



**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 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.	Larry Westlake Sr.	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Pete Schaeffer
Lucy Nelson	Carl Weisner		

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Winona Hawley	Matt Mead	Noah Naylor	Jade Hill
Angie Strum	Eugene Smith	Brad Reich	Kat Keith
Patrick Savok	Enoch Mitchell	Wayne Hall	Scott Johnson
Billy Lie	Eric Edenshaw	John Baker	Millie Stalker
Hugh Short	Chris Hatch	Helena Hildreth	<i>Marlene Moto-Karl</i>
Stella Atoruk			

Quorum established to conduct business.

(Telephonic) *(Inupiaq)*

AGENDA APPROVAL

August 23, 2016 regular meeting agenda presented for approval. Mr. Patrick Savok requested to add Executive Session PT Capital to Item F. Acting Mayor Smith also requested add resolutions 16-41 and 16-42.

Member Westlake moved, seconded by Member Cleveland to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Regular meeting minutes for July 26, 2016 presented for approval.

Member Sampson moved, seconded by Member Hadley to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & APPEARANCES

Member Loon motioned, Member Armstrong seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purposed of long term financial investment of the Borough; motion passed unanimously at 9:09 A.M.

Reconvene at 10:37 A.M. No decision has been made regarding the long term investment.

**Break taken followed.
Meeting reconvened at 10:47 A.M.**

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Madam Chair Nelson provided a summary of the Budget, Audit and Finance. All members present, resolutions were reviewed and recommend due pass. Have approved Ordinance 16-05; recommend due pass.

Chairperson Hadley summarized the Regulation & Taxation of Tobacco and Marijuana meeting which was held the previous day also. All members were present along with other Assembly members; explored taxation on marijuana and no decisions were made.

Member Loon added the discussion of possibility of registering for marijuana regulations and taxation for the future.

President Weisner added that there a lot of municipalities at different stages of this taxation; Borough is monitoring the other Boroughs and their regulations. We are taking steps to stay informed; may take a while since State is still finalizing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, INACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND EMERGENCY 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.*

Acting Mayor Smith recommend due pass.

Member Cleveland moved, seconded by Member Sampson to approve Ordinance 16-05 for enactment. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Swan mentioned the recent AML Summer conference; had guest speaker Governor Walker besides several others. Discussed the 1.2 Billion in reductions; pretty good list of construction projects. On the permanent fund dividend will have a clause in there, they will automatically be a registered voter. Had a strategic plan session; it has been updated at that session so once received he will share with you.

Member Sampson spoke on behalf of the Veteran's process and those who are unable to qualify for weatherization's programs.

Member Cleveland reported that he cannot qualify for weatherization due to his employment.

Member Swan commented that their homes are dilapidated and the flooring in the new homes are already moving.

Member Loon commented about homelessness and hunger in her village and added that the old ASHA home foundations are uneven and getting rotten. Member Loon reported that she did attend the district wide Teacher In-service and she attended the Bilingual/Cultural Workshop from August 9-11 and that the teachers have new curriculum and smart boards. She disclosed that she is employed with Dr. Eck translating the Elder.

President Weisner attended the hearing with the Teck Borough litigation. Chief of staff Mr. Eugene Smith is acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Richards who is on leave supporting his family.

Member Hadley commented about the recent fire in Buckland and said that it would help to have more funds set aside for fire and search and rescue service. Mr. Reich reported that they have allocated \$8,000 for fire extinguishers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eugene Smith, Acting Mayor summarized the Mayor's report. Wishes Dr. Naylor Happy Birthday.

Member Hadley raised his concern on fire extinguishers; recently had a fire in Buckland. For emergencies; it would be good to have monies aside for family emergencies.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Special meeting date will be determined; date yet to be announced and posted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 16-35** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with Alaska Permanent Capital Management for investment management services and for related purposes.*

Mr. Smith recommend due pass.

Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 16-35; seconded by Member Cleveland. Passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 16-36** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly establishing the FY17 long-term investment allocation, setting appropriate performance benchmarks and for related purposes.*

Mr. Smith recommend due pass and President Weisner reported that BAF recommended due pass also.

Member Hadley motion, Member Loon seconded to approve Resolution 16-36. Passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution 16-37** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with Golden Eye Media Alaska for media content services and for related purposes.*

Mr. Smith recommended due pass.

