

# Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Telephonic Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

## CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Lincoln Carr called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

## INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided the invocation.

## SAFETY MOMENT

Member Shroyer Beaver encouraged everyone to drive safety and to be cautious of pedestrians crossing the streets at the crosswalks.

Mr. Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, commented about overflow hazards on the Noatak Portidge trail Mile 21. He encouraged snow go travelers to report hazards to the borough.

Member Loon encouraged safety for the young children as they like to play on snow piles and to be watchful for them.

## ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Tanya Ballot	Delores Barr	Miles Cleveland
Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson	Dood Lincoln Carr
Nathan Hadley Jr.	Austin Swan Sr.	Reid Magdanz	

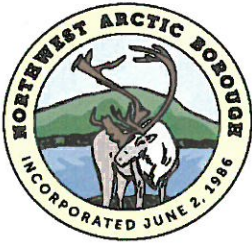
Introduction of Staff and Guests

Dickie Moto Sr.	Richard Camilleri	Angie Sturm	Eva Harvey
Helena Hildreth	Carl Weisner	Ingemar Mathiasson	Saima Chase
Hans Nelson	Tessa Baldwin	Wendy Chamberlain	Susan Georgette
Hiram Walker	Vern Cleveland	Toni Giardini	Shalon Harrington
John Chase	Jaylynn Rogers	Greta Schuerch	Sharon Kurz

**A quorum was present to conduct business.**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve the agenda as presented; Member Loon seconded. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**



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## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes of November 23, 2021 as presented.

**Member Loon motioned to approve the November 23, 2021 Regular minutes as presented, Member Cleveland seconded. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Sharon Kurz, Maniilaq Association

Ms. Sharon Kurz, provided a brief update on the COVID 19 cases and response in the Maniilaq Service Area.

2. Wendy Chamberlain, Lobbyist Update

Ms. Wendy Chamberlain, Consultant, provided a brief update on lobbying efforts.

**A Ten-minute break was taken at 10:13 am.**

**The meeting reconvened from break at 10:25 am.**

## BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

1. Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

Member Shroyer Beaver reported the committee met and reviewed the resolutions, ordinances and recommended for approval by the full assembly. She also added the Assembly discussed under Other Business NACO, Search and Rescue, AML, VPSO and upgrading our technical issues.

2. Financial Report, Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer

Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, provided a summary of Expenditure and Revenue Financials for the month ending November 30, 2021.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 21-13** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and for related purposes.*

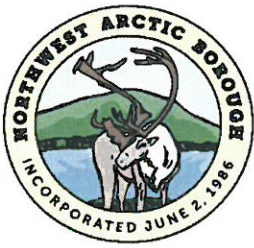
Mayor Moto recommended do pass for enactment of Ordinance 21-13. BAF Chair Shroyer Beaver reported that the BAF Work Session recommended do pass.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Ordinance 21-13, seconded by Member Sampson. A roll call was conducted and the motion unanimously.**

## ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Loon reported that she attended the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Retreat that was held in Anchorage Hilton Hotel on December 6-10, 2021. They heard departmental updates and presentations from State of Alaska Department of Public Safety and Department of Transportation, and the Denali Commission. She also attended the Incident Task Force





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meeting on December 16, 2021.

Member Madam BAF Chair Shroyer Beaver reported that all the resolutions and ordinances discussed at the BAF Work Session meeting were recommended do pass by the full Assembly.

Member Magdanz reported that he attended the NAB Assembly retreat held in Anchorage, Ak on December 6-10, 2021 and highlighted the discussion on the VPSO Program, resource development projects updates on the Red Dog Mine and the Ambler Mining District proposals, and the NAB revenue future.

## MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Dickie Moto Sr. allowed each Department Director to provide updates from their respective departments. Mr. Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Director and Ms. Eva Harvey, Planning Department Director briefly highlighted their reports as stated in the meeting packet.

Mayor Moto thanked Ms. Eva Harvey for her good work and dedication for her time working at the Northwest Arctic Borough.

