



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided the invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Shroyer Beaver reminded everyone to be careful around the kids as they play near or on the streets. Member Loon encouraged everyone to be watchful for the children who love to play in and around the water and on the roadways. Member Cleveland reminded the boaters to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and to be careful boating around glare ice. He also advised everyone to let someone know your destination and timeline when you plan to return.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Tanya Ballot	Delores Barr	Miles Cleveland
Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Dood Lincoln Carr	Nathan Hadley Jr.
Austin Swan Sr.	Reid Magdanz		

Assembly Members absent:

Walter Sampson (excused)

Member Carr motioned, Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to excuse Member Sampson from the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Matt Mead	Angie Sturm	Clay Nordlum	Helena Hildreth
Ingemar Mathiasson	Fritz Westlake	Saima Chase	Erin Stephens
Shayne Schaeffer	Rick Warner	Hans Nelson	Tessa Baldwin
Rebecca Hagar	Tony Giardini	Ramzi Fawaz	Laura OregaDeGaffory



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Acting Mayor, recommended to add Ms. Wendy Chamberlain – Lobbying update to Item G(1). Mr. Matt Mead, Legal Counsel, requested to add Resolution 22-28 to Item N (10)

Member Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Member Armstrong seconded. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Ramzi Fawaz – Ambler Metals

Mr. Ramzi Fawaz gave a brief update on Ambler Metals operations.

2. Wendy Chamberlain – Lobbyist

Ms. Wendy Chamberlain gave a brief review of lobbying efforts for the Northwest Arctic Borough.

3. Rebecca Hagar – Teck

Ms. Rebecca Hagar, Environmental Coordinator, provided an update on the TECK Annual Report.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

1. Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

Madam BAF Chair Shroyer Beaver reported the committee met and reviewed the resolutions, ordinances and recommended for approval by the full assembly.

2. Financial Report, Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer

Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, provided a summary of Expenditure and Revenue Financials for the month ending April 30, 2022.

A Fifteen-minute break was taken at 10:30 am.

The meeting reconvened from break at 10:46 am.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 22-03** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending the Borough Code to increase the compensation rate for Assembly Members attending meetings, conventions, conferences, or similar gatherings.*

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Ordinance 22-03 and recommended approval for enactment.

Member Cleveland motioned to approve Ordinance 22-03 for enactment, seconded by Member Carr. A call was conducted, and the motion failed with a 5-5 tie.



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2. Ordinance 22-04 *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line-item budget for Fiscal Year 2023.*

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Ordinance 22-04 and recommended approval for enactment. Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, highlighted the changes ending June 30, 2023.

Member Ballot motioned to approve Ordinance 22-04 for enactment. Member Magdanz seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 22-05 *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for establishing and adoption of the line-item budget for the FY23 Village Improvement Fund.*

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Ordinance 22-05 and recommended approval.

Member Carr motioned to approve Ordinance 22-05 for enactment. Member Shroyer Beaver seconded the motion. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Member Shroyer Beaver commented that she attended the NACO conference that was held in Anchorage, Ak and she added they were unable to attend some tours because of security clearance issues. She attended a portion regarding suicide and that a nationwide suicide hotline will be implemented soon. Lastly, Member Shroyer Beaver stressed the importance of having Village Police Safety Officers (VPSO'S) in every community so they can alleviate the stress for the community members dealing with suicide deaths.

Member Barr reported that she also attended the NACO Conference, and it was a real eye opener to attend the topic on suicide and the hotline soon to be available nationwide. She also attended the USDA regarding the Alaska State Conservation and the bipartisan infrastructure law and the need to relocate those villages out of flood zones.



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President reported that he had the opportunity to speak to the NACO group that came to Kotzebue to tour and see the high cost of living that we experience in Northwest Alaska.

MAYORS REPORT

Acting Mayor Ms. Tessa Baldwin started with the Mayor's (Moto) Report and then allowed each Department Director to provide updates from their respective departments. Mr. Clay Nordlum, Planning Department Director, Acting Mayor Ms. Tessa Baldwin (for Carl Weisner), Public Services Director, Mr. Fritz Westlake, Community and Economic Development Director, and Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Director briefly highlighted their reports as presented in the meeting packet.

A fifteen-minute break was taken.

The meeting reconvened from break at 12:21 PM.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Moto recommended a Regular meeting on June 27-28, 2022, with the BAF Work session Meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 1:00 pm and the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 9:00 am.

By unanimous consent of the Assembly the next meeting dates of June 27-28, 2022, were recommended, as set in code.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 22-06** *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 Tessa Baldwin summarized Ordinance 22-06 and recommended do pass for first reading.

Member Carr motioned to approve Ordinance 22-06 for first reading, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 22-19** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Professional Services Agreement with Wendy Chamberlain DBA Legislative Consultants in Alaska for lobbying, and for related purposes.*

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-19 and recommended approval.



