



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Work Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Room – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Walter Sampson called the meeting to order at 1:07 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Nathan Hadley Jr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	<i>Patrick Savok</i>	Hendy Ballot
Clyde Ramoth	Larry Westlake	Lucy Nelson	<i>Frank Greene</i>
Carl Weisner	<i>Vern Cleveland</i>	Walter Sampson	

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

Winona Hawley	Reggie Joule	Martha Henry	Josephine Howarth
Judith Hassinger	Zach Stevenson	Wendie Schaeffer	Ingemar Mathiasson
Noah Naylor	Matt Mead	Dean Westlake	Shauna Hegna
Mike Black	Chris Cox	John Nicols	<i>Bert Wagnon</i>

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda presented for August 26th Work Session meeting. Add the hunting transporters to the Agenda, Resolution 14-38, 14-39, 14-40 & 14-41, in addition add to other business discussion AEIDA Roads to Resources and Local Hire issue, Tent City, Arctic Waterways discussion.

Carl Weisner suggest for the members of the audience, for that portion of the agenda we've got to accommodate them to speak up with Bert or ANTHC, Dean.

Reggie suggest to move Teck to the bottom in case we feel the need for executive session.

Carl suggest to put the Ambler Mining District Road in that area incase we are in executive session.

Communication and Appearances

Bert Wagon gave a brief presentation on investments.

Lucy Nelson looking at the allocations on page 3, I am just curious if those allocations have changed since the last time you reported because looking at the financial statements we've lost \$86,000.00 on the interest income but your projection is still \$500,000.00 on interest income, do you foresee that trend to continue to happen or are we going to gain back what we've lost?

Bert Wagon we have changed it if at all a very minor material amount, we do rebalance the account, we do sell bonds, we do buy bonds, I don't have the prior report here, Judy might have it handy, i would think at 03/31 I am very confident we were overweight equity a couple percent which of course major underweight fixed income and that's exactly where we are today so I don't think that there has been much a change there. Part 2 of the question losses on fixed income, there were not losses in the second quarter, the account returned a positive 3.45% so there would not have been a loss, I need to drill down and look at the fixed income and see what it returned because the 345 is for the whole account.

Judy Hassinger when I presented the financial statements to the Budget, Audit Committee this morning we discussed the loss on the portfolio for the month of July, It was down from June 30 to July 31st by \$86,000.00 and that is what assemblyman Nelson is referring to.

Bert Wagon the month of July the account loss 1.11% absolutely you had a loss in July and you also had a loss in equity and fixed income, when you have a long-term investment program things do not go up each and every month, that is not the way it works, the only way I can get you and take away volatility, our chance of a loss is to hold a very short US Treasury security, but with this portfolio a long term horizon our understanding our asset allocation was were willing to take some risk, were willing to take some volatility and as long as you don't need this money now and don't need to cash out or use the cash your willing to accept some of this price volatility for longer term gains over time. To answer Lucy's question, she said when do you think we will get this back? My real answer on July 31st would have been I don't know but over time you will. It is kind of interesting, in the month of August things have been doing quite well, interest rates have not gone up, they have gone down some further in August you have made \$141K, Judy if your number was - \$86K in July which is pretty close because you loss 1% and change 7.8 million which is about right, for August you have already made it up because the account value as of close yesterday was 7,997,818 for the month of August you made 141K you made up what you lost in the month of July.

Walter Bert based on the report that you give us, because of the happenings in the money market is there any need to revise our guidelines that we have for you or is there any changes that needs to be made based on how we've done this quarter?

Bert Wagnon at this time I would say no unless the assembly has decided that there is a different roll or a whole new program for the contingency reserve fund, if the Borough still has that long-term horizon for this thing I think the status quo is appropriate, we do each and every year a review of your asset allocation, we were holding that off till the next quarterly meeting because we didn't start until the end of August so were just about to a year now, we were going to wait until the end of next quarter but I can tell you right now we think given your investment horizon where you want to go with this, we think it is an appropriate asset allocation and we did not have any substantial changes to recommend, we will have one very minor change on international bond were going to recommend that you keep them but changing them very slightly so that it incorporates both government and non-government bonds that's not a substantial change but the only one on our radar that we bring to you at the next meeting.

