Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Westlake mentioned large open water in front of Kiana this year; most had frozen over just before the snow hit although thin ice. If your coming up from South, stay on left side going out to right. Also, there is another open water between Kiana and Noorvik, near Duffy's camp although not the usual winter trail; if can stay off the main river. Thank you.

Member Cleveland mentioned up river is in same situation; between Shungnak and Ambler, he requests not to break trail until further notice. If Search & Rescue okays the trail, then we'd be able to use. Although there is a funeral let's hold off.

Member Sampson translate in Inupiaq for those that don't understand English well. Member Carr request for Member Sampson to translate to English due to some don't understand Inupiaq.

Member Oviok mentioned the Thanksgiving Tournament is coming up in Selawik; be sure and call to check travel status and contact someone.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Dood Carr	Austin Swan Sr.
Hannah Loon	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Larry Westlake Sr.	Walter Sampson
Reggie Joule III	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Nathan Hadley Jr.	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lucy S. Nelson	Nelda Swan	Matt Mead	*Tanya Ballot*
Nate Kotch	Angie Sturm	Helena Hildreth	Brittany Sweeny
Chuck Greene	Fritz Westlake	Christine Hess	Martha Whiting
Paula Octuck	Charlie Gregg	Charlie Nelson	Bree Swanson
Sophie Foster	*Allison Hadley*	*Destiny Hadley*	*Gary Hadley*
Natalie Hadley	*Morgan Johnson*	Hiram Walker	*Cory Moulder*
Jeffery Monroe	*Marlene Moto-Karl*	Stella Atoruk	

A quorum present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for November 20, 2018.

Member Carr motioned, Member Shroyer seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2018 regular meeting minutes and October 8, 2018 special meeting minutes presented for approval.

Member Swan motioned, Member Cleveland seconded to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously by roll call.

REORGANIZATION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Acting President Hadley request for Legal Mead to provide an overview of the process.

Member Carr motion to nominate Nathan Hadley Jr as President, seconded by Member Swan; Member Shroyer Beaver request unanimous consent. Legal Mead took lead as parliamentarian; all those in favor of closing nominations. All those in favor and none oppose via unanimous consent.

Member Swan motion to nominate Larry Westlake Sr. for Vice President. Member Carr motion to nominate Sandy Shroyer Beaver as Vice President. Member Swan motion to close nominations, seconded by Member Cleveland. Assembly voted by secret ballot; Member Westlake 7 votes and Member Shroyer Beaver 4 votes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Allison Hadley, Buckland Teacher called with students regarding life in the village; alcohol, drugs, bullying, mental health and suicide. Along with parents and students of Buckland. Kaiden Ticket called regarding a strong message for the Borough leadership and organizations. Destiny Hadley mentioned alcohol in a dry village; suicide, crime, bullying and neglect of children; can Borough help us? Gary Hadley congratulate Nathan and Sandy; he mentioned that it's very emotional to listen to the children. Natalie Hadley thank the students for the courage to voice out their concerns. She mentioned that our Region has a problem and she request for their voices to be heard and wishes granted. Buckland Principal Lee Clanton thank Borough for this opportunity.

Member Shroyer Beaver corrected Gary; Larry and Nathan are President and Vice. She thanks Buckland for coming forward; mentioned often leadership knows who they are. Borough can't do it alone; we should contact airlines to search bags although doable. Think reporting them; although there are other ways to bring alcohol to the villages. We need to hear these which hits close to the heart. Thank you.

Member Carr thank Buckland, teachers, students and parents; Sandy is right, we all know who it is that is bootlegging and selling drugs. We have to all stand up to say enough is enough; we ourselves shall encourage the arrest of who import or sell.

Member Loon thank all those that called; commend you for coming forward to express your needs. Really appreciate your call; everyday it seems like we are needs to hear this from students. Although there is a Maniilaq member in audience, she would like to see what Assembly can do to work with other entities to deal with social issues with our children.

Member Oviok thank Buckland, you bring a strong voice and we hear you. He mentioned that in Selawik there is a Boys & Girls Club along with a few villages. In Selawik the cost is quite a bit, there is a facility use agreement with Selawik Tribe so kids can have someplace to go. He would like Borough to help find them a place. Thank you.

Member Sampson thank Buckland for bringing this forward; think we all need to recognize, understand and hear the message. We as an Assembly member need to hear seriously. Starts with us, not only us; School Board, NANA, Maniilaq Board in leadership positions and must start with all of us. If we continue to address alone, we continue to use when we get home; it's not going to work for us. We've heard it from the students, we need address this. Let's address from the heart, applaud the two students from Buckland. Thank you.

Member Joule agrees with all the comments; seeing first hand through divorce and with kids. He mentioned that it's the best role model is at home, not all the organizations. It starts at home, if you don't have communication with your kids that's the toughest uphill battle any parent can have. it's parents that need to act moving forward.

Mayor Nelson thank Community of Buckland for calling, we will be working on this priority as it's called to action with this Administration and NWALT team. She also thanks Tanya Ballot regarding the social issues; we need to move forward and possible a budget amendment soon.

President Hadley thank the Students of Buckland calling in which took courage to speak out along with Teacher and Principal. True leadership have been seen.

Member Loon expressed her gratitude of being called to action. Even though not your children we need to show love and kindness to others. Thank you, Buckland students, for calling in, we are all affected; she believes this a slow death. Our young people are our resources and future leaders. Thank you.

Member Oviok asks Elder Representative to interpret although she couldn't. Member Sampson volunteer to interpret for the listening audience. Member Loon interpret Kaiden Ticket's comments.

Member Carr mentioned while meeting at AML she attended a session where funding is available through Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska Housing and a couple other entities to work with and match to help the villages. If we apply for grants for youth or others through Rasmuson.

Member Armstrong thank Buckland for coming forward and talking about what affect you and community which happens all over.

Member Sampson mentioned it's critically important; we shouldn't make monies an issue.

Ms. Brittany Sweeny spoke on behalf of herself; she informed Buckland that many people deal with mental health. You are not alone, there are many that face these challenges. There are people that care for you, things will get better. You are not alone, and people do love you.

Mrs. Hadley thank you for this opportunity.

Ms. Brittany Sweeny of Selawik National Wildlife Refuge and Mr. Alex Hanson of Alaska Department Fish & Game had provided a video, Migratory Bird Apology that was issued by their agencies this fall. Although video wouldn't play, she will forward to the clerk to send to everyone. She acknowledges the late Raymond Stoney as a driving force behind this apology.

Mr. Hanson sends his heartfelt apology regarding regulations caused heartache and trouble. Mrs. Sweeny expressed her gratitude of strength of the people whom continued to work with them; she knows that their agencies are hopeful through this apology they will regain the trust. This had been jointly in September originally to the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council on behalf of State Director Fish & Game and State Fish & Wildlife Service. She acknowledges Cyrus Harris whom continued Mr. Stoney's message and Martha Whiting whom educated the Department. Although the video didn't work, we will send.

Mrs. Martha Whiting mentioned while working at Fish & Wildlife she had raised concern of regulations that were imposed on Inupiaq. Which made them criminals. She provided a summary of what Raymond shared, at Fairbanks he saw confiscated when people were hunting illegally. Mrs. Whiting contacted Elder President Westlake asking for permission to ask for an apology from Fish & Wildlife. In 2016 is the first time she let feathers fly. She mentioned she asked Greg for the apology at AFN which he did because Inupiaqs need to heal. Thank you.

Vice President Westlake is honored to hear of Friend Raymond Stoney, he was direct and passionate about his culture. He was fortunate to grow up with him, some didn't have all necessary things to gather food.

Vice President Westlake motion to accept apology, seconded by Member Sampson; motion passed unanimously.

Break taken at 10:08 A.M.
Reconvene at 10:20 A.M.

President Hadley mentioned that School Board had heard Buckland School's outreach.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Vice Chair Dood Carr provided a summary of the Budget, Audit and Finance meeting held previous day.