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Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 22-19, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 22-20** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Professional Services Agreement with Goldeneye Media Alaska.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-20 and recommended approval.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-20, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution 22-21** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a contract for Legal Services, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-21 and recommended approval.

Member Magdanz motioned to approve Resolution 22-21, seconded by Member Barr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution 22-22** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Espelin & Associates LLC to provide Accounting Services, and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-22 and recommended approval.

Member Carr motioned to approve Resolution 22-22, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Resolution 22-23** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the FY23 Local Contribution to Education.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-23 and recommended approval.

Member Loon motioned to approve Resolution 22-23, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.



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6. **Resolution 22-24** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the Unincorporated Community of Noatak for participation in the FY23 Community Assistance Program.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-24 and recommended approval.

Member Loon motioned to approve Resolution 22-24, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Resolution 22-25** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving an Assembly donation under the FY23 Budget for the Chukchi Consortium Library.

Member Carr requested that reports be provided from entities that we provide donations to. Member Loon requested clarity for the requested amount in the resolution.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-25 and recommended approval.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-25, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed by a majority 8-1 with Member Loon absent during action.

Member Armstrong motioned to amend the amount to \$100,537, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted and the motion failed by a majority 5-4 with Member Swan absent during action.

Member Magdanz motioned to amend the amount to \$50,000, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed by a majority 9-1.

8. **Resolution 22-26** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Services Agreement with Alaska Communication Services (ACS), to provide internet services for the Borough Building for FY23.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-26 and recommended approval.



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Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-26, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Magdanz absent during action.

9. **Resolution 22-27** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a Construction Services Agreement with Gustavo Hernandez to construct Warm Storage Buildings in Kivalina and Buckland.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-27 and recommended approval.

Member Armstrong motioned to approve Resolution 22-27, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Swan absent during action.

10. **Resolution 22-28** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly authorizing additional signatories for borough checks.

Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin summarized Resolution 22-28 and recommended approval.

Member Loon motioned to approve Resolution 22-28, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Swan thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Member Cleveland encouraged safety through this Memorial weekend as we have lost a lot of loved ones. He encouraged everyone to stay strong for their families.

Member Armstrong thanked everyone for a good meeting. He gave his condolences to those who has had recent losses. He is glad the assembly and administration are moving and encouraged everyone boating safety as we conduct our subsistence activities. Member Barr enjoyed the last couple days of meetings and thanked the administration for work they do for our borough. She wishes Mayor Moto recovery as he is going through his health issue. She expressed her condolences to those who have recently lost their



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loved ones.

Member Magdanz also gave his condolences to families who have recently lost their loved ones. He thanked the borough staff for their work, and he thanked Acting Mayor Baldwin for doing a good job. He encouraged safety to everyone during spring break up.

Member Shroyer Beaver also gave her condolences to the families who have recently lost their loved ones and she thanked the borough staff for their good work.

Member Loon thanked the Assembly and staff for a good meeting and she commented that it is good to see everyone in person. She gave her condolences to those who have lost loved ones and she looks forward to the opening of the Atautchigun Center in Selawik, Ak. She thanked Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin for doing a good job stepping in for Mayor Moto and she thanked President Hadley for running a good meeting.

Member Ballot encouraged boating safety for everyone, and she also encouraged everyone to keep their physical and mental health in check and to be sure to communicate their feelings to someone they trust. She thanked the administration for working together with the Assembly and supporting the communities. She looks forward to the celebration of life gathering during the Memorial weekend as we can come together and start the healing process. She invited everyone to the grand opening of Selawik's Atautchigun building this Friday the 27th at 3 pm.

Member Carr thanked President Hadley for running a good meeting and she then gave her condolences to everyone from our region who lost their loved ones in the last month or two. She wished Mayor Moto a fast recovery with his health. She thanked President Hadley for including the assembly in lobbying efforts and it has been proven and she thanked Teck for the PILT agreement which has proven so well for the village's infrastructure needs and wants. She thanked the villages who have participated in the VIF program, and she mentioned that the loader was a lesson learned for everyone involved. She congratulated the village of Selawik for their new Atautchigun building as this is the first that will happen coming from the VIF funds in the region. She thanked Acting Mayor Tessa Baldwin for running a good meeting and asked the administration for accountability as we continue to move forward.

President Hadley requested that Acting Mayor Baldwin send Mayor Moto a care package to him, and he thanked the staff for stepping up when needed. He thanked Member Ballot for the work she does for her village of Selawik as it is a lot to go through. He thanked the assembly members for their participation in our meetings regarding acting on resolutions and ordinances. He congratulated the new resolution contracts for FY23 and moving



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forward.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Baldwin commented that she is looking forward to the return of Mayor Moto and his leadership and she thanked the Assembly members for their guidance while Mayor Moto is out. She thanked the administration for their good work and to continue moving forward and she congratulated the new contracts for FY23.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Carr motioned; Member Armstrong seconded to adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.

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