Walter Sampson thank you Bert, usually we check with Judy because she is our financial person for the borough and you're the manager for our investment so if there is any differences or any issues that she would red flag those things and bring those to the table for our information and our Mayor is asking from your stand point if there is any need to make changes I would certainly take a look at what we need to do from here on, so we will wait till your final report at the next quarter and see what happens and we will go from there.

Reggie Joule just want to make sure that I heard correctly, I think as of closing date Friday or yesterday, close of July 31st it was at 7.5 but at the close of the most recent date it was at 7.9

Bert Wagnon I spoke incorrectly, July 31st 7.855 million

Reggie your correct just going off what I thought I heard and I heard the last two pieces, I thought there was something wrong with my math.

Walter Sampson thank you Bert, you will hear from Judy in regard to if there is any changes as she sees it from the financial stand point and we appreciate your report. Next on the agenda is Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Judy Hassinger we heard Bert say that they have been managing the money for almost a year now and just so you know Administration is working on an evaluation so you can evaluated their performance probably in September.

Walter Sampson that's why I made a statement to the fact that your certainly overseeing some of the investment money and if you see anything that certainly needs some attention your certainly going to bring that to the table for the assembly to look at, I appreciate your side on the financial investment.

Shauna Hegna the Chief Administrative Officer for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, with me to day I have two employees with ANTHC I will allow them the opportunity to introduce themselves as well.

Mike Black Director for Rural Utility Management Services at ANTHC and that includes the ARUC program.

Chris Cox the ARUC Manager based out of Kotzebue overseeing 7 out of 10 villages here in the Region.

Shauna Hegna my new role as Chief Administrative Officer I have the opportunity to work with our great staff based in Anchorage, also focus on the supports and services that we offer in our Rural Communities and your people and your tribal members here and to learn a little bit about your issues that your facing in your communities so that we can better support you at ANTHC. Many of you likely know ANTHC programs and services and today were going to focus our discussion on the Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative. Mike and Chris are going to give you an update on the progress of ARUC within the villages with in your region and then were hoping to take some time to talk with you and brief you on the utilities specifically in the village of Selawik to talk about some of the issues that were facing there, the work that we done in collaboration with the city and the tribal council and hopefully come up with some solutions on how we can help them keep their system connected.

Mike Black gave a brief overview of ARUC and ANTHC services.

Chris Cox gave power point presentation for each village on water and sewer, solar panels, cut offs, surveys for homes, number of customers, rates of service, upgrades.

Vern Cleveland in Noorvik we were told that the cost would go down after a year or two and it didn't, it went up, are we covering the cost of other villages?

Chris Cox no each village is separate, they do not all go into one pot. We had to increase the cost of water and sewer to cover the maintenance.

Clyde Ramoth raises concern of proper training and operator error.

Mike Black currently in Selawik we have issues with operation and it is resulting in a financial hardship on the community and on ARUC its self, the training has been offered through AVTEC and I believe the training is not going to be issues, we want to talk about a proposal of what were doing in the other communities and maybe we can talk a little bit about that as far as address the operator issue at that time.

Clyde Ramoth as a resident of Selawik I would like to be a part of that team, we have some new administrators and new people who are willing to hopefully fix the issues but when were haunted from the past its hard to get back to the black.

Reggie Joule I appreciate you coming, you stopped by earlier this summer when you were traveling around to the villages, as I was listening to your report I was reminded of something when you mentioned the amount that is paid annually and that reminded me of a glycol issue and a heat take issue and just wondering even though the \$147,000 might probably be fairly steep, its probably come down since then and that problem has been taken care of.

