



# Northwest Arctic Borough

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**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Special Meeting Minutes - *DRAFT***  
Tuesday April 15, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.  
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

## CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

## INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

## ROLL CALL

### Members Present:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Walter Sampson	Hannah Loon	Austin Swan Sr.
Nathan Hadley Jr.	Clyde Ramoth	Larry Westlake Sr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.
Pete Schaeffer	Lucy Nelson	Carl Weisner	

### Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Christine Hess	Matt Mead	Stella Atoruk
Rosny Rizk	Angie Strum	Eugene Smith	Brad Reich
Patrick Savok	Kathleen Lansdale	Noah Naylor	<i>Andy Baker</i>

### Excused

Winona Hawley  
(*telephonic*)

**Quorum established to conduct business.**

**Member Swan motion to excuse Elder Representative Winona Hawley, seconded by Member Ramoth; passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

## AGENDA ADOPTION

Member Schaeffer request executive session during Ordinance 16-02. Vice President Nelson request to add finance update during other business.

Ambler [Visaappaat](#), Buckland [Nunatchiaq](#), Deering [Ipnatchiaq](#), Kiana [Katyaak](#), Kivalina [Kivaliñiq](#), Kobuk [Laugviik](#), Kotzebue [Qikiqtaġruk](#), Noatak [Nautaaq](#), Noorvik [Nuurvik](#), Selawik [Akuliġaq](#), Shungnak [Isiñnaq](#)

**Member Schaeffer moved, seconded by Member Sampson to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, INACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 16-02** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending chapter 7.10 of the borough Code and for related purposes.*

**Member Ramoth to approve Ordinance 16-02, seconded by Member Hadley.**

**Member Schaeffer motion to go into executive session to review finances that may affect the Borough at 9:10 A.M; seconded by Member Sampson; passed unanimously by roll call. Reconvene at 10:25 A.M. with no action taken.**

President Weisner noted that no audience from public. Member Sampson verified with Andy regarding the councils and other mining companies are pushing against this Borough.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Ordinance 16-03** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title Seven of the Borough Code to revise the Tobacco Excise Tax and for related purposes.*

President Weisner summarized the ordinance. Christine Hess mentioned that the changes clarifies the definition; distributing tax not to the retailers. It also defines a pack of cigarettes, doesn't matter how many rolls and to being July 1, 2016.

**Member Ramoth motion to approve Ordinance 16-03; seconded by Member Hadley. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 16-18** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the purchase of accessory parts for previously purchased heavy equipment in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00*

Brad Reich summarized the resolution; this is for a winch for the D3 dozer and a ditch bucket for the backhoe for Kivalina. Currently closing out the grants. Member Sampson verified if this is a grant or general fund. Member Westlake mentioned he would like the word 'parts' be listed as attachments.

**Member Loon motion to approve Resolution 16-18, seconded by Member Hadley; motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Resolution 16-19** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to accept a U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Cooperative Grant in the amount of \$37,000.00 from Maniilaq Association

Kathleen Lansdale mentioned USDA had initiated with Maniilaq, although Maniilaq doesn't have an economic development department. Good way to work with the communities to see what they have to offer. Member Westlake verified how many villages would take advantage of this grant.

**Member Ramoth motion approve Resolution 16-19, seconded by Member Westlake; motion passed unanimously.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rosny Rizk provided a summary update on budget ending March 31, 2016. President Weisner verified the Teck revenue is the budgeted amount and not the actual. Vice President Nelson commend Rosny for providing this information; important to have this. Cash and treasuries remain stable and also having savings on expenses. Member Sampson raised concern regarding the bond payments, have received an interesting email from the firm regarding late payments. Member Ramoth raised concern to the Assembly budget, are we on schedule? Member Sampson raised concern in regards of a plan, is that available for review at the regular meeting? President Weisner appreciates the administration conservative spending across the board.

President Weisner mentioned the resolutions/ordinance presented today is what administration has for this month. Due to that the April Assembly meetings are cancelled.

Member Schaeffer raised concern to why a large delegation going to Washington DC, in case a resident ask. Member Sampson verified with legal counsel; is there any violations with open meetings act with a large group going to a meeting like such. He raised concern to the large amount of expenses; this Borough has made commitments also. Member Westlake raised concern to the next meeting date; the motion to cancel, is that the right process to say no meeting. Member Westlake mentioned that next time to have it listed on the agenda. Member Sampson raised concern on why have a special meeting. President Weisner reiterate the lobbying for Kivalina Airport Erosion and Noatak and Park Service for a potential road for the fuel services.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Loon moved to adjourn; with no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.**