CALL TO ORDER

President Carl Weisner called the meeting to order at 8:57 A.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Cleveland provided invocation. President Weisner mentioned although there isn’t a safety moment during a special meeting, he mentioned that there a number of Assembly member concerned about making it home before the snow storm and some of the members are responsible for keeping the runways clear of snow. He suggest those members work with Acting Mayor after the meeting.

Member Carr mentioned that is school time; remind parents and those listening to remind children to watch for vehicles; you can’t see them. This morning she saw children walking behind trucks and can’t see them.

ROLL CALL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:
Austin Swan Sr.  Miles Cleveland Sr.  Hannah Loon  Tanya Ballot
Walter Sampson  Larry Westlake Sr.  Nathan Hadley Jr.  Dood Carr
Elmer Armstrong Jr.  Kirk Oviok  Sandy Shroyer-Beaver  Lucy Nelson
Carl Weisner

Introduction of Staff and Guests
Patrick Savok  Matt Mead  Shield Downey Jr.  Helena Hildreth
Angie Sturm  Stella Atoruk  Noah Naylor  Chuck Greene
Charlie Gregg  Nate Kotch  Chris Hatch  Mildred Stalker
Grant Hildreth  Bonnie Nauska  Dean Westlake

(telephonic)
A quorum was present to conduct business.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for October 9, 2017. President Weisner request to add Representative Westlake. President Weisner raised concern regarding the Orientation on the agenda although the agenda don’t reflect that. The orientation is mainly for the newly elected. Vice President Nelson mentioned the twenty-four hour notice to have anything on the agenda; believe appropriate for the next regular meeting. Member Cleveland request to save for the next meeting due to timing.

Member Armstrong joined.

Member Loon mentioned when she attended the orientation the Legal department informed her of the PILT; now this orientation is on VIF. She wishes that the materials were the same although she knows there is an issue with the weather.

Vice President Nelson request to be held during the regular meeting and would like to take a roll of next step.

Member Westlake mentioned that there is usually an orientation packet for the newly elected and don’t see anything now.

Member Carr raised concern to the different agenda’s with orientation or not; she supports that it’s okay to hold. She understands with the newly elected there is more time today too.

Member Carr motioned to approve as amended, Member Sampson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 17-38 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 3, 2017 General Election Results.

Acting Mayor Savok recommend do pass. Canvas Chair Bonnie Nauska presented results of the Election held on October 3, 2017. Member Westlake raised concern regarding the question ballot numbers. President Weisner inquire regarding the timeframe of contesting the results which is momentarily. Member Carr thank the Canvas Committee, thank you for the work you did.

Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 17-38, seconded by Member Carr. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Borough Clerk swear in Member Sandy Shroyer Beaver, Kirk Oviok and Lucy Nelson as Assembly term ending October 2020.
President Weisner thank Member Sampson and Member Ballot for their years of service to the Northwest Arctic Borough.

Member Ballot thank you, enjoyed time on the Assembly. Learn a great deal; challenges and decisions made on behalf of this Region. Look forward to new tasks on the VIF committee with helping our community and Region.

Member Sampson thank you for your time; humbled on how Elections turned out. Your next representative will surely represent you. Thank his wife, children for their support. Thank those people that voted for him; good Election. He gave a brief history of the past leaders; we need to continue look after our children and them further their education. He knows that you as an Assembly will find an ease for those in need; there are people that are on the street. We have Veterans in our Region that need our help; they are dying without knowing what benefits are available; they will hit Selawik and Noorvik this year to have them sign up. He would like to continue to enforce that if Borough will allow him. He also sits on the Rural CAP Board; they look at renovation of houses, childhood education as well which is critically important. He is still interested in those, to even better what have been in place. Thank Tanya for your service; to rest of the members, Thank you for sitting on the Assembly.
Thank you to the staff for your support, your continued support is needed for the future to even better of what we have in place. What was preached last night had encouraged him to speak and need to continue that? He isn’t leaving town, he is available when in need of help. Thank you. Congratulations to Sandy, know you will do good. Congratulation to Mr. Okviok. Thank you to the staff, guests. Thank you to Legal; although sometimes don’t agree with him which is good. Thank you to Grant. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

President Weisner thank Member Sampson for his service.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Representative Westlake provided a brief update on State. Got another Special session in October dealing with dividends? He will provide an update on the radio also. Senate Bill 54, don’t have the support services in the villages which is currently being worked on.

