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**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 20-89**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST  
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING  
A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND  
APPLICATION FROM THE KOBUK 440  
RACING ASSOCIATION TO FUND  
ENHANCING AND PERPETUATING DOG  
MUSHING IN THE ARCTIC, AND FOR  
RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.010 of the Borough Code, the Borough Village Improvement Commission was established to identify village service and capital improvement needs, plan and implement capital improvement and public service programs, and oversee investment of the Borough's Village Improvement Fund (VIF); and

**WHEREAS:** under Section 11.08.020 of the Borough Code, the Commission is responsible for advising the Borough Administration with respect to working with village residents, Borough communities, and village utilities to identify projects and programs for recommended funding; and

**WHEREAS:** on November 10, 2020, the Village Improvement Commission passed Commission Resolution 20-19, approving and recommending six applications for final approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly including an application from the Kobuk 440 Racing Association (Kobuk 440), which was amended to the amount of \$276,500, for the purpose of enhancing and perpetuating dog mushing in the Arctic; and

**WHEREAS:** Kobuk 440 hosts mid-distance and junior races, and now seeks financial support for improvements to the existing racing program and establishment of new and expanded programs and events; and

**WHEREAS:** Kobuk 440 intends to use the VIF funds for the following purposes:

1. Development and support of community events to be held in association with the Kobuk 440 and Taaqpak 120 dog sled races;
2. To provide funding to pass through to organizations such as local search and rescues, city and tribal governments, or other community groups in the villages;

3. Support travel for Kobuk 440 staff to meet with community representatives for development and coordination of community events;
4. To expand activities supporting youth through the junior race program including musher scholarship fund to support travel and expenses for youth to participate in the Junior Iditarod;
5. To support holding veterinary clinics in communities in partnership with the Maniilaq Environmental Health Services program;
6. To establish a revolving fund for bulk purchases of dog food, straw, and materials for construction of dog houses; and
7. To support the purchase of supplies and equipment needed to carry out the activities of the Kobuk 440 Racing Association; and

**WHEREAS:** Kobuk 440 also intends to use the VIF funds to hire a contractor to assist the organization in carrying out its objectives and anticipates this will result in doubled fundraising efforts and increased financial stability; and

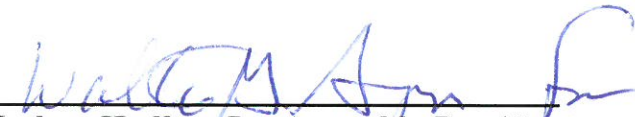
**WHEREAS:** the requested funds will assist Kobuk 440 in increasing its organizational capacity, establishing new sources of revenue, and ensuring the organization's stability; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed use of funds meets the VIF eligibility requirements and will benefit the region as a whole; and

**WHEREAS:** the Assembly wishes to approve the VIF application.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:** Kobuk 440's application for VIF funds in the amount of \$276,500 to fund its efforts in enhancing and perpetuating dog mushing in the Arctic is approved.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

  
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**Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

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**Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor**

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**



**Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**