



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 12, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Delores Barr	Austin Swan (late)
Miles Cleveland Sr.	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson
Dood Carr	Nathan Hadley Jr.		

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lucy S. Nelson	Matt Mead	Helena Hildreth	Martha Hensley
Aucha Kameroff	Angel Jones	Nathan Kotch Jr.	

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Nelson requested to move Item F. Resolutions before Item E. Oath of Office.

Member Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Member Sampson seconded. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 20-70** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 6, 2020 General Election results.

Ms. Angel Jones, Canvass Election Chair, presented the Northwest Arctic Borough General Election results from October 6, 2020. The official results presented with Resolution 20-70 for Assembly approval did not include the absentee and question ballot totals; however, those absentee and question ballots did not change the election



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outcomes, and the official result totals were subsequently updated and have been included with the official record for Resolution 20-70 and the 2020 General Election.

Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 20-70; Member Loon seconded. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk, conducted the Oath of Office for incoming Assembly members: Tanya Ballot, District 3, Seat E; Hannah Loon, District 4 Seat G; Sandy Shroyer Beaver, District 4 Seat H.

President Hadley congratulated the incoming Assembly members.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Assembly Armstrong congratulated the incumbents and is looking forward to working with them.

Member Swan congratulated the returning members and also to the newly elected Ms. Tanya Ballot.

Member Barr thanked Member Oviok for his service and congratulated the incoming members.

Member Cleveland congratulated the incoming members Member Shroyer Beaver, Member Loon and Member Ballot. He will miss Member Oviok and to he requested that Member Oviok continue to keep us in prayers.

Member Loon thanked those who have voted for her and to Kirk Oviok Jr. for his service on the Assembly. She congratulated incoming candidate Ms. Tanya Ballot and welcomed back Member Shroyer Beaver. Member Loon commented that it is a low turnout for voters and encouraged voters to come out to vote on November 3, 2020.

Member Sampson thanked the voters for showing up at the polls even though the percentage is low and reminded them their voice is included with their vote. He commented that his AML Board seat is up and he will look for direction from the Assembly if they would like him to seek office again on the AML board.

Member Oviok commented that we need to continue to support each other. He congratulated the incoming members and we are thankful for others to serve on the assembly also. He was happy to listen to concerns from the villages in our borough.



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Incoming Member Ballot commended Member Oviok for the good work he has done representing Selawik and Buckland on the Assembly and village level. She commented that we will continue to work together on the village level and she congratulated Member Shroyer Beaver and Member Loon for retaining their seats and that she is ready to move forward.

Mayor Shroyer Beaver thanked Ms. Martha Whiting for her years of service at the Borough. She congratulated the incoming members and thanked Member Oviok for serving on the assembly and that she looks forward to continue working with him in some capacity. She encouraged everyone to come to the polls to vote at the next national presidential election.

Member Carr thanked the constituents for coming to the polls to vote. She thanked Canvass Chair Angel Jones and the Election boards for their good work on the General Election Day. She wished Member Oviok well as he will be missed. She thanked Ms. Whiting for the great job she did at the Borough and she thanked the Assembly for meeting virtually and the work needs to be continued. Lastly, she thanked the Mayor and her administration for another good year and taking care of business.

President Hadley reported that October 22, 2020 will be the last day for anyone interested signing up with the letter of interest for former member Joule's Assembly Seat J, representing Kotzebue, Krusenstern, Hotham Inlet, and Igichuk Hills. He thanked Member Oviok for his good representation serving on the Assembly and he sees the passion he has for representing the younger generation and the people of Selawik and Buckland. He congratulated Member's Loon and Shroyer Beaver and Ballot. Lastly, he read the preamble of the Northwest Arctic Borough Charter and encouraged the members to review the Home rule charter and their roles as members of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. The State budget is concerning and it is important that we pay close attention to at this time.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nelson commented on the importance of exercising our right to vote and following protocols of social distancing from the pandemic during this time as well. She thanked all the Election Chairs and Board, Canvass Committee for their work. She also thanked Member Oviok for his service on the Assembly and congratulated the incoming members Shroyer Beaver, Loon and Ballot. She read the public notice for the vacancy of District 4 Seat J formally held by Member Reggie Joule.

Member Loon requested that the Election committee meet before the next election. She thanked NANA for providing rides for the Elders to come to the polls and added that if we provided rides for the disabled and elders, the percentage of voter turnout will be higher.



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ADJOURNMENT

Member Carr motioned, Member Sampson seconded to adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:41 A.M.