



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

<i>Austin Swan Sr.</i>	Dood Lincoln Carr	Walter Sampson	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>
<i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i>	Hannah Loon	<i>Delores Barr</i>	<i>Sandy Shroyer Beaver</i> (1:13)
<i>Elmer Armstrong Jr</i>	Reid Magdanz	Craig McConnell	Raven Sheldon
Nathan Hadley Jr			

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Fritz Westlake	Matt Mead	Bonnie Nauska	Chris Hatch
Stella Snyder	Stella Atoruk		

A quorum is present to conduct business. President Hadley mentioned that Vice President Shroyer-Beaver will join shortly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for October 9, 2023

Member Sampson motioned to approve as presented; Member Lincoln Carr seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-55** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 3, 2023, General Election results.*

Acting Mayor Hatch provided a summary of the Resolution. Canvass Chair Nauska summarized Election Results.

Member Sampson moved to adopt Resolution 23-55; Member Lincoln Carr seconded the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Borough Clerk Atoruk swore in Craig McConnell, Raven Sheldon, and Hannah Loon. Also mentioned to Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot that she has plaques for their services on Assembly.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong thanked Members Ballot and Shroyer-Beaver for their great job with assisting the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also congratulated McConnell and Raven on their seat on the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly and looking forward to working with them in the future.

Member Cleveland congratulated Member Loon and Member McConnell and Member Sheldon on their Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also thanking Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot for serving the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly for their knowledge and help over the years on the seat.

Member Shroyer-Beaver thanked everyone and stated she enjoyed her time in the Assembly and that they have a good group of people in the Assembly that everyone agrees to disagree on everything and respect everyone where they stand on issues.

Member Ballot stated that she enjoyed her time sitting in the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly representing the villages that she represented. That she learned so much from each one of you and it taught her a lot. She hoped that her contributions assisted the borough, and everyone continued to work hard in the decisions that you make down the road. She congratulated Member Sheldon on filling the seat. That he will work well with the rest of the Assembly. Also congratulated Member McConnell and Member Loon. To the rest of the Assembly do your best to be fair and consider the rest of every person of the Northwest Arctic Borough in your decision and thank you.

Member Swan apologized for nothing attending in person. Stated there are phone issues with his services. Welcoming Member McConnell and Member Sheldon and Member Loon is also looking forward to working with them all.

Member Barr congratulated those that ran for the Assembly Seats and won. She wished Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot well wishes and thanked them for their commitment for the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly. Also looking forward to working with Member Loon and Member McConnell and Member Sheldon.

Member Magdanz congratulated the new Assembly Member McConnell and Member Sheldon and Member Loon, welcomed her back and looking forward to working with them in the future. Thank Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot for their service for Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly and their encouragement and their service and their support of him in his growth with the Assembly.

Member Sampson congratulated Member Sheldon and Member McConnell and Member Loon for their position as Assembly Member. To Shroyer-Beaver and Ballot thanked them for their times they had together dealing with issues of the residents of this region. At times they had their differences as Assembly members, and they treated themselves as officials during the meetings at the end of day they leave as friends. He pointed out that we go through a lot of challenges, sometimes those challenges are trying to blend in as personal stuff, but they don't get into the decisions for the Borough. He is glad that everyone got to know each other better and thank you for your service for this government.

Member Loon congratulated Member Sheldon and Member McConnell for their seat on the Assembly and Thank you to Ballot and Shroyer-Beaver for showing your great leadership in the public safety area. Will do best with good ethics, thank you.

Member Lincoln Carr thanked Member Ballot and Shroyer Beaver; thankful for leadership on Public Safety, CUAP, and being ethical and always willing to go the extra mile. Wish this new Assembly moves forward working together in the best interest of this Borough. Thank you for calling in.

Member McConnell thank Sandy and Tanya for services, for everything they've done though out the years in the region. Congratulations to his friend Derek, did well during the race. Look forward to working on the Assembly, lot of work and challenges and with you all.

Member Sheldon mentioned honored and humbled to be on Assembly. Thank Sandy and Tanya for being on Assembly, understand big shoes to fill. He will seek guidance from her; work with Tribe and City, happy to be here. Do his best for the Assembly and our people.

President Hadley thanks Tanya and Sandy for work on the Assembly, learned a lot from both of you. Thank you for your services. Welcome Raven and Craig. Wish everyone a safe month. Remind the Assembly the reorganization is set at the regular meeting.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Hatch thank Tanya and Sandy for service. Awaiting covid numbers from Maniilaq.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hadley thank Deputy Clerk Shayne Schaeffer for work she has done for the Borough.

Member Loon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 pm. Member Lincoln Carr seconded the motion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stella Atoul".