Mike Black in Selawik's case we have made a combined fuel and electricity reduction exceeding \$200,000 annually, that was directly related to some efforts made with your help with the Alaska legislature and getting us an appropriation to look at glycol leaks in Selawik. We added to that funding some federal funds that we had through the Indian Health Service, so we've gone through and made a number of improvements on the glycol system that now allows us to keep some of the energy that we were putting into the system and glycol is the way we carry heat from a source out in to the water lines and that glycol is an important aspect of trying to keep water from freezing as it's being transmitted through out the community, so between that and the waste heat recovery system we're saving from what we were using two years ago \$200,000 in expenses, the system has been improved. Any time a community comes into the ARUC system we normally find that the plant and system itself need major improvement that they either decline with age or there has actually been design issues that we needed to retrofit, so it is normal if we run into the need to get in and make improvement to the plant, in the case of Selawik we had the benefit of legislative appropriations and additionally Indian Health Services.

Hendy Ballot raised concern about cost and the Selawik plant, I would like to see something really happen.

Patrick Savok do you have an explanation as to why Noatak does not want to join ARUC or have they provided that?

Chris Cox no, their project manager has request meeting with the president but no response has been made by the IRA president.

Lucy Nelson thank you for coming and sharing the information, it is interesting to see some of the different cost for water and sewer with Kotzebue being at \$141 a month so it's striking to see some of the high cost. Going back to Selawik, I am not sure I understand what was the cause of the freeze up and why they have incurred some of the cost that they have, it shows in your summary that they have a negative balance of \$431,984 and it seems like this is what they've been coming to various organizations to get assistance for, with budgets being so tight a lot of organizations are trying to find ways to help in that funding shortfall, but if that amount is provided to them how does that impact Selawik does that help them cut down their monthly bill? You noted in your summary that you have lack of local governance engagement I need a little understanding what that means and what can we do to not let this happen again?

Mike Black I thank you for that question that is what we're here to make the assembly and the borough aware of, explained that Selawik's debt to ANTHC and ARUC in large part results from the freeze up that occurred in 2009 or 2010, there was money provided by ANTHC and regional partners here, I believe the Borough as well as NANA helped with some of the debt, however it didn't fully recover it so the \$400,000 close to \$300,000 of that relates to debt built on the freeze up, Also explained the efforts made during the freeze up, labor and costs, efforts made to bring customers back on. We are proposing a region wide remote maintenance worker and an additional remote maintenance worker to work with Selawik until we can get these problems behind us and then they can provide attention to other communities.

Clyde Ramoth raised issue on unpaid bills before the big freeze up, poor designs in installments. During the freeze up we tried transferring fuel from the fuel tank farm to the water project but the fuel line was so long and it was gelling and we couldn't get fuel transferred. Suggested the PFD Assignment for unpaying customers.

Chris Cox as I went house to house I did have the PFD assignment, explained past PFD assignment issues.

Shauna Hegna in the past we met with the City and Tribal Council, weve had a follow up and had John Nickels and some of our staff have discussions on a weekly basis with the City Council, we have maintained open and consistent communication within the community, we have been trying to solve this issue, when we reference that there has been a lack of responsiveness in governance at the local level that is because in May the City and Tribal Council made three commitments to ARUC, 1) the operator hours would stay within the budgeted hours that we allocated for the community. 2) they would work with us to increase the number of households that are paying user fees so that we can have enough revenue come in to have revenue to equal expenses within that system. 3) the \$20,000 in subsidy that they were offering to their tribal member to help get them back on the system, we have only been able to increase the number of households to 7, we need many more than that to make the system sustainable. The other thing is we have received \$15,000 out of \$20,000 in subsidy that they have committed to us. We do not want to transfer management of the system back over to the city but October 1 if we don't have a solution that's what were poised to do because we can no longer lose the amount of money that were losing on Selawik, right now were carrying a \$423,000 debt for Selawik. We have insured that there is enough fuel for the winter months, our concern is were losing about \$20,000 a month in order to keep Selawik operational. Our concern is if we have to transfer it back to the city the city does not have the revenue to make that sustainable and were worried if we have to transfer it back to the city the system will have to get shut down.

Lucy Nelson was the \$431,000 impact the situation?

Mike Black if we receive the funds it would erase all the debt that were trying to recover, it would not address the operations of the system daily. There would be a losing situation whoever it operates, I would assume were a lot closer to breaking even that we would have been 2 years ago because we reduced cost a quite a bit on energy but we would still be losing.