President Weisner thanked Representative Westlake for his leadership in Juneau. Surely that the Governor’s Administration will treat Borough as the Kasalli Case and have 2% as oppose to 10% match which may be approximately ten million. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Shroyer Beaver mentioned she had a pleasure of working with Walter at NANA for twenty-two years. Did had great debates; highly respect him for that. He was an advocate for the kids and land department. She thanks him for that. She knows that Kivalina is on the map and will continue to work on that. Congratulate Lucy and Kirk and continue to work with all of you. Thank you.
Member Oviok thank you; have been in the Region for thirty five years and it’s good to be here. Thank Tanya for your service on the Assembly. He mentioned he used work; we are not good but going to be honest. Thank you.

Vice President Nelson thank Walter and Tanya; Walter for his leadership, always agreeable or disagreeable. Appreciate your insight; also, which Tanya would stay longer, you bring a lot to the table as well. Welcome Sandy and Kirk; when she first began politic it was to represent our people and provide what she had learned to sustain organizations. She appreciates the constituents for electing her. Thanks to her children and husband for your support and those that sit at the table. We all feel strongly about education, supporting our residents and whatever comes to the table with the kind of money we are working with. Continue to work hard for you, truly appreciate your support.

Member Carr mentioned she remember when Member Ballot was at the Tech Center; she was one of the ones that don’t cause problems. She see her grow, and appreciate you being here. There is going to be money to help the villages with; we have staffing and Assembly that is committed. Thank Walter for helping the Region, Statewide and Nationwide. Congratulations to Lucy being reelected, congratulations to Sandy and Kirk for being elected. Public when you see them, congratulate them for their services; they’ve represented us very well. Your right Walter, it takes a lot being on the Assembly. Know you both will be busy.

Member Loom thank Walter for contribution to our Region, being a Veteran and Leader for our Region. You’ve made tracks that are hard to fill; grateful for your love for your grandchildren and for the work that they are doing. Really meaningful when the family provide for those in need. He will forever respect you and your family; we will still hear from you on Veterans. Thank you to Tanya, for your services. You come from a great village; although we go through hard times you know their needs.

*Member Armstrong congratulates Lucy for reelection. Thank Walter and Tanya for being on the Assembly. Look forward to working with the VIF.*

Member Swan thank you; it’s been a long time ago when he first sat on as the Elder Representative. He mentioned he heard a lot from Walter; somewhat he didn’t agree but it was forgot. In his mind he is losing a great leader although not losing but will miss your work. Thank you to Tanya, glad you’re not really leaving; thank you for continuing your service. Thank you.

Member Cleveland in Inupiaq. Thank you to Tanya, remember you coming to our Region as a lil girl and became a leader. Thank you for the services and you know the needs and continue to do that. He mentioned he went to school with Walter. He is a strong leader; we are not losing him, he now has a stronger voice out there. As an Assembly we need to work together and make the right decisions. Congratulations to Sandy, you will do well; we work together here. We may have differences although we work together; at the end still have a smiling face and good heart. Kirk, the lost whaler; thank you for your willingness to run for the Assembly. We will work together. Thank you to Lucy for many services, will continue to do. Those that run on the ballot, don’t give up; continue to want to be on the Assembly. Feel
free to contact this Assembly, welcome to make your comments and we will deal with them. Thank you.

Member Hadley welcomes Sandy and Kirk; congratulations to Lucy. Thank you to Walter and Tanya, good working with you. Learned a lot from Walter. Hopefully work with you again in the future.

Member Westlake thank Mr. President. Thank you to Tanya; he mentioned when she first got elected she liked the girly car and now don’t know who will drive it. He remembers long ago there used to be three iyayuk’s; you guys better be careful there are three sizeable rocks in there. Thank you for your service.

Elder Representative Downey thank Walter for his services, accomplishments for NANA and Borough and every organization you belong to. We will see you around. Thank you to Tanya, you’ve done good work on Assembly and will be missed. Congratulations to Kirk and Sandy, congratulations to Lucy for reelection. Appreciate all the Assembly’s work and good luck in future ventures.

President Weisner confirmed with Vice President; those members that which to go home sooner than later to work with Acting Mayor and Clerk.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Savok thank all those that voted. Thank Walter for his services, have been on Assembly since 1999. He mentioned that Tanya reminds him of Sailiq; look forward working with you on the VIF Commission. Congratulations to Lucy on reelection. To Kirk, as Peachee would say, Welcome Boss. To Sandy, as you know she was President on School Board, moving forward she will be able to add her expertise. Encourage the newly Elected that the Borough Code is our Law here which guides us. We always rely on it. Good meeting, have a couple parting gifts for Tanya and Walter.

Member Ballot have received a lost whaler carving.

Member Sampson have received a nice seal skin hat on behalf of the Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Member Loon motion adjourn at 10:00 A.M.