



**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes**
Monday, October 10, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers
Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

President Weisner added this to the agenda, and any meeting ahead. This is for anyone to share a short story or matter regarding safety. He mentioned that people are affected by seasonal affective disorder; behave differently. It's important to provide someone a listening ear.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Walter Sampson	Hannah Loon	Austin Swan Sr.
Nathan Hadley Jr.	Larry Westlake Sr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	<i>Pete Schaeffer</i>
Delores Carr	Tanya Ballot	Lucy Nelson	Carl Weisner

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Matt Mead	Angie Sturm	Winona Hawley
Patrick Savok	Brad Reich	Eugene Smith	Noah Naylor
Joe Carr	Helena Hildreth	Bonnie Nauska	Janine Bedford
Stella Atoruk			

Quorum established to conduct business.

(Telephonic)

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda has been present for October 10, 2016. Member Loon request to add Executive Session regarding budget and Ethics under other business. Acting Mayor Smith request to add a short report from the auditor. Member Sampson raised concern to a notice being published as a Special Meeting, any other agenda items pertaining to administration work besides the executive session; are we allowed to do that?

Member Westlake moved, seconded by Member Hadley to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 16-48** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 4, 2016 General Election Results.*

Acting Mayor Smith recommend due pass. Canvas Chairperson Nauska summarized Resolution 16-48. Member Sampson raised concern to Question Ballot not counted; which are not registered or registered in this area.

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 16-48; seconded by Member Loon. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

2. **Resolution 16-49** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a contract with Tekmate LLC for purchase and installation of a server for the Borough's Accounting Software, and for related purposes.*

Acting Mayor Smith summarized Resolution 16-49. Member Sampson raised concern that a resolution has been passed for the purchase of a server, is this a new resolution pertaining to that? Member Sampson raised concern to where the funds are coming from? General fund?

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 16-49; seconded by Member Loon. Member Schaeffer abstain since resolution has passed to certify the results. Motion passed with eight yes, one abstain and one no.

President Weisner thank Member Schaeffer for his service for the Borough Assembly; strong view and leadership.

OATH OF OFFICERS

Clerk Atoruk provide oath of office for Delores A. Lincoln Carr, Tanya Ballot, Nathan Hadley Jr., Larry Westlake Sr. and Miles Cleveland Sr to serve on Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly.

ASSEMBLY ORIENTATION

Attorney Mead provided a summary of the Northwest Arctic Borough Charter/Code Overview, Alaska Constitution and Title 29. Member Sampson raised concern to direction to Administration from Assembly is at ten million; the recent payment received from Teck there were not allocated to the contingency fund. The issue to the fund; because no PILT where and how can we bring resources to bring that fund to ten million? Member Sampson also raised concern to any dipping into the general fund for the administration? If did, how much of the funds did we use? He also raised concern to contracting under article two, execution of contracts to any projects? And how many have there been? Member Loon mentioned the outside hire for contracts within the Borough; why can't our people can't be locally employed through the contract?

President Weisner summarized the redistricting that happen in 2011; how each seat represents by census that occurred in 2010. Member Westlake expressed the importance of all people not only the village they reside in. He think that there should be someone on the committee they represent for that district. Vice President Nelson raised concern to appointment of committees; although members request and it's not granted. Is it okay for the President to ask what committee? Also, on the Charter; definitions cannot be changed by the Assembly, needs to be changed by the voters correct? Member Sampson raised concern to being asked to be appointed; at least have an idea of the committee structure not for the sake for going on a trip. We need to ensure we abide by budget and Charter. If you're not sure; ask. Member Loon mentioned that we should ask ourselves, will the residents of this Borough benefit. Ask our Mayor. Staff or Assembly will this help our people. She was hurt that Walter haven't been informed for the RACK meeting in Selawik; she informed the Assembly and no one was there.

President Weisner mentioned the lack of travel; continue to be frugal since the ongoing litigation with Teck. Member Carr raised concern to the protocol to the committee structure; she look forward to working with everyone. Don't be too frugal; some trips maybe be critical. For activities; can it be on the calendar so we can be aware of meetings. President Weisner suggest to members to keep in mind of the committees that you'd like to be on based on Assembly discussion as a whole. Member Hadley raised concern to any rules or regulations that we can pass for any hunting in this area? Member Carr mentioned that she had trouble accessing the website; still showing Mayor Joule. President Weisner also mentioned the Facebook page. Member Sampson mentioned that the authority lies between State of Alaska and Federal Government; it's their responsibility to manage all species of resource however we can participate as public to make recommendations to proposed regulations. Member Westlake mentioned we all represent the same people; we have a divided group, caribou, federal, state and we all need to get together and meet. President Weisner summarized the joint working group with North Slope Borough. Member Sampson mentioned once we had a leadership in process, although it is broken today; we don't see NWALT meet anymore. We need to reinforce this group. Member Loon mentioned the we have the following; national park service, Cape Krusenstern, Gates of the Arctic, Lower/Upper Kobuk Monuments and other committees that are in those that support RACK. We need to be one voice.

Acting Mayor Smith mentioned that there has been preliminary discussion with North Slope; specifically on the caribou issue. Working on a joint resolution to support member from Northwest Arctic to be the chairman. Also, discussed the NWALT which will start up again.

Member Sampson enforces the discussion with North Slope; we need to participate as an Assembly to reinforce what the Borough is trying to do.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Carr motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Member Armstrong; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Reconvene at 12:03 PM with no actions made.

Member Westlake request to add Youth/Elder Representative on the agenda for the next regular meeting; still need representation although we have low finances.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Loon moved to adjourn; with no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 P.M.