Mr. Carl Weisner and Ms. Saima gave a brief update on trail staking in the borough. Selawik Wildlife Refuge Manager Ms. Susan Georgette commented that the trails and shelter cabins are important, and she commented that the Selawik Refuge would be interested in working with the Borough and assisting with funding for shelter cabins, and/or repair of them.

## TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Moto recommended a Regular meeting on January 24-25, 2022 with the BAF Work session Meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm and the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 9:00 am.

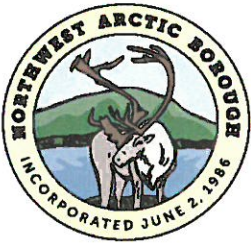
**By unanimous consent of the Assembly the next meeting dates of January 24-25, 2022 were recommended, as set in code.**

**A fifteen-minute break was taken at 10:30 am.**

**The meeting reconvened from break at 10:53 am.**

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 21-14** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Chapter 12.12 of the Borough Code to update the Fire Department Code, and for related purposes.*



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Ms. Tessa Baldwin highlighted Ordinance 21-14 and Mr. Carl Weisner, Acting Mayor Weisner, recommended approval.

**Member Sampson motioned to approve Ordinance 21-14 for first reading with enactment at the next Regular meeting, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.**

1. **Ordinance 21-15** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Chapter 10.06 of the Borough Code to update the Public Safety Commission Code, and for related purposes.*

Ms. Tessa Baldwin highlighted Ordinance 21-15. Acting Mayor Weisner summarized Ordinance 21-15 and recommended approval.

Ms. Wendy Chamberlain reported that she has been working with legislative public safety changes and this ordinance would be very helpful.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Ordinance 21-15 for first reading with enactment at the next Regular meeting, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted and the motion unanimously.**

## RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 21-65** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly supporting the creation of and participation in a Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the Northwest Arctic Borough.*

Mr. Richard Camilleri summarized Resolution 21-65 and Acting Mayor Weisner recommended approval.

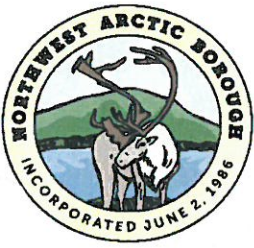
**Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 21-65, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted and the motion unanimously.**

2. **Resolution 21-66** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Ratifying the Mayor's appointment of Karla Head to the Community and Economic Development Commission.*

Acting Mayor Weisner summarized Resolution 21-66 and recommended approval.

**Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 21-66, seconded by Member Magdanz. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed Unanimously, 10-0 with Member Loon absent during action.**





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**3. Resolution 21-67** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly ratifying and extending the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster Emergency Proclamation for COVID-19 and the Omnicron Variant, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Weisner summarized Resolution 21-67 and recommended approval.

**Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 21-67, seconded by Member Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Resolution 21-68** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Approving an Assembly donation under the FY22 Budget for the Kobuk 440 Racing Association.

Acting Mayor Weisner summarized Resolution 21-68 and recommended approval. Vice President Lincoln Carr commented that previously she had requested what the funds would be used for. Acting Mayor Weisner commented that he can request a budget at the next Regular meeting.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 21-68, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed by a majority 10-1.**

**5. Resolution 21-69** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a request for funding to the Alaska Energy Authority's Renewable Energy fund Round 14 for the final design and permitting of Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Systems for the communities of Selawik, Noorvik, Ambler, and Kiana, and for related purposes.

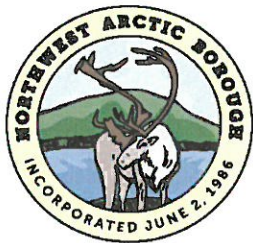
Acting Mayor Weisner summarized Resolution 21-69 and recommended approval.

**Member Swan motioned to approve Resolution 21-69, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted, and the motion unanimously.**

**6. Resolution 21-70** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Grant Application for the State of Alaska's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds toward a local Government Relief Grant Program.

Acting Mayor Weiser summarized Resolution 21-70 and recommended approval.

