30 Points of discussion that followed include the need to apply requirements to all grant  
31 beneficiaries equally, what those requirements would be, if money spent on grant items  
32 should be considered true Borough expenditures, how grant revenue and expenditures are  
33 accounted for and reported to the Assembly, and what approval is needed for grant  
34 expenses

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36 Presiding Officer Robert Kohlsdorf called a meeting recess at 7:29 PM. The meeting  
37 resumed at 7:46 PM.

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39 Garry Hutchison suggested the monthly financial report to the Assembly include a general  
40 journal report by classification.

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42 DRAFT ORDINANCES

43 ORDINANCE 11-22: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Charter, Section 4.03 of  
44 Article IV, regarding the Mayor's Term Limit.

1 John WINKLMANN MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-22. The motion failed for lack of a  
2 second.

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4 ORDINANCE 11-23: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,  
5 Chapter 8 titled Elections.

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7 Clay WALKER MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-23. Gordon CARLSON seconded. The  
8 roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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10 John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-23 to the next meeting. David  
11 EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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13 ORDINANCE 11-24: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter  
14 6.45 adding Section 6.15.071 titled Biohazard Materials, Containers and Regulated Waste.

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16 Rusty LASELL MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-24. Clay WALKER seconded. Mayor  
17 David Talerico explained there have been issues with unacceptable waste being deposited  
18 at the landfill, and that there is a cost to the borough associated with handling the material.  
19 There have been about eighteen incidents in the last year, a portion them repeat offenders,  
20 with two incidents in the last three weeks. Points of discussion that followed include what  
21 constitutes medical waste, the liability the Borough may incur having the material onsite,  
22 and the enforceability of consequences contained within the Ordinance.

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24 The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 11-24 was unanimous.

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26 Evans MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-24 to the next meeting. John WINKLMANN  
27 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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29 ORDINANCE 11-25: An ordinance approving amendments to the Denali Borough  
30 Comprehensive Plan.

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32 John WINKLMANN MOVED to introduce Ordinance 11-25. Clay WALKER seconded. The  
33 roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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35 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 11-25 to the next meeting. John  
36 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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38 RESOLUTIONS:

39 RESOLUTION 11-25: A resolution to reappoint check signers to the Denali Borough  
40 accounts.

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42 Gordon CARLSON MOVED to approve Resolution 11-25. David EVANS seconded.

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44 David EVANS MOVED to amend by adding Robert KOHLSDORF as a check signer. John  
45 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE on the amendment by show of hands was unanimous.

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2 The roll call VOTE on the main motion to approve Resolution 11-25 was unanimous.

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4 RESOLUTION 11-26: A resolution identifying state of Alaska budget requests for fiscal year  
5 2013.

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7 David EVANS MOVED to postpone Resolution 11-26 to the next meeting. John  
8 WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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10 RESOLUTION 11-27: A resolution encouraging the Governor of the state of Alaska and the  
11 state of Alaska Legislature to provide Capital Budget funding for the Alaska Department of  
12 Transportation to upgrade rural roads into state subdivisions.

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14 Clay WALKER MOVED to approve Resolution 11-27. John WINKLMANN seconded.

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16 WINKLMANN MOVED to add "within the Denali Borough" at the end of the Resolution title.  
17 Clay WALKER seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was 6-1 with Gordon CARLSON  
18 opposed.

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20 The roll call VOTE on the main motion to approve Resolution 11-27 was unanimous.

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22 OTHER BUSINESS

23 **Liquor Licenses/Restaurant Designation Permits:**

24 Type: Transfer ownership  
25 License: Mountain View Liquor – License number 170  
26 Nathan Merryman  
27 Location: Healy Spur Road, Healy Alaska

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29 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve the transfer of ownership to Nathan Merryman.  
30 David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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32 PUBLIC COMMENTS

33 There were no public comments.

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35 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

36 Rusty LASELL thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and commented  
37 that he will do his best as an Assembly member.

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39 Clay WALKER thanked newly elected Assembly members for their service, and  
40 commented that he will bring a resolution to the next meeting in support of continuing  
41 traditional non-motorized hunting within the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A.

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43 Paddy TATUM and John WINKLMANN welcomed new Assembly members.

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2 Robert KOHLSDORF thanked those in attendance for coming and commented that he  
3 would like to attend the AML Legislative Fly-in.  
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5 John WINKLMANN MOVED to approve Robert Kohlsdorf's travel to the February 2012  
6 AML legislative fly-in. Paddy TATUM seconded. John WINKLMANN MOVED to amend  
7 the motion to add approval of David Evans' travel to the February 2012 AML legislative  
8 fly-in. Paddy TATUM seconded. The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment was  
9 unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands on the main motion to approve travel was  
10 unanimous.  
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12 David EVANS commented that a request should be made to the legislature for funding  
13 for a new Borough office. He also thanked Rusty Lasell and Paddy Tatum for serving on  
14 the Assembly.  
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16 Gordon CARLSON asked how many meetings an Assembly member is allowed to miss  
17 without action on the part of the Assembly. Denali Borough Charter 2.05 states that an  
18 elected official shall forfeit his or her office after three consecutive unexcused absences  
19 from regular meetings.  
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21 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING:

22 The next regular meeting of the Borough Assembly will be held at the Tri-Valley  
23 Community Center in Healy on January 11, 2012; Work Session with Alaska Railroad at  
24 5:00 Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.  
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26 ADJOURN: The presiding officer adjourned the regular meeting at 9:09 pm.  
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29 APPROVED:   
30 Robert Kohlsdorf, Presiding Officer  
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33 ATTEST:   
34 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk  
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37 Date Approved: January 11, 2012