Morgan Johnson, Ambler resident raised concern of three permanent bridges up there. One at Isiniiq and two towards Selawik; although maybe off the agenda. He has been bringing this up and hopefully Assembly or Borough can focus and get material to build the bridges. They will become important to travelers; also focusing on getting a shelter cabin toward Hot Spring area. Possibly another one by, he has been pushing over the years he mentioned. Possibly if Borough can find funding to get material sent up there and probably people will volunteer so they will have a warm place or permanent bridge to cross over. Thank you.

President Hadley mentioned his term is up on the Village Improvement Commission; if interested can email President and then he forward to Mayor Nelson whom will decide.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

None presented.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Carr summarized her written report; she attended AFN Main Convention, Washington DC visit although couldn't ask President Trump and AML Conference in Anchorage. Thank Borough for able to attend the conventions and conferences.

Member Swan mentioned the DOT went to Kivalina had completed an aerial video of airport and ocean problem that had been reoccurring. He thanks Borough and all entities that help during last storm. Thank you.

Member Cleveland mentioned he also attended ICC Retreat and Board Meeting during the AML Conference. Discussed Northwest Passage which is a reality although what are we getting from it. Another discussion is a lot of Salmon are moving North. Member Cleveland echoes Mrs. Whiting comments about Natives being Game Management also have been discussed. Thank you.

Vice President Westlake also attended AML; one of the sessions were shortage of housing in the State. He raised concern of water and sewer and housing not being approved at the same time; difficult to put together. He believes this shall be a NWALT discussion; our people shouldn't live without water and sewer. Thank you.

President Hadley announces that during AML Member Sampson had been elected a two-year term to represent North Slope and Northwest Arctic Borough.

Member Sampson mentioned he attended the first meeting; challenge will be working with some highly educated and legal type that know the system. Which won't stop him from voicing when he can and have to. This Board will meet on a quarterly basis. Thank you.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Nelson summarized her written report for the listening audience. While Acting President she met with NWALT; number of items were called to action. Also attended the Washington DC invite with Assembly. She attended the AML Mayors Conference recently.

Currently working on budget, wrote all organizations on whom to contact and process if there are any meetings or events.

Member Carr welcome Lucy, thank you for written report. Wish you and Administration and this Assembly for us to work together. Commend you on call to action and call for accountability. Thank you.

Member Shroyer Beaver welcome Lucy; appreciate your report. She appreciates the high standard of accountability; glad to see. Look forward working with you.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

December 17-18, 2018 for next meeting date motioned by Member Sampson, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 18-11** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Code to increase the compensation rate for Assembly members attending conventions, conferences, or similar gatherings.*

Mayor Nelson recommend do pass on Ordinance 18-11; which will streamline the compensation rate which was addressed prior meetings to become effective after elections. Member Carr mentioned BAF recommend do pass.

Member Swan motion to enact Ordinance 18-11, seconded by Member Armstrong; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. **Ordinance 18-12** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title Two of the Borough Code regarding surplus tangible personal property.*

Mayor Nelson provided a brief summary of Ordinance 18-12; Legal Mead mentioned this is updating the code in respect of how personal property.

Member Carr motion to enact Ordinance 18-12, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 18-27** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adding, confirming, and removing authorized signatories for Borough checks.*

Mayor Nelson mentioned with common practice with new Administration and Assembly elected officers of President.

Member Westlake motion to approve Resolution 18-27, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. **Resolution 18-28** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly establishing the FY19 Borough Investment Allocation, setting appropriate performance benchmarks, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 18-28.

Member Westlake motion to approve Resolution 18-28, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. **Resolution 18-29** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract with KIC for repair of the Borough's building foundation, and for related purposes.*

Member Carr mentioned BAF Committee recommend do pass. Mayor Nelson recommend Mr. Kotch to summarize Resolution 18-29 for the listening audience. Member Carr request the process of what happen and summary of what needs to get done. Member Sampson verified if Administration will work with the contract person on the issue.