**Member Magdanz motioned to approve Resolution 21-70, seconded by Member**



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**Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion unanimously.**

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Member Swan commented about requesting a plaque in memory of an elder Lucy Adams for her children from Kivalina that recently passed away. Acting Mayor suggested that we also do that for another Elder in the region that recently passed.

Mr. John Chase, Planning Administrator, thanked the Assembly for approving Ordinance 21-13 regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He thanked former Planning Director Ms. Siikauraq Whiting for putting together a team to work on the plan and he also thanked Planning Director Ms. Eva Harvey for continuing the work to its completion. He also thanked former Mayor Nelson for urging them to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

## **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Shroyer Beaver commented about the eventual closure of the Red Dog Mine that is coming up soon and the Borough Assembly will have to work on prioritizing our needs, as education and public safety were the driving force for us to become a Borough. She commented about being mindful of creating committees and the possibility of meeting virtually or telephonically versus in person as these committees cost the borough additional funds to meet. Lastly she thanked Ms. Sharon Kurz from Maniilaq for providing a COVID 19 update and she commended the Maniilaq Hospital staff who has been working diligently for our resident during this pandemic.

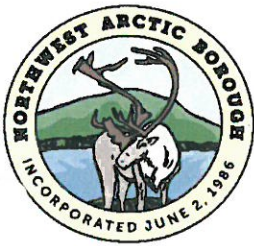
Member Loon thanked TECK for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds they have provided to the communities for infrastructure needs. She thanked Ms. Eva Harvey for a good job completing the comprehensive plan.

Member Magdanz recommended that we plan on utilizing the Assembly members travel budget to travel in the coming years to hear what the community's priorities are. He encouraged residents to continue to be cautious as the virus is still here and urged those who aren't vaccinated to seriously consider getting vaccinated. He expressed his condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.

Member Sampson thanked the COVID 19 Taskforce for their good work as the virus is not slowing down. He also thanked the Maniilaq Health Center staff who is working hard for conducting the testing and the doctors who are addressing these issues.

Member Armstrong expressed his condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and he thanked the administration and the assembly for the last two days of informative meetings.





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Member Cleveland reported that he voted NO on the Kobuk 440 racing association donation because he feels that it isn't beneficial for all residents. He thanked Ms. Eva Harvey for her work in the Planning Department and best wishes.

Member Ballot sent her condolences to those who have loved ones and she is sending her love and support. She thanked the Administration and the Assembly for their participation and hard work. She commented that this is the time for the leadership and residents in our communities to step up and work on getting their priorities in order. She wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Years and to be safe.

Member Barr thanked the administration for their hard work in preparation for this meeting. We had discussions in relation to all the needs of our constituents. She expressed her appreciation to Maniilaq Association for their COVID 19 update and gave her condolences to those who have lost loved ones. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Swan thanked Ms. Eva Harvey and the Planning Department for doing good work on the Comprehensive Plan. He wished everyone a Happy New Years.

Vice President Lincoln Carr thanked Ms. Eva Harvey and her Planning Department staff for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. She thanked the Public Safety Department with the new staff and working on services for our villages. She mentioned the Department of Public Safety Departments' presentation that was given at the Assembly retreat and that is a priority we will continue to work on. She is also thankful for the trails in our borough and is something that is ongoing, and she would like to see NWALT involved with it. She thanked Ms. Eva Harvey for her work on the Comprehensive Plan. She expressed her condolences to those who lost their loved ones. Lastly, she asked the Assembly and the administration for accountability.

President Hadley thanked the administration for their preparation for this meeting and he stressed the importance of working together. He gave his condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

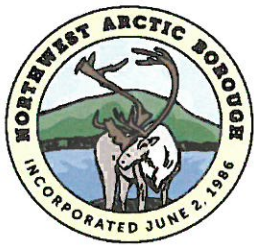
## **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Acting Weisner cautioned everyone to be careful in the upcoming storm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Loon motioned; Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM.

*Jellina Mildereth*



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