



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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## Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes - *DRAFT*

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

### CALL TO ORDER

President Walter G. Sampson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

### INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Nathan Hadley  
Walter Sampson  
Carl Weisner

Miles Cleveland  
Lucy Nelson  
Larry Westlake

Patrick Savok  
Vern Cleveland  
Frank Greene

Hendy Ballot  
Clyde Ramoth

#### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Michael Tickett  
Noah Naylor  
Charlie Gregg  
Martha Henry  
Stella Atoruk

Paige McConnell  
Fred Smith  
Judy Hassinger  
Annabelle Alvite

Reggie Joule  
Kenny Gallahorn  
Christine Hess  
Lance Kramer

Stephanie Sampson  
Matt Mead  
Brandye Dela Cruz  
Iris Molnar

### AGENDA ADOPTION

The agenda of the October 29, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented for approval. Presented was an amended agenda, although the Mayor would like to make sure under Ordinances there are two listed; Ordinance 13-08am01 and Ordinance 13-09. Also under Resolutions add Resolution 13-71 and Resolution 13-72.

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Vern Cleveland to adopt the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS CONTINUED**

Borough Code and I just want to put that out there. When we believe in certain individual that can run our organization then that is who needs to be nominated; not by influence.

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

Vice-Chair Patrick Savok mentioned during the Budget, Audit & Finance meeting that was held yesterday have recommended due pass to all ordinance and resolutions.

Chair Frank Greene mentioned that yesterday Land Committee had met regarding Resolution 13-72 which will be discussed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Reggie Joule presented a written report; one year with the Administration so far. We would like to thank KOTZ for the weekly radio show; thanks to Noah for taking that forward; also, the newsletter have gone out. Coming up at the next Assembly meeting is getting the code revisions with Personnel and Procurement. Within this last year Borough had received a letter from the State Assessor, stating we had an increase in evaluation of one hundred fifty million dollars; which at the time initially look like we can open the PILT Agreement; as it turned out that wasn't the case; because of depreciation. After meeting with the Assessor, found out that it wasn't all Red Dog Mine. Looking at the calculations the wrong formula was used, evaluation is set at seventy-five millions dollars.

Ms. Judith Hassinger reported to the Assembly regarding the questions they had regarding the financial statements yesterday while the computers were down. First of all, the permit revenue was a miss coding which should have gone to one of the grants. Then regarding the miscellaneous expense in the Mayor's office, which was mainly the staff retreat of and gifts for ICC. For Economic Development consultant fee went to Neil Seldon and Wilbur Howarth. Final one was regarding the Public Safety which was community safety, all search related for the two that were missing.

Ms. Lucy Nelson asked about AIDEA and regarding the prices that were included in the report; some of the village pay lower prices than us. Recently, we have met in June with AIDEA regarding obtaining some level of partnership/ownership if you will with the DMTS. We have been working with Guggenheim in some degree, which has an interest in partnership with AIDEA agreement. Friday morning we will see if we will move forward, Mayor Joule think they might enter into a contract potentially if this moves forward to get some updates on information and continue to move forward. Mayor will keep the Assembly informed; Guggenheim is interested.

Fred Smith discussed the fuel prices throughout the Borough; the concept is to work between the communities and Teck's annual fuel purchase. This would allow saving on buying in bulk purchases. Borough has applied for some USDA Federal Fund to establish a revolving loan program, although we haven't heard from them yet. The four joining communities have submitted a letter for support for that.

## TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Joule mentioned that November is going to be a busy month; ICC Board Meeting in Anchorage November 4-5, Alaska Mining Conference in Anchorage in November 6-8, Regional Strategy Meeting in Kotzebue on November 11-15, Kivalina Community Meeting held November 19 in Kivalina and AML is scheduled for November 18-22, than Thanksgiving is the week after.

Monday, November 25, 2013	9:00 A.M.	Assembly Retreat
Tuesday, November 26, 2013	9:00 A.M.	Assembly Retreat
Monday, December 2, 2013	9:00 A.M.	Budget, Audit & Finance
Monday, December 2, 2013	1:00 P.M.	Work session
Tuesday, December 3, 2013	9:00 A.M.	Regular Meeting

**Mr. Vern Cleveland moved, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley to approve the schedule as listed. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 13-08am01** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line item budget amendment for the fiscal year 2014.*

Ms. Judy Hassinger presented the ordinance; she reported that the budget amendment does not request an increase or decrease to the expenditures; this is to reassign the budget.