Walter Sampson thank you for your presentation, just listening to your presentation here I appreciate ANTHC for doing what you can to help the communities that have the water and sewer systems. Suggest to take a look at the existing systems that's in place basically you inherited designed flawed problems that PHS and IHS had put together and you are the recipient of those problems, actually the people in the community are the recipient of these things, they should understand that we live in the arctic, the designs that the water and sewer systems been put together are for some where else, we live in an area that have permafrost, that heave a lot, that move a lot, we appreciate what you are trying to do to help out the communities that have some problems, I appreciate the training efforts that you put into these things. Selawik is a good prime example, look at the way its designed, heat tapes uses a lot of energy, that's were a lot of money is going to go for energy, they

are going to worry about their electricity, water and sewer is the secondary for them, when I hear heat tape in Selawik for one system that is paying \$500 a month that's outrageous and that's something we need to work together regard to looking at the designs, what your doing is your trying to bandaid some big problems here, that's good in a way for short term but for long term theres got to be a collective work that needs a good take a look at a picture on a good design that would work in a cold climate, if public services can work with you, get Maniilaq involved they've got social and health services that deals with some of these things, get them involved and looking at address the needs at the village level, as a governance to this region we have limited dollars that we have to deal with but that doesn't mean that we need to stop there, we need to find resources elsewhere to help out on what your trying to do. The representation from the residence of this region makes the governance of this Borough and its our responsibility as well to look for resources elsewhere to try to help out, im certain the mayor will look, public services will help and try to find a way to do that but I would suggest that two things happen 1) you take a look at what your doing on a short term base to address the needs before even turning over the management of the system back to the city governance other wise if it occurs, guaranteed its going to come back to us as a government so we need to find a way to address on a short term basis those things, on a long term basis we also need to come together to look at a design that will work for the arctic, I know Kiana has been having a lot of problems with their freeze up as well. We need to look at the design that it has on their system, if its such that system is having a problem because the loop is downhill and has to pump uphill then take a look at the design that would help the problem and get other organizations involved through that process and taking a look at the design. Look at the system in Noorvik, there are two systems that were introduced, one in Alaska and one elsewhere a vacume system, that came in from another country and that was and experimental system and taken into Noorvik and today is still an experimental system because that's how it came in and today its still that type of a system. If that system is still good and could work, let's take a look at what we can redesign some of the structure areas to improve that so it can adequately work without much maintenance, if it means to add more foam and put more. How is the membership made and how is it structured?

Shauna Hegna we serve all tribal member within Alaska so 143,000 Alaska Natives in terms of our governance each of the regional THO's have an individual that they elect to serve as a representative, Louie Commack has served as your representative for many years, was very involved and most recently we have welcomed Ben Atoruk as the Maniilaq representative to our board, just last week was the first time he participated.

Walter Sampson thank you, I encourage you to work with the Mayor's office and Mayor will direct his staff if need to work with Maniilaq Association, who also is a member of your organization to try to address your needs that are critical before it gets to cold otherwise one of our communities is going to get caught in the same scenario like Selawik and I hope that we can address those things fairly quickly and hopefully for a long term look at other designs other than whats in place. Theres better designs other than a plug in type of system that you can use to address those things that's been the problem.

Mike Black I am very glad that Mr. President that your as familiar as you are with some of these issues because your exactly correct, we as ARUC have been looking at many of the old designs and what were the problems with them. Chris has been out in the Borough

doing a survey of arctic boxes which are often times a problem, the arctic box that's hooks up to the house made of wood and has a shut of valve often times is compromised impart because we have differential settling in the house and the utilidor its self and in some cases the homeowners have tried to open the boxes and they compromised it as well. The arctic box is probably not a good design, so what were doing where we have the funding were doing a different type of connection which completely eliminates the Arctic box, the whole point of Chris' work right now is to go around and look at each community and see what the problems are and what we can do to make that box work better this winter and maybe as time and money has become available to us, change those out to the new design. I think that's what ARUC represents to the borough that many other places don't have is were actively looking at what can be improved.

Walter Sampson to the Mayor weve heard a good presentation regards to some of the issues and problems regard to some of our communities we certainly need to assert our authority to find resources if we can to try to help out in the communities that are in need, I know in the past we have I think we need to look at what we need to do to reinforce the work that's in place.

