

Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – 9:00 A.M. Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided the invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Loon encouraged safety when out walking on the roads as it is slippery and boating safety. She also encouraged drivers to let the children go across the walkway safety.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Delores Barr</i>	Miles Cleveland	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>	Austin Swan Sr.
Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson	Reid Magdanz
Nathan Hadley Jr.			

Assembly Members absent at the time of roll call:

Delores Carr (exc.)

Member Sampson motioned to excuse Member Carr, Member Loon seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

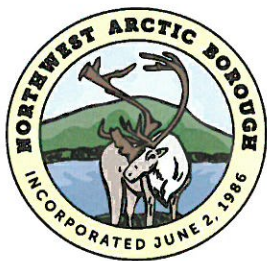
A quorum was present to conduct business.

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Dickie Moto Sr.	Sharon Kurz	<i>Richard Camilleri</i>	Angie Sturm
Clay Nordlum	Helena Hildreth	Shayne Schaeffer	Ingemar Mathiasson
Nettie Allen	Fritz Westlake	Ariana Erlich	Tessa Baldwin
<i>Saima Chase</i>	Carl Weisner	<i>Erin Stephens</i>	Hans Nelson
Wendy Chamberlain	Elizabeth Ferguson	Rick Warner	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivaliñiq, Kobuk Laugviik, Kotzebue Qikiqtagruk, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Selawik Akuliñaq, Shungnak Isiñnaq



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Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Director, requested to add Emergency Operations Plan to Item G. Communication and Appearances. Mr. Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, requested to remove G (2) Ambler Metals Update.

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2022.

Member Magdanz motioned to approve the July 26, 2022 Regular minutes as presented, Member Loon seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Mr. Craig Jones, Program Manager – Ambler Access Project

Mr. Craig Jones provided a brief update on the Ambler Access Project 2021 Field recap, Tribal Liaison program, Environment commitments, subsistence advisory council, 2022 proposed field work.

2. Ms. Wendy Chamberlain, Consultant

Ms. Wendy Chamberlain provided an update on a recent trip to Washington D.C. for lobbying efforts.

3. Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Directory – Emergency Management Operations

Mr. Baldwin, Public Services Director, provided a brief update on the Emergency Management Operations process after the recent fall storm that occurred over the weekend.

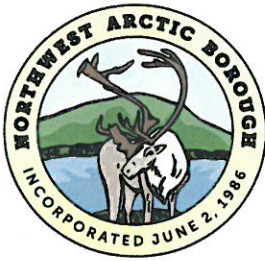
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

1. Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

Madam BAF Chair Shroyer Beaver reported the committee met and reviewed the resolutions, ordinances and recommended for approval by the full assembly.

2. Financial Report, Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer

Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, provided a summary of Expenditure and Revenue Financials for the month ending August 31, 2022.



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ASSEMBLY REPORT

Member Loon reported that she attended the Lobbying trip to Washington D.C. and she is thankful to Mayor Moto and his staff for organizing the trip and their lobbying effort presentations.

Member Magdanz reported that he also attended the lobbying efforts in D.C. such as the Noatak Road to Red Dog Port side road, future farms in Kiana, Selawik, Noorvik, and Ambler solar projects, housing issues, and public safety warm storage buildings in all the villages.

Member Cleveland thanked the staff for organizing the lobbying efforts trip in Washington D.C. He reported that he was involved with NANA as Tribal leader to meet up with the agencies regarding the Ambler Access Road. He would like to see a written approval from our native people and tribe to keep them in the loop of all future actions.

Member Shroyer Beaver commented that NIHA and IRA should include Kotzebue when considering building more homes because one home a year isn't enough for Kotzebue alone.

Member Sampson asked if the homeless shelter will be open and Ms. Tessa Baldwin reported that she would be happy to reach out to NIHA to find out. Ms. Elizabeth Ferguson, NANA, and a member of the NW Alaska Homeless Coalition provided a brief update on the homeless coalition and that there will be a strategy session on October 6, 2022.

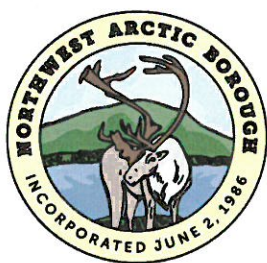
MAYORS REPORT

Acting Mayor Westlake allowed each Department Director to provide updates from their respective departments. Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Director, Mr. Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, Mr. Clay Nordlum, Planning Department Director, and Mr. Fritz Westlake, Community and Economic Development Director briefly highlighted their reports as presented in the meeting packet.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Acting Mayor Fritz recommended a Special Meeting on October 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM to certify the October 4, 2022 Election results. He also recommended a Regular meeting on October 24-25, 2022, with the BAF Work session Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 1:00 pm and the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 9:00 am.

By unanimous consent of the Assembly the next meeting dates of October 24-25, 2022, and Special Meeting of October 10, 2022 were recommended, as set in code.



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RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 22-51** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly recognizing the service and commitment of Sharon Kurz during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-51 and recommended approval. He thanked Ms. Sharon Kurz for her service in leading the coordinated COVID-19 response efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor Moto staff and Assembly presented Ms. Sharon Kurz with a bouquet of flowers until her plaque of appreciation arrives. Ms. Kurz thanked everyone for the kind gesture.

Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 22-51, seconded by Member Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

**A Fifteen-minute break was taken at 11:36 am.
The meeting reconvened from break at 11:50 am.**

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

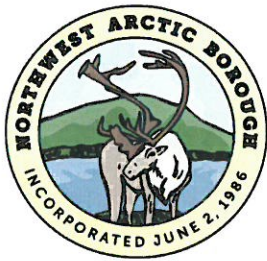
1. **Ordinance 22-08** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Code to update the Borough Procurement Code at Chapter 6.16, and for related purposes.*

Member Shroyer Beaver requested that this ordinance be discussed in depth at the Assembly Retreat.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Ordinance 22-08 and recommended approval for first reading.