**Mr. Larry Westlake moved, seconded by Mr. Patrick Savok to approve Ordinance 13-09 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Ordinance 13-09** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending sections of the Borough Investment Code and for related purposes.*

**Mr. Clyde Ramoth moved, seconded by Mr. Larry Westlake to approve Ordinance 13-09 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 13-67** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly establishing the FY14 Long Term Investment allocation, setting appropriate performance benchmarks, and for related purposes.*

**Mr. Patrick Savok moved, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland to approve Resolution 13-67 as presented. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.**

## ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Mr. Michael Ticket, Elder Representative thanked Mr. President, Mayor and Assembly Members; good meeting going on here to benefit our residents of Northwest Alaska. The unity you have; willing to work is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Paige McConnell, Youth Representative mentioned that is her last meeting. Sad to be going but happy; like what Member Savok said; to go on and share what we learned with others government class, not only in government class but high school students and with the youths in the region. It has been a wonderful experience for her; learned a lot, something from each and every meeting I took something and learned from it. I felt your support and Thank you for having me.

Mr. Nathan Hadley mentioned that he would like to have future discussion regarding Search & Rescue, Public Safety. This is a concern for this region; we need to make sure we have full support for that. Because when things go wrong, all the villages pitch in, Kotzebue is our hub. We need to build our hub and supporting our villages.

Mr. Hendy Ballot thanked Mr. President; concern regarding the resolutions and such. Whenever we have a funding request for a resolution, it states on the original resolution; and for related purposes. I think that it slows down the Administration to go ahead and work but they have to wait for another regular meeting to ask for part of that money. I think we should have enough trust for Administration to pass the first resolution and then go at it and just report to us.

Mr. Clyde Ramoth commented about the good, very productive work session yesterday which lasted over four hours which was meaningful, good discussions. Congratulations to Walter and Carl. I wanted to mentioned, Assemblyman Mr. Westlake stated yesterday to work in unity; so I just wanted to repeat that. For the Youth Representative, is it possible to get PSA's for the villages out there? For the listening audience, our rivers, lakes and ponds will be freezing here soon. Remind your children to stay off until thick enough. Thank you.

Mr. Miles Cleveland thanked you for a good meeting. Congratulations to Walter and Carl; as for the leadership I thank the staff for putting all this together for them. Be careful out there this fall; it has been a long wet fall. It's gonna be soft, the ice will be dangerous for a long time.

Mr. Vern Cleveland thanked you for a good meeting. Hope you are right about getting ice, hope it will freezes. Thanks for the good meeting, staff, Mayor, welcome back Judy, Stella, Carl and Walter congratulations.

Mr. Patrick Savok thanked the Administration for all the reports, the in depth programs that we are looking at as well as the meeting you and government staff are actually meeting with. It was good to see all that data and information coming through. I'd like to say farewell to the student reps; I think it was very great to have you guys on here, and I look forward to seeing you guys in the future. I want to say a farewell to KKRA, our finance company for as long as we had them. Also, a farewell to Hendy in his position as Vice President, thank you for everything you have done in that role. Also, welcome Carl as Vice President Seat, congratulations to Walter as reappointment seat of President Seat. Also, welcome Alaska

## ASSEMBLY COMMENTS CONTINUED

Mr. Walter Sampson: knowledge and for joining the Assembly. Thank you to Hendy for taking the Vice President role this past year, I appreciate for your time and effort that you have given to this body. To Carl, welcome to Vice President to the Assembly, certainly looking forward to working with you; sure we may have some differences, we need to set those differences aside and learn to work together to get the best that we can get from both of us. Again, thank you very much to the Assembly, Paige for your participation in the Assembly process. As the committees are concerned, no appointments will be made to the committee structure. Once appointment has been made you will get a listing of who is to what committee. Lastly, would like to reinforce what has been said about unification in regards to this body. We are elected officials; we need work together as elected officials. What occurs in this body; is where we take action of issues; what occurs outside these chambers, whatever Administration has, whatever Administration is doing that is the role of the Mayor to work with his Administration. What you and I work is in these chambers, and we need to look at that in that way. Thank you to all the staff for your participation. Thank you to come in to address the issues that needed to be addressed. For future meetings, we have a lot of meetings coming up. If you're in an area where the meetings are occurring I encourage you to participate in those things because one way or another it has influences in the direction of the Assembly or Northwest Arctic Borough. Thank you for your participation, Legal, Mayor, Sister Belle for taking notes, Martha as well for your participation.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Joule thanked the student reps for your year, your time; thank the staff for all your work, welcome back to Larry as a new member, returning member to this body. Thank you to Hendy, being willing to step up to the plate when Walter was not there. Welcome to Carl as the incoming Vice President of the organization. Congratulations to Walter once again, Reggie looks forward to this next year. We will work to get better, always. In working to get better it's providing a service to the people that we serve. It's not always going to be an easy road and sometimes there may not always be an agreement. And where there are differences that prevail; are there ways that we can reach to compromise to bridge the distance between those differences and maintain the integrity in our positions in standing in that ground. You know, unity is something that we will always strive for, but unity also means sometimes we have differences in majority rules. And supporting the majority when that happens, and you will find 95% to 98% of the time there will be unity; we should remember that. And not concentrate on the 2% when we have a disagreement. But sometimes those disagreements make us stronger. With that I look forward to the Retreat end of November, next meeting beginning of December. Thank you to Mr. President and Members of the Assembly.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Patrick Savok moved to adjourn. With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.**