Member Carr motion to approve Resolution 18-29, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Hadley verified with Legal to add Governor's inaugural coming up. Mayor Nelson verified with Assembly on whom would like to attend in Noorvik on December 3, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session held.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Tanya Ballot of Selawik called to mentioned she is intrigued by Mayor's report and look forward working with you with Community of Selawik along with rest of the Region. Her heartfelt wish to end Suicide; we can't lose any more of our Youth to this epidemic. We have strong voices in our communities and put an end to Suicide. Heart goes out to Selawik, Kiana and Buckland; we must do something. She commends Buckland for coming on radio today; words of the youth are powerful. Alcohol and drugs are a choice; if we can create alternative activities to help youth keep their minds on other things. Another issue is Public Safety which is a dire need for Selawik and Region; if Borough can help find funding for the communities. Thank you for your time. Express her gratitude to all. Congratulations to Nathan, look forward to working with you as well. Thank you.

Mrs. Martha Whiting congratulate Mayor Nelson and newly elected Assembly members; honored and humbled to be back on the team under Mayor Nelson's Administration. Happy Thanksgiving to our residents and we have so much to be thankful for. Congratulations to Nathan for your leadership role. Thank you.

Jeffery Monroe called to congratulate all the members, Happy Thanksgiving and have a good

day. Good listening, thank you all.

Marlene Moto-Karl hopes we have a good year. She called regarding Borough having copies of the City ordinances which would be investigated and shared among the whole village, even IRA ordinances too can help instead of just elected officials. Marlene raised concern of the school closing, recently had fighting in school. Deering needs a community gym for kids to have a gym for themselves. Congratulations to Mayor Nelson. She raised concern of alcohol being imported and young kids smoking marijuana. Suicide issue, everyone should have a gun cabinet and would be good to have. Thank you.

Sophie Foster congratulates Mayor. She raised concern of our Search & Rescue; needs to be organized. Taxes haven't been filed, paperwork haven't been done; they could have gotten grants for equipment. If you went to Barrow, they have everything. She also raised concern of homeless issues, if you ride at night check to see how many abandon vehicles filled with blankets. Although have been told need to be sober but Police are dropping off intoxicated people. Cudd Hall still have the Tuesday and Thursday, Sunday is a full day; they need help from everybody which should be community wide and region wide. She just came from White Mountain, they need caribou meat; if any can send to White Mountain and Elim. Bering Air is willing to send. She would appreciate if you consider homeless issues, soup kitchen and Search & Rescue (top priority). Show S&R on what to do; Barrow has everything while we have Borough and Cudd Hall. That material has been sitting many years. Not putting anyone down, thank you for hearing my concerns. Happy Thanksgiving and don't travel to Selawik by snow machine.

Member Carr raised concern of which Search & Rescue are you referring to?

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Elder Representative Swan wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to the young man for your comments that alcoholism comes from the home. We as parents shall tell our children to stop alcoholism; kids out there that are lost we can always reach out to them. Be careful out there, sometimes boyfriends be pushy to their girlfriends. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Member Loon provided a handout of ways of respecting caribou done by Native Village of Kotzebue, please share with your community. Next caribou working session is November 29, 2018, can contact Hannah Atkinson at Park Service. Thank you.

Member Carr congratulations to President Hadley, Vice President Westlake and welcome again to Mayor Lucy. Look forward to us working together as a team, really appreciate what Mayor targeted. Thank you, Buckland for coming forward today. Thank you, Brittany, Alex and Martha that shared and Assembly accepting apology. She mentioned she will share Mayor the entities that would benefit our area along with PILT monies; can partnership with possibly for housing, Rasmuson or cultural programs. Thank you to Chris Hatch for what is done in VPSO Program; possibly next work session can get an update from that department. Again, thank the department that does the ice thickness. She raised concern to Mayor of updating the website; possibly put topics addressed at the meeting so constituents can see. Again, raising concern of bed bugs, they are still out there; children suffer when go to school

and get embarrassed. She like to see on website. Thank you to Cory Moulder with work done, really appreciate and would like to share with the Region. Thank you, President and Mayor.