Member Loon motioned to approve Ordinance 22-08 for first reading, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

2. **Ordinance 22-09** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving*



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amending the Borough Code to add Chapter 2.84 "Permanent Motor Vehicle and Trailer Registration."

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Ordinance 22-09 and recommended approval for first reading.

Member Loon motioned to approve Ordinance 22-09 for first reading, seconded by Member Magdanz. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

RESOLUTIONS CONT

1. Resolution 22-48 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly ratifying Karl Kowalski's appointment as the regional higher education nominee to the Community and Economic Development Commission.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-48 and recommended approval.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-48, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

2. Resolution 22-49 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Ratifying Raven Sheldon's appointment as the private business nominee to the Community and Economic Development Commission.

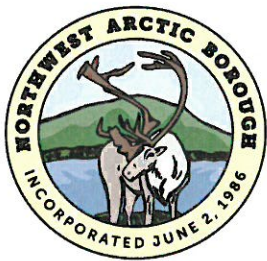
Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-49 and recommended approval.

Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 22-49, seconded by Member Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

3. Resolution 22-50 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly ratifying Billy Lee's appointment as the Utility Nominee to the Community Economic Development Commission.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-50 and recommended approval.

Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 22-50, seconded by Member Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.



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4. **Resolution 22-52** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting an FY23 Village Public Safety Officer Grant and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-52 and recommended approval.

Member Cleveland motioned to approve Resolution 22-52, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

5. **Resolution 22-53** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting the State of Alaska's FY23 Designated Legislative Grant for Public Safety Facilities.

Member Loon motioned to approve Resolution 22-53, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

6. **Resolution 22-54** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a lease with City of Kivalina for the Kivalina Shop, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-54 and recommended approval.

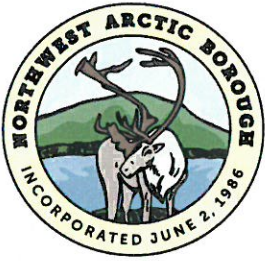
Member Loon motioned to approve Resolution 22-54, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

7. **Resolution 22-55** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly creating a Special Revenue for Fiscal Year 2017-2022 School Bond Debt Reimbursement Funds, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-55 and recommended approval.

Member Magdanz motioned to amend Resolution 22-55 by requesting to put \$4.25 million of this amount in the Sustainability Fund and the other half, \$4.25 million, in the Special Revenue Fund. Member Loon seconded the motion. The motion FAILED by a majority 5-4, with Member Barr absent during action.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-55, seconded by Member



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Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

8. Resolution 22-56 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Grant Application for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Teacher, Health Professional and Public Safety Housing Grant Program.

Acting Mayor Westlake summarized Resolution 22-56 and recommended approval.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-56, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Barr absent during action.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong thanked everyone for a good meeting and he expressed his condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

Member Swan commented that it is good to be back in a face-to-face meeting as it has been a trying time with his family but had good support.

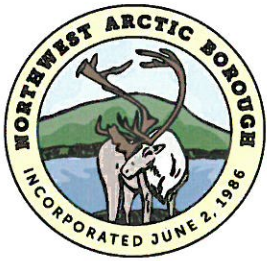
Member Loon thanked Mayor and the staff for working on their travel to D.C. and the good reports. She wished everyone safety during the rainy season.

Member Cleveland commented that it is good to be back in the meeting also and it is important to continue to move forward and he thanked the staff for doing an excellent job. He encouraged safety for everyone during the fall season.

Member Magdanz commented that it is good to have Members Swan and Cleveland back at the meetings. He commented that the housing issues are continued to being worked on by the administration.

Member Ballot thanked the Assembly and Staff for a good meeting. She commented that the meetings in D.C. were productive and she gave her condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.

Member Sampson thanked the Assembly for a good meeting and as we went through the COVID 19 pandemic, he wanted to thank the COVID taskforce that has seen us safely



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through. He gave his condolences to Victor Karmun's family and was discouraged that the Veterans issues was not part of the lobbying discussion in Washington, D.C.

Member Barr expressed her appreciation to the lobbying trip in Washington, D.C. and commended the borough staff for a job well done by presenting their projects to the U.S. Senators and Representatives. She gave her condolences to those who have lost loved ones and in the hospital.

Member Shroyer Beaver sent her condolences to those who lost their loved ones and to those in the Bering Straits area and Yukon Kuskokwim area who went through the massive storm and are facing aftereffects of flooding issues at this time. Lastly, she thanked the Mayor and staff for the work they do and this assembly wants the best for all the people in our region.

President Hadley thanked the clerks for answering their phones after their flight enroute to D.C. was cancelled. He thanked the staff for their reports and requested that the Mayor departmental reports be at the minimum of five minutes. He gave his condolences to families who have lost their loved ones and to Member Carr for her recent loss of her brother Victor Karmun.

Mr. Jim Bourquin, Kotzebue resident, gave a brief review of his broken water and sewer lines after every flood and that it is getting worse every year. He reported that the land behind town is eroding along the low-lying ground. He recommended that the city or the borough needs to plan on a seawall from behind town.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto thanked everyone for a good meeting and expressed his condolences to those who lost loved ones. He thanked the staff for stepping up and moving forward. He also thanked Legal for making sure we follow the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Loon motioned; Member Magdanz seconded to adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.