



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 19, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Nathan Hadley Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

**SAFETY MOMENT**

Member Sampson mentioned during the Holiday season be careful traveling; high winds, don't know if trail staking has been done throughout the Region. He stated Kobuk Lake is rough in some places with not much snow. Cautious, let someone know travel plans. Have a good Holiday. Thank you.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Delores Barr	Austin Swan Sr.
Miles Cleveland Sr.	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson
Reggie Joule IIII	Dood Lincoln Carr	Nathan Hadley Jr.	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lucy S. Nelson	Nelda Swan	Kyleigha Wilson-Nay	Anna Crary
Chuck Greene	Elizabeth Ferguson	<i>Aucha Kameroff</i>	Paula Octuck
Charlie Gregg	Angie Sturm	<i>Stacy Glaser</i>	Nate Kotch
Hans Nelson	<i>Clyde Ramoth</i>	Helena Hildreth	

Excused

Coltrane Chase **A quorum was present to conduct business. Vice President Lincoln Carr motion to excuse Youth Representative Chase; seconded by Member Sampson, passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda presented for December 19, 2019. Mayor Nelson recommend adding Aqqaluk Trust presentation and Wendy Chamberlain for lobby update.

**Vice President Carr motioned to approve as amended; Member Cleveland seconded to approve the agenda as amended; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Regular minutes presented of October 25, 2019 and November 26, 2019. Vice President Lincoln Carr didn't believe comments were complete of November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting; she asks

Administration to discuss with NWALT as a Regional Issue because villages can't get a grip; something to help them. She suggests adding in the minutes through the Deputy Clerk.

**Member Sampson motion to approve minutes, Member Loon seconded to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously by roll call.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

Mr. Hans Nelson, Iñuunialiqput Operations Manager of Aqqaluk Trust introduced himself. He summarized his power point presentation of history of Aqqaluk and recent activities of their program. Mr. Nelson appreciates contribution to Sivunniigvik.

Vice President Lincoln Carr request Mr. Nelson to expound on how village children can attend the camp, let everyone know how they were transported. She had sat on Aqqaluk Trust and know, she was amazed when Hans made it happen; thank you.

Member Sampson thank Mr. Nelson for presentation, he provided additional history of the Program. In regards of dancing, he doesn't support as stated. He mentioned an opportune time to incorporating what the School District to utilize Sivunniigvik. Thank you for the report.

Vice President Lincoln Carr expressed her gratitude for efforts, suggest like Member Sampson on other opportunities to utilize all year. Shout out to the caretakers; wish well in continuing with Camp Sivunniigvik. Thank you.

*Mrs. Stacy Glazer thank Mr. Nelson for presentation; unsure if you know she is Director of Chukchi Campus. She mentioned one of focus' is to strengthen the Inupiaq Language Program; Mrs. Loon will be teaching on Campus and School. Will be offering different Cultural Classes moving forward and recruiting local people to instruct.*

Member Oviok thank for presentation, recognize the song which his Dad and Jacob Lane bring entertainment and laughter. Member Loon mentioned it's good to see children learn when working at Sivunniigvik, always good to have Elders present. Member Shroyer Beaver appreciated presentation, right some kids haven't experienced that; excellent to know basics.

Member Joule thank Mr. Nelson for presentation, remember when Father ran the camp. He gave history of activities and know that a lot of the kids are friends today. Some where there is a gap, how do we fill that in? Hope Camp Sivunniigvik does continue moving forward. Member Armstrong mentioned good program and hope it goes on every year for the kids to explore the lifestyle.

Mrs. Wendy Chamberlain, Legislative Report Mayor Nelson mentioned that Mrs. Chamberlain provided a lobbying update although currently boating to Juneau and will call in if possible. Mayor Nelson provided Mrs. Chamberlain's written report for the listening audience; update of Governor Dunleavy's plans for FY2021 proposal.

**Member Sampson motion to adoption of Legislative Report, seconded by Vice President Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.** Member Shroyer raised concern of why voting without discussing with Mrs. Chamberlain.

### **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Madam Chair Shroyer Beaver provided a summary of BAF meeting held previous day.

Mrs. Angie Sturm provided a summary of financials ending November 30, 2019. Member Shroyer Beaver request a chart of bond debt along with the different funds of Borough; also, a VIF report showing what villages got what and where on payment. She would like the residents to know and understand of how schools are built.

Vice President Lincoln Carr request Mrs. Sturm to state on \$100M Bond Debt that she states none of the VIF money is used for that.

Break observed at 10:20 A.M.  
Reconvened at 10:30 A.M.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 19-07**: an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending sections of the borough economic development code, and for related purposes.

Mayor Nelson summarized Ordinance 19-07; recommend do pass.

**Member Sampson motion to enact Ordinance 19-07, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

Vice President Lincoln Carr mentioned Assembly had a good two-day session with School District Board; look forward to meeting more often.

Member Shroyer mentioned had a BAF meeting, all members were present, and ordinances/resolutions had passed.

Member Cleveland mentioned Land Committee met with Planning Commission, which was a good eye opener.

Elder Representative Swan mentioned next Elders Meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> and Mayor have been invited.

Member Sampson provided an update from Rural CAP, currently trying to regain some losses from budget cuts. Childcare and Head start programs were jeopardized although starting up again. Believe Selawik is awaiting a site location although dropped when budget cuts. Also, provided an update of apartments available for homeless people that are willing to help themselves. Rural CAP is trying to create small home program, possibly something like tent city although need partnership possibly Housing Authority and Municipality of Anchorage.

Vice President Lincoln Carr mentioned she met with the Planning Commission too, great job done by the department; believe it should be shared with the Assembly.

