



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 26, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Elder Representative Hawley provided invocation.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Walter Sampson	Austin Swan Sr.	Pete Schaeffer	Clyde Ramoth (arr 9:27)
Nathan Hadley Jr.	Larry Westlake Sr.	<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	Lucy Nelson
Carl Weisner			

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Winona Hawley	Matt Mead	Noah Naylor
Rosny Rizk	Eugene Smith	Brad Reich	<i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i>
Patrick Savok	Liz Cravalho	Rick Whitbeck	Janine Bedford
Chris Hatch	John Baker	Katherine Keith	Helena Hildreth
Mildred Stalker	Stella Atoruk	<i>Ingemar Mathiasson</i>	Karen Hewes

Excused

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Hannah Loon	<i>(telephonic)</i>	<i>(Inupiaq)</i>
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Quorum established to conduct business.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda presented for approval of July 26, 2016. Coast Guard under communications. Request to add Resolution 16-30 through 16-34. Mayor request to add Executive Session under other business to meet with PT Capital to discuss finer details regarding finances.

Ambler *Ivisaappaat*, 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 carried with eight yes votes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Regular meeting minutes for June 28, 2016 presented for approval.

Member Sampson moved, seconded by Member Hadley to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried with nine yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS & APPEARANCES

Karen Hewes, Coast Guard Lieutenant Arctic Liaison Officer is here in Kotzebue; have been in contact with Search and Rescue. She will be doing outreach village visits; here in Kotzebue doing community services projects. Primary mission is search and rescue, instant navigation and there are two helicopters here. Although there is concern about subsistence activity; policy is three thousand feet between the subsistence species and helicopter. Open to recommendations or if seeing Coast Guard is being destructive please contact us. Will be going to some of the communities. Have been educating residents of boat safety through radio station.

Member Schaeffer ask on average, how many are stationed here? President Weisner appreciate the presence; thank you for the opportunity for our youth. Appreciate the sensitivity of subsistence activity.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Madam Chair Nelson summarized the Budget, Audit and Finance meeting which was held the previous day. Although, Elmer and Miles were excused so Lucy and Carl were present.

Chairperson Hadley summarized the Regulation and Taxation of Tobacco and Marijuana meeting which was held the previous day also. Had updates on taxation. They went into Executive session, no decisions were made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, INACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

None presented.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Swan mentioned they had a public meeting in Kivalina regarding relocation; a lot of good points. They have pushed the idea of renaming to Kissiminuq; will be holding quarterly public meetings in Kivalina.

Member Sampson asks what was the discussion on Relocation Site?

Member Swan said that they are still struggling with that. This Kissiminuq is at a high ground; although Elders concern about that site. The Elders are concerned about the site being far away, kids won't be able to get to school on time. Although, there will be help for the children.

Vice President Nelson mentioned she attended a meeting in Seattle with Teck Cominco; open dialogue in reference to court ordered stipulation. No decisions were made; good meeting of putting both sides on the table. Second meeting attended at PT Capital in Anchorage regarding possible DMT investment.

President Weisner mentioned he attended the two meetings Vice President Nelson mentioned. Good positive meetings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Richards mentioned he attended several meetings in Anchorage with PT Capital prior to meeting with President and Vice President along with Administration and Legal department. PT Capital should be here to give a presentation under executive session. Also, met with Sarah Hugh with Quintillion regarding future infrastructure for fiber optic. Excited about possible funding through DMTS.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Taxation of Tobacco and Marijuana – Monday, August 22, 2016 @ 12:30 P.M.
Budget, Audit & Finance work session – Monday, August 22, 2016 @ 1:30 P.M.
Work session – Monday, August 22, 2016 @ 3:00 P.M.
Regular meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 16-05** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a three-year participation agreement with Alaska Municipal League – Joint Insurance Association, and for related purposes.*

Attorney Mead summarize Ordinance 16-05; continues insurance with five percent discount with a three year commitment for all the members and not increase more than ten percent during that duration.

Member Hadley motion to approve Ordinance 16-05; seconded by Member Westlake. Passed unanimously with eight yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Schaeffer motion to go into executive session regarding Personnel; Member Sampson seconded, passed unanimously with eight yes votes. Reconvene.

Assembly agreed to suspend the rules; relocate Resolution 16-27 to bottom of the resolution list to follow 16-34.

Vice President Nelson motion to approve the relocation; seconded by Member Sampson. Motion passed unanimously with nine yes votes by roll call.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 16-28** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving contracts for construction services with Kycel Construction LLC for renovation at the Borough's Public Safety Building in Shungnak, Alaska, and for related purposes.*

Brad Reich summarize Resolution 16-28, this is for the living quarters in Shungnak; looking at new kitchen, roofing and utility door which are well needed.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 16-28; seconded by Member Westlake. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with nine yes votes.

2. **Resolution 16-29** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving amendment of a construction contract with STG for the Buckland Wind-Diesel Project.*

Mayor Richards mentioned that this is continuation of the Buckland Project.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 16-29, seconded by Vice President Nelson. Passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution 16-30** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with Alaska Communications (ACS) for telecommunications equipment and network services, and for related purposes.*

Patrick Savok mentioned this will revamp our telecommunications all the cabling for internet and telephones. Looking at updating the conferencing system. Rick look forward to working partnership with Borough, ACS is partners with Quintillion.

Member Westlake motion approve Resolution 16-30, seconded by Member Hadley. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution 16-31** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly confirming Angie Sturm as the Borough Treasurer/Finance Director, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards honored for Angie to move forward in her career.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 16-31, seconded by Member Westlake. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Resolution 16-32** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing an*

agreement with Remote Solutions LLC to perform CIAP Grant-Funded Community Planning Services, and for related purposes.

Eugene informed that Remote Solutions have been doing an outstanding job; staying on top of the grants. Katherine Keith mentioned a lot of things going on; all grants have extensions which have been approved. Currently working on Landfill, Culture Camps and Youth Interns have been hired. Encouraging Youth to connect with you back at home to get advice. Member Ramoth commends Remote Solutions to all the work you do with the community.

Member Hadley motion to approve Resolution 16-32, seconded by Vice President Nelson. Member Sampson raised concern to the agreement attached which should be part of 16-34. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Resolution 16-33** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing joint pursuit of Economic Development Administration Grant Funds for alternative energy projects with NANA's Village Energy Program, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Richards summarize Resolution 16-33; this is to help support our villages. President Weisner extend his thanks to Sonny Adams.

Member Hadley motion to adopt Resolution 16-33; seconded by Member Vice President Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Resolution 16-34** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving negotiations of a memorandum of agreement with State of Alaska and related parties for the Kivalina Road Project.*

Member Swan mentioned that the 3.2 Million will really help; hope will go somewhere with it. Eugene informed the Assembly that hopefully fast track an EA/Road design this next year. John Baker thanked Assembly to be part of this project, recently met with Department of Transportation. DOT would like to move forward with Borough and Remote Solutions. Not clear of the roles right now; as we move forward the Assembly will be informed. Thank you for the opportunity.

Member Hadley motion to adopt Resolution 16-34; seconded by Member Sampson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Resolution 16-27** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting the resignation of Assembly Member Clyde Ramoth for Assembly Seat E, and directing the Borough Clerk to solicit nominations to fill the vacant seat the regular 2016 Election.*

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 16-27; seconded by Member Westlake. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Clyde Ramoth honored to sit on the Borough Assembly; regretfully resigning. Really good working with the Assembly, Elder Representative and Legal Matt Mead. Whomever takes this seat, will support you. He have been on this past five years, good seat. Passing to Hannah,

give her the privilege to give our Eskimo names. Always excited to see projects going on; don't forget the villages whenever there is funding coming in. Whether in executive session or work sessions; we all bring out our needs. To Mayor and staff, it's good to see you all working together. Honor all of their hard work, during or after meeting he supports them.

Break taken at 10:21 A.M.

Reconvene at 10:33 A.M.

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive session taken at 10:34 A.M. to discuss finances, no decisions have been made.
Reconvene at 11:12 A.M.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Eugene Smith thanked Clyde Ramoth for his job; he done a good job with naming delegates.

Marlene Moto-Karl of Deering called regarding registered boats; do they just have to do Kotzebue or within the Borough. Concerned about people dumping boats in Deering with motors; no name or title on them. Also, concerned about the age limit to smoke cigarettes. She sees a lot of people smoking marijuana with their kids. She asks if anyone in Deering have license to sell marijuana or jugs; she heard someone was selling a jug for two hundred dollars. Just heard you guys talk about search & rescue; you need to check if they have stuff like that. We can't lose jobs for our local people.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Westlake mentioned good meeting. Look forward to moving ahead.

Member Sampson – ***thank you, good meeting; it's always good to have this type of meeting. If we all help each other it will all work out. We got to be ready, even though we have meeting like this we have to say it again.***

Member Schaeffer thank Clyde for his services. Reminder that Elections are coming up shortly. He raised his concern to the second bridge, we have several boats that are ocean worthy. Although when we have high water we have trouble going under that bridge.

Member Swan thanked Clyde for his services. Thank the Assembly for working hard on what you need to do. Thank the staff.

Member Hadley thank Clyde for his service; look forward to working with him again. As for the new teachers that come to this region; there are new teachers camping right now. Welcome them to experience our lifestyle. Be safe out there when hunting.

Elder Representative Hawley – ***I'd like to thank everybody. Forgot his Inupiaq name, I'd like to thank Clyde Ramoth while he is here.***

Vice President Nelson thank Angie for taking the big role for Borough Treasurer; thank Rosny for assisting her transition. Thank Clyde Ramoth for his services, good to work with you for the past four-five years. Wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you to Coast Guard coming. Condolences to Sheldon Family in Noorvik, thinking of you. Fishing and boating season, use your lifejackets. Encourage our residents to be involved in public process, almost Election time. Good luck to all the berry pickers and subsistence users.

Member Cleveland sends his condolences to Sheldon in Noorvik. Thank you Clyde for your services. Those of you that were involved in Kobuk, he knows that they were running out of patience. Thank the staff for helping Kobuk during their time of need. As we speak today, our monies are dwelling in the State. We need to step up and take care of our people. Thank you from people of Kobuk, thank the State Troopers and VPSO during the time of the search.

President Weisner thank Clyde for his services; real talented member of this body. Look forward to working with you in the future; Assembly directed the clerk to open the seat for October Election. Petitions are due on August 20th. Express condolences to Sheldon Family in Noorvik, thank the searchers. In regards to Upper Kobuk, been something to see the communities pull together with volunteers. Really happy to see, express thanks to State Troopers and Public Services. Appreciate all efforts.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Richards mentioned good meeting. Sending condolences to Sheldon Family in Noorvik; hard thing to go through, thoughts and prayers to family. To Ambler, Kobuk and Shungnak; working with Chris Hatch and Troopers, congratulate you all to a job well done. Honored to support in any way we can. Remind you all of the Election deadline coming up. Echo Vice President's comments, wear a lifejacket. Be safe in all you do.

ADJOURNMENT

Member moved to adjourn; with no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.