Judy Hassinger in terms of Selawik what your breakeven point is, 151 connections that's about \$453,000 in revenue.

Mike Black our breakeven point would be below that level, I believe what we estimated was 140 paying customers would be a break even, some of that assumes certain commercial rates so those rates haven't changed in one way that address and possibly lower that number would be adjusting some commercial rates but Francine Moreno in our business office who has all the information about the revenue stream, the customer payments and so forth I would welcome your ability to contact her and dig into that issue.

Reggie raises concern about the School and Clinic. Economies is hard to come by and the costs. Also raises issue of federal and state dollars going down. Have you had this discussion with Maniilaq, the school district? If we can come up with some kind of solution by October 1, what is your real drop dead deadline? If its going to mean some action by NWALT then NWALT needs to come together if it is going to mean approval by our respective governing bodies then we need to know all of these things and I think a drop dead deadline is a very important piece of information to have.

Shauna Hegna those are great questions, we have maintained regular and consistent communication with Maniilaq, with the School District, NANA, weve met with some of your staff at the borough, just this morning I had a conversation with Guy Adams at the housing authority so we are making sure that were keeping everyone informed of where were are, I would offer that likely a drop dead deadline is September 15th on some type of decision, we may be able to push that out for a week but certainly by October 1 we have to push that back over to the City of Selawik if necessary, in terms of potential solutions Mr. President you had asked before about short term solutions, we have two options 1) is the memo that is in front of you that shows the roaming RMW and a roving regional operator, we are likely that these two positions are going to spend a majority of their time in Selawik for the first year or two but we can see this being a regional function over time. Another option whether its through user fees subsidies at a local governance level or support from a regional level

enough to pay down a third of the debt that were right now carrying for Selawik with the idea we would work with the community on the remaining sum, were continuing with that solution to struggle with the social aspect of having individual households pay their water and sewer bill and helping people to understand that's going to be a critical aspect of them joining back onto the system.

Walter Sampson I think the mayor can direct his public services to work with the other entities in regard to addressing what's been presented to us. They told us that they been communicating with all the organizations, now is the time to act on what needs to happen otherwise were going to have that much more on our boiler plate as we enter the winter season because something happens and I would hate to get to that point, I would hit the issue before it really freeze up and start addressing those things that's been presented to us.

Mayor Joule there is one other thing I wanted to touch on because its kind of the sub text to this whole discussion and while addressing one third of the debt might be a way while addressing a different kind of additional workforce may be another option, those are cheap if we lose the system.

Walter Sampson the issue regards to what I said let that committee come back to us in regards to what the needs are then we can meet with the other organizations and find out exactly what they can provide to address the needs.

Carl Weisner I appreciate you folks presenting and the points made and think I would support at the end of the day the additional resources to Selawik operations and the 3 year, plan that is presented I would like to get a more balanced footing of the bill between the major organizations in this region and I hope that happens soon and thank you.

Walter Sampson thank you for your presentation, were going to take a quick break. Back at

ORDINANCE

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RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 14-33** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough to issue general obligation refunding bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,200,000 to refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the borough, fixing certain details of such bonds and authorizing their sale.*

Resolution 14-33 presented by Judith Hassinger.

Matt Mead explains wording of Resolution 14-33.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-33.

2. **Resolution 14-34** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly delegating to the Northwest Arctic Borough School District specific authorities relating to Grant Agreement No. 15-DC-125 between the Borough and the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, and for related purposes.*

Wendie Schaeffer presented Resolution 14-34.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-34.

3. **Resolution 14-35** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Authorizing a professional services agreement with Damian Satterthwaite-Phillips, D/B/A Phillips Research and analytics, for the purposes of completing work on the subsistence mapping project and for related purposes.*

Zach Stevenson presented Resolution 14-35.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-35.

4. **Resolution 14-36** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adding Wendie Schaeffer as an authorized signatory for Borough checks.*

Reggie Joule Presents Resolution 14-36

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-36.

5. **Resolution 14-37** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting Assembly member Patrick Savok's resignation of Assembly Seat I, and for related purposes.*

Matt Mead presents resolution 14-37.