Member Sampson mentioned BLM is working on the Veteran's Native Allotment issue. Some records are requested from Milwaukee to DD14's, meantime BLM will check if they have requested native allotments. Thank you.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Nelson summarized written report ending November 2019. Happy Holidays be safe out there. Member Sampson asked what is the position on PERS and TIERS?

### **TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Member Armstrong mentioned January 27-28, 2020 will work. Mayor Nelson mentioned she has been invited to Arctic Nations Conference, leave on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Holiday is January 20<sup>th</sup> of Martin Luther King Day. Member Sampson request January 20-21<sup>st</sup>, if not at call of Chair.

Mayor Nelson mentioned there is an ordinance for the next meeting agenda, can be call of the Chair if no additional items. Vice President Lincoln Carr request a teleconference meeting in case something needs to be taken care of. Member Loon suggest call of chair. Member Sampson request tentative schedule of January 21-22, 2020, if not then call of chair.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 19-09** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Code to establish joint Budget, Audit, Finance Committee/Assembly work session meetings, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Ordinance 19-09, recommend do pass.

**Vice President Lincoln Carr motion to approve Ordinance 19-09, seconded by Member Sampson; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 19-75** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly confirming the appointment of R. Camrynn Hildreth as Advisory Youth Representative to the Planning Commission.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-75, recommend do pass; only interest received.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 19-75, seconded by Vice President Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Resolution 19-76** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying that the Municipality did suffer significant effects during the Program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within the Kotzebue-Northern Fisheries Management Area 12.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-76; recommend do pass.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 19-76, seconded by Vice President Lincoln Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

3. **Resolution 19-77** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving an Assembly donation under the FY20 Budget for the Boys & Girls Club.

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-77, recommend do pass.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 19-76, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None presented.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None held.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

*Mr. Clyde Ramoth, City of Selawik Mayor called wishing everyone Merry Christmas. Appreciate Borough Assembly and staff work. Heard update, Member Oviok know that Selawik have applied for a grant to renovate the Multi-purpose building with help of Mr. Weisner. Although in need of a building, any kind of help from Assembly is greatly appreciated. Happy Holidays to all, thank you.*

#### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Sampson in Inupiaq. Thank you, Christmas around the corner. In today's world children are traveling fast between villages although they don't consider weather conditions are. Advise our children to watch, let someone know when traveling. Merry Christmas to everyone, thank you.

Member Loon in Inupiaq. Christmas is coming, always told children if there is heat in the house let's be thankful. Wish you all safe holidays.

Member Barr thank Mr. President. Kiana tank form is not operational, which affects residents, AVEC and School District; currently working collaboratively to get fixed. Have an outcry from Kiana and Noorvik about meth situation which is getting out of hand; asking for leadership to act on. Hope can collaborate and address. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Thank you to staff for hard work.

Member Shroyer Beaver mentioned good meeting with School Board and recommend more often, we all have needs and know each other priorities. Echo Member Sampson's comments, proper winter gear. Also, on State of Alaska side; heard they will travel to inform what is needed for real ID. Some may not have all documents, also; heard State is asking for donations for airfare. Deadline is 2020 in order to travel. Thank you to staff, School Board and Assembly, wish you all a Merry Christmas; had a tough year of families that lost loved ones. Reach out, Merry Christmas.

Member Armstrong sends condolences to families that lost loved ones. Echo Member Barr's comments on meth. Although just got dividends there is this drug, hope can take control and keep working on. Good meeting, good discussions. Thank you to Administration, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Member Joule thank everyone that were able to attend, thank Mayor and Administration. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Safe travels and keep loved ones in mind, if we show love through our children is the greatest gift we can give.

Member Swan mentioned good week of meetings, lot of information passed; thank staff and all that take time to work for our people. Once something accomplished good feeling. Wishing everyone Merry Christmas.

Member Cleveland mentioned long week, lot of information. Togetherness we have is paying off, lets stick together; we won't all have that kind of monies. Remind ourselves that we work for our people, everyone needs something, and we can't please everyone or every organization. It's hard times today, thank you.

Member Oviok echo Member Cleveland's comment of long week. Shared a verse that blessed him today; we've come across people that needs prayers. Thank you for mentioned safety, ongoing for trail stalking for Selawik area. Be safe for Christmas; Merry Christmas to everyone. Thank you for history of Camp Sivu.

Youth Representative Wilson-Nay Happy Holidays to everyone, be safe if traveling.

Elder Representative Swan thank you, keep in mind holidays coming up. Families that loose loved ones, tough Christmas for them. Ask everyone to pray for young ones with all the drugs and alcohol, we can always pray for them. Thank you to staff and Assembly, have a good Christmas.

Vice President Lincoln Carr mentioned that Mayor Nelson stated that bed bug situation has been discussed at NWALT level; although Maniilaq says they aren't responsible. If you have concerns contact your Board Members, need to do something regarding health and kids. Thank Mayor for meetings with Planning Commission and School Board; we all need to know each other needs. We need to support Kiana and Noorvik regarding meth, take ownership; heard State Troopers and VPSO's need the facts. Thank you, Anna, wish Happy Holidays to Matt. Always remember to make the children happy. Thank you, Assembly for attending.

President Hadley sends condolences to first cousin losing Mom, hard when loose loved ones. Thank you, Mayor and staff, Lindsey at Alaska Airlines whom assisted his parents. Saved his Mom's life. Wish everyone Merry Christmas.

#### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Nelson asked if Assembly have any questions regarding the written reports. For Kiana, contact Public Safety has grants available. Had a good chat with Anna. Thank Administration and Assembly for strong working relationship. Also, a crew working on stake trails and have MOA's to stake. Thank Mrs. Chamberlain for update, thankful bond debt isn't fully taken away. Thank School District and presenters for participating. Merry Christmas and be safe.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Sampson motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice President Lincoln Carr at 11:23 A.M.