Member Shroyer Beaver raised concern of Morgan Johnson's comment, is there a process he should go through. Good job President, good luck; look forward working with the Assembly. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you, Buckland for calling in. Possibly Administration and Legal can figure out how to help the villages that are dry. Thank you, staff and everyone.

Member Armstrong sends condolences to those that lost loved ones. Thank you to Buckland students for calling in, to Fish and Wildlife services. Congratulations to President, Vice President and Mayor. Good meeting although got a challenging road ahead of us; look forward working with Administration and Assembly.

Member Joule congratulates President and Vice President, also to Mayor. He reiterates his comments earlier, we as Parents need to take seriously. Thank you to Buckland for addressing this; believe positive outcome hopefully from everybody. Happy Holidays and Safe travels; look forward working with everyone. Thank you.

Member Swan congratulates Mayor Nelson, President Hadley and Vice President Westlake; thank you for hard work. Appreciates the apology letter from Fish and Game. Really like the idea of hearing from Buckland students; sure, it'll have an impact on our Region which is off to a good start.

Member Cleveland congratulates Mayor Nelson; thank Clement and Carl and past employees on where we are today. Congratulations to President and Vice President for taking the positions. Buckland School had brought up an issue we need to hear; we should include Post office service and bypass. We need help, also upriver we have an airline direct to Fairbanks. Thank you to Austin for being AML Board member; welcome Walter to AML. ICC currently has two meetings a year, will try for four meetings a year. He welcome ICC President to give the Assembly an update; have been on committee for the past two years. Condolences to those that lost loved ones. Thank you, good meeting.

Member Oviok thank President and Mayor Nelson; believe the priorities for Youth concerns and opportunity he would put Buckland there. He encourages youth to apply. Member Oviok raised concern of Public Safety in Selawik; just had a suicide and no cops there. Big subject for City and Tribe. Thank you for Buckland youth to call and voice your concerns; we will support our Youth anyway we can. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Condolences to those that lost loved ones. Thank you.

Member Sampson congratulates Mayor Nelson, President Nelson and Vice President Westlake taking lead in Assembly; to past Mayor and President Weisner, thank you for your work. As heard this morning there are lots of needs. Regarding Morgan Johnsons' issues, thank you for addressing; if Mayor's office can coordinate effort with Park Service and Fish and Wildlife if within their lands can work with them. Thank you for good meeting.

Vice President Westlake congratulate Mayor Nelson, President Hadley and thank you for voting him in for Vice. Raised concern of financial report on the agenda; although stated in the code. Would like to code books at the desk to reference to. Trail staking started in Kiana, although didn't have the reflectors and hope they are out as a package so won't have to go back. We as Assembly we have equal rights, let's work together and have a good year.

President Hadley congratulate Mayor Nelson and staff whom been busy this past month. Thank you for your confidence in voting in; will do best to work with all. For AML and Lobby committee's he has is open to all members available. Believe Member Sampson will be a great voice for our people. He will work with Vice President on committees. President Hadley raised concern of Shelter Cabins to be repaired for the year; with global warming the weather changed. Thank you, Assembly, for confidence in me.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nelson mentioned called to action; the leadership team has brought a resolution forward to address Regional Suicide, Substance Abuse and related mental health issues which will be forefront of meetings. We lack services although strongest action we can bring forward is supporting Maniilaq; treatments can help our people. There are a lot of priorities like education, housing and so many issues the constitutes brought forward.

Mayor Nelson thank all the villages for your vote of confidence and trust in ability to be Mayor. She publicly thanks past President Carl Weisner for leadership; thank you Clement Richards for years of services. Thank you to Dickie and Brad for running for Mayor seat; congratulations to all elected officials at School District, Cities and this Assembly. She thanks Noah Naylor for leadership at Borough and to Clara Jones.
She also thanks her foster families Josie Nelson Sampson, Ross and Millie Schaeffer, late Raymond Stoney and Ida, Mom and Buttu also to Martha Harvey Smith in Noorvik. Especially thank you to Husband Fred whom stood by for this process; phone busy 24/7 which is a lot of hard work. Thank you and look forward working with you all.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Carr motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Cleveland to adjourn at 11:56 A.M.