Member Ballot recommends do pass on resolution 14-37.

6. **Resolution 14-38** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly confirming designation of Martha Henry as the acting Borough Clerk and for related purposes.*

Mayor Joule presents resolution 14-38.

Member Ramoth recommends do pass on resolution 14-38.

7. Resolution 14-39 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting additional AEA Grant funds and approving a construction contract with STG for the Deering Wind-Diesel project and for related purposes.*

Fred Smith presents resolution 14-39.

Member Ramoth the winds in Selawik and Noorvik are diminishing and they all require wind data, for solar energy are required solar data for future energy needs incase we have more sun and less wind?

Fred Smith most of those met towers have been fitted with Solar recorders as well so the same met towers weve been using for wind, for those ones fitted for solar were also getting that data.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-39.

8. Resolution 14-40 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with AVEC to purchase and install LED lights in Borough communities and for related purposes.*

Fred Smith presents resolution 14-40.

Clyde Ramoth is it ok that your name be there and for voting?

Walter Sampson I incline to abstain from voting because I sit on the AVEC board.

Frank Greene it says AVEC communities, are we going to be doing anything for Deering?

Fred Smith we did ask if AVEC would be bidding on the Deering piece, Deering is a city owned Utility piece, Ipnachak Electric, AVEC was reluctant to add that Deering component to their bid and for them it was for liability issues that might arise, they didn't feel comfortable including so we are talking about a couple of different paths forward, we've raised the issue with KEA who also supports Buckland's utility and were also talking about the potential of maybe approaching Morris Crick who also supports Ipnachak Electric and continues to do work for Ipnachak Electric and they are a couple of potential contractors but AVEC was approached on this.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-40.

9. Resolution 14-41 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving research projects funded under the Borough's Shell research grant agreement, and for related purposes.*

Noah Naylor presents resolution 14-41.

Lucy Nelson Budget, Audit, Finance recommends do pass on resolution 14-41.

OTHER BUSINESS

Walter Sampson raised concerns about Transporters.

Charlie Gregg gave a brief explanation of what the Borough process and the mix up between the state and Borough applications. Also explained the process NANA Purcell Security is taking when they run into someone without a permit.

Walter Sampson asked legal if they neglect to abide by what our ordinance is what can we do?

Matt Mead the Borough has had the option to follow the civil enforcement option but the problem is the Borough does not have the resources to peruse those types of enforcement actions, it would be something that would ultimately be something that would be filed in court.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Hadley thanked Fred for his work on the wind turbines for the villages; also to Mayor and staff; BAF chairperson Lucy also going into detail yesterday.

Member Ramoth thanked President, Mayor, Assembly members and staff; very educational, learned a lot from the work session yesterday; definitely a good way to present the budget and adjustments. Appreciate everyone's hard work.

Member Vern Cleveland thanks for a good meeting. Good luck to all the hunters.

Member Nelson had no comment.

Member Miles Cleveland had no comment.

Member Greene had no comment.

Member Savok had no comment.

Member Ballot had no comment.

Member Westlake thanked the Assembly for working together for getting the budget passed.

Member Weisner had no comment.

Elder Representative enjoyed the meeting very much, learned a lot. Thank you for having me.

Youth Representative Mary Sue mentioned she had learned a lot, thanks for having her.

President Sampson thanked the Mayor and his staff for the revised budget which they have agreed to; it's the work that comes together. Communicating together that makes things easier; sometimes he feel like he should do better, get lengthy when he talk but that is his nature. Good meeting, good process that they went through and good discussion yesterday. Administration certainly had answered questions that were raised, thanks Legal for making sure we did things properly to address what was needed. Sure we can have our differences; they need to be put on the table for discussion. Thanks for your views and thoughts. Thanks to Legal, thanks to Mayor and Judy for your good work.

MAYOR'S COMMENT

Mayor Joule thanked Mr. President and Assembly for being able to pass the budget; which is a much better budget. Appreciate your diligence. Appreciate all the staff had put into this. Extend thanks to the people who put a lot of effort and the Assembly recognizing that effort. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Vern Cleveland moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.