



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 2021 – 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 Loon provided the invocation.

SAFETY MOMENT

Member Loon reminded the villages who are on locked down to protect family and elder members by socially distancing from one another. She encouraged everyone to follow the mandates.

Mr. Carl Weisner briefly commented on the Borough's Health and Safety Plan regarding the minimum of twenty-five persons allowed in the Assembly room during meetings. He provided a brief update on increasing positive COVID cases in the borough.

Member Armstrong encouraged safety when boating as there are small chunks of ice afloat and he encouraged gun safety education to the young hunters.

Member Shroyer Beaver commented about safety for pedestrians using the new sidewalk and crosswalks on third street.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	<i>Tanya Ballot</i>	<i>Delores Barr</i>	Austin Swan
<i>Miles Cleveland</i>	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson
Dood Lincoln Carr	Nathan Hadley Jr.	Elia Nay	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Dicki Moto Sr.	<i>Matt Mead</i>	<i>Angie Sturm</i>	<i>Eva Harvey</i>
Helena Hildreth	Nate Kotch Jr.	Aucha Kameroff	Martha Hensley
Jaylynn Rogers	Carl Weisner	Saima Chase	<i>Fritz Westlake</i>
Shayne Schaeffer	Sandra Moto	Susan Georgette	Jim Magdanz
Reid Magdanz	John Chase	Hiram Walker	Marie Greene
Tessa Baldwin	Erin Stephens	Heidi Henry	Kymberly Nelson

Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivalieiq, Kobuk Laugviik, Kotzebue Qikiqtabruk, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Selawik Akulibaq, Shungnak Isinaq



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A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Kameroff requested to add Resolution 21-54 to Item F Resolutions and Election Results.

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 21-54 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying the October 5, 2021 General Election Results.

Election Canvass Chair Ms. Heidi Henry and Canvass Member Kymberly Nelson presented the 2021 Official Election Results.

Acting Mayor Kameroff summarized Resolution 21-54, recommending approval.

Member Carr motioned to approve Resolution 21-54, seconded by Member Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

1. Oath of Office – Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

Ms. Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk, conducted the Oath of Office for incoming Mayor Dickie Moto Sr., Assembly members Walter Sampson, Elmer Armstrong Jr., Austin Swan Sr., and Reid Paaluk Magdanz.

2. Resolution 21-55 a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly in support of the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project (AMDIAP), and for related purposes.

Acting Mayor Kameroff summarized Resolution 21-55, recommending approval.

Mr. Matt Mead, Legal Counsel, provided a summary on the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project (AMDIAP).

Member Magdanz commented that as this resolution was just added to the agenda, he did not have ample time to review it and didn't feel comfortable voting in favor of it.



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Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 21-55, seconded by Member Loon. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed by a majority 10-1.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Marie Greene, Kotzebue resident, congratulated incoming Mayor Moto on behalf of the residents of Deering, Ak and she extended her appreciation to the outgoing Mayor Nelson.

Outgoing Mayor Nelson thanked the Assembly and the administration for giving her the opportunity to work with them for the last three years. She congratulated Mayor Moto on his successful election and she looks forward to working with him in the next three years.

Ms. Aucha Kameroff congratulated incoming Mayor Moto and she thanked former Mayor Nelson for her years of service. She encouraged everyone to work together as a team as we move forward with our new Mayor.

Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, thanked former Mayor Nelson for her time in the Mayor's office and she wished Mayor Moto the best of luck in his administration for the next three years. She highlighted discussions that have been taking place in Mayor Nelson's administration regarding the Northwest Arctic Borough Revenue future.

Mayor Moto thanked Mayor Nelson for her years of service as Mayor for the Northwest Arctic Borough and doing a good job

Borough Clerk Helena Hildreth thanked the Northwest Arctic Borough Election Board Chairpersons for their good work conducting the election in their perspective precincts.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong thanked Mayor Nelson for her years of service as she has done a great job. He congratulated Mayor Moto and Members Swan, Sampson and Magdanz and he is looking forward to working with them. He thanked everyone who voted and for their support also.

Member Magdanz commented that he is honored to be on the assembly and he congratulated Members Sampson, Swan and Armstrong who have won their seats. He thanked Mayor Nelson for her three years of service to the borough. He is looking forward to learning a lot and would like to grow into this position. He thanked the voters for their support and that his responsibility is to the residents of the borough.



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Member Carr thanked former Mayor Nelson for doing a great job being accountable and bringing respect back to the borough. She looks forward to continuing to work with the Assembly as we have a lot of work moving forward and to always remember our mission statement. She stressed the importance of VIF funds and that we need to take advantage of it while it is here. She thanked everyone who are using their masks as we are amid a pandemic for a second year.

Member Cleveland thanked Mayor Nelson for leading the borough for the last three years and she done a great job. He congratulated Mayor Moto and the incoming incumbents and welcomed new member Magdanz to the Assembly. She thanked those who continue to run for the Assembly as it is part of the democratic process.

Member Ballot thanked Mayor Nelson for all her work she has done for the last three years, and she congratulated Mayor Moto and the new and incoming members who have retained their seats. She looks forward to working with everyone to continue to work together.

Member Barr thanked Mayor Nelson for her work and congratulated those who have won their seats, incumbents and new member Magdanz and Mayor Moto.

Member Swan thanked Mayor Nelson for what she has done for the Northwest Arctic Borough for our people and who did a great job. We look forward to doing our best with the new Mayor and congratulated the new and incumbent members who have won their seats. He thanked the past members and Mayor Nelson who have worked hard on the taxation for our borough.

Member Loon thanked Mayor Nelson for her knowledge of budgets, and she welcomed Mayor Moto to his new role as Mayor as the people have voted. She congratulated the new and incumbent members to the assembly. Member Loon commented they recently had an Assembly budget retreat, and she thanked the staff for working on their budgets for the next fiscal year.

Member Shroyer Beaver thanked Mayor Nelson for her work for the last three years and will be working with her again in some capacity in the future. She welcomed the new and returning incumbent members. She commended Member Magdanz for his vote as that shows he will be a leader not a follower. She requested education, VPSO program, VIF funding and other topics to be included on the assembly retreat agenda. She welcomed Mayor Moto and she encouraged him to make his own path and what is best for our people.



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Member Sampson thanked everyone for voting even though the turnout was quite low. He thanked the voters for supporting him and continuing to have trust in him in the assembly role. He thanked Mayor Nelson for the good work she has done in the Mayor's office, in terms of financial accountability and respect. He congratulated Mayor Moto for his new role as mayor and that it will be a challenge as his work is cut out for him.

Ms. Sturm commented that the assembly and mayor consider a budget retreat at a later date because the finance department is busy working on the audit right now.

President Hadley thanked everyone for a good meeting and congratulated Mayor Moto in his new role in the Mayor's office and wishes him best of luck as he is looking forward to working with him and the Assembly. He thanked former Mayor Nelson for her hard work for the last three years.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto commented that he is pleased to be here and is looking forward to serving as the Mayor for the next three years. He thanked everyone for their support and that there is a road ahead of us to work for the residents of the borough with their needs. Lastly, he commented he is looking forward to working with the Assembly and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Loon motioned, Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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