Member Loon motioned, Member Hadley seconded to approve Resolution 16-37. Passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution 16-38** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a contact for services with Tekmate LLC for maintenance and technical support for the Borough's computer equipment, software and server, and for related purposes.*

Mr. Smith recommended due pass.

Member Hadley motioned, Member Armstrong seconded to approve Resolution 16-38.

Passed unanimously.

5. **Resolution 16-39** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting an FY17 Village Public Safety Officer Grant and for related purposes.*

Mr. Smith recommended due pass.

Member Sampson motioned, Member Cleveland seconded to approve Resolution 16-39. Passed unanimously.

6. **Resolution 16-40** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly adopting taxation regulations for administration of Borough Taxes, and for related purposes.*

Member Loon motioned, Member Westlake seconded to approve Resolution 16-40. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith recommended due pass.

7. **Resolution 16-41** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving borough office improvements for the purchase and installation of energy efficient lights.*

Mr. Smith recommended due pass; resolution to improve to all LED.

Member Armstrong motioned, Member Loon seconded to approve Resolution 16-41. Passed unanimously.

8. **Resolution 16-42** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a phased construction Manager/General Contractor contract with Remote Solutions LLC for pre-construction, design and construction activities for the Kivalina Evacuation Road and School Access Road.*

Mr. Smith recommended due pass. Vice President Nelson request additional information for the listening audience. Katherine Keith summarized the resolution. Member Swan stated that due to unstable ground on their little spit of land due to erosion, he expressed his support for Resolution 16-42.

Member Sampson motioned, Member Westlake seconded to approve Resolution 16-42. Passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None listed.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Marlene Moto-Karl, Deering resident, commented about powers and duties for elected officials of our borough, and the same for the City's and IRA's governments. She also asked for the number of mining applicants in our borough.

Mr. Eric Edenshaw, Remote Solutions gave an update with partnership with the Borough. They will also be holding a training event this coming weekend for Youth in our region with the exception of Deering and Kobuk.

President Weisner raised his concern for Deering/Kobuk; which they haven't received any applicants.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Hadley thanked Remote Solutions for doing a great job and what he heard so far. Keep up the good work; get some rest once in a while. Thank you.

Member Armstrong thank those who have attended this meeting and thanked the Assembly as we continue to work together.

Member Loon thanked everyone for a good meeting and welcomed Mr. Wayne Hall for his attendance from Red Dog and those with Remote Solutions for their good work. Selawik cultural camp starts in September for all grades. She also thanked the administration for their hard work.

Member Westlake commented about the storm up North and the elders of Kiana have posters out regarding Hunter Success advisory for the safety of our people. He also wished safe hunting; wear life preservers when in the boat.

Member Swan reported that our Honorable Mayor made several attempts to attend the Summer Legislative Conference in Wasilla although his mother in law was in the hospital.

Member Cleveland thanked the borough for the supporting of the VPSO housing in Shungnak. He also commented on ASHA housing that is in poor condition and continue to get dilapidated and that we need upgrade for these houses. It is good to have someone that knows our area to complete projects such as with Remote Solutions.

Member Sampson thank you, we had a good meeting; even though it's hard to work and go meetings and face these problems today, and we still have to do it. It's fall time, people are gathering caribou. We have to tell our children/grandchild what to do, we have to scold now or later we will regret what we didn't tell them what to do. The villages need help, Cities and IRA's, the people come from the villages, and we have meetings. As they have meetings ask them questions; later on if you don't ask questions we will wonder why we didn't ask when it's time to ask. Thank you

Member Schaeffer had no comment.

Elder Representative Hawley thank you. I'm not much of a speaker; would like to thank you for all the help. For the people listening on the radio, always look up to the Lord. Thank you very much.

Vice President Nelson thank you for the audience present, thank Remote Solutions for being engaged with our youth. Elections coming up around the corner, exercise your right to vote; your vote matters. Encourage youth to contact the Borough for two seats on the Assembly; new school year and would like to welcome new teachers and staff. Thank all those that presented to the Assembly.

President Weisner mentioned the tobacco tax; proposing to bring the revenue back to the communities minus the administrative fees. Looking at the bigger picture; possibility sales tax in alcohol and coupled with maybe marijuana.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Smith commented that he wished Mayor Richards family well and commented about the hunting and wish everyone to be safe this fall as our Search and Rescue Department have been very busy lately. He also thanked the US Coast Guard for their assistance during the recent searches. Chinook Day is starting up today; last and not least wishing Dr. Naylor Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Loon moved to adjourn; with no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.