

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Special Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on March 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Carol Foster	Absent-Excused
Warren Wilson	Present
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Absent-Excused
Brenda Wilson	Present
Denise Mobeck	Present

Advisory Members:

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Absent-Excused
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Justin Mobeck, Student Representative	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Jacki Brandell, Assistant Finance Director
Tina Anderson, Clerk
Anne Bailey, Administrator

Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION

CHRIS moved to adopt the agenda and second by BRENDA.

Hearing no more, the agenda is adopted.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities of Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Akutan and the Anchorage office were participating by teleconference. Cold Bay was not able to participate since designated public location is closed. Also broadcast on KSDP radio.

Public Comments: None.

Ordinance 20-07, an emergency of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly issuing a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in response to Covid-19.

MOTION

DENISE moved to adopt Ordinance 20-07 and second by CHRIS.

The Administrator read Ordinance 20-07, for the public.

Ordinance 20-07 states Covid-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in death caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus, not previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic; State of Alaska, Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of Covid-19 in Alaska; March 13, President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic.

There are 32 positive cases in Alaska identified, at this time, and the State has put mandates in place to protect the public, until May 1, 2020. There are traveler guidance restrictions, and Fairbanks and Ketchikan Borough implemented further restrictions.

AEB implemented a COVID-19 AEB employee policy to help reduce transmission among staff.

COVID-19 may impact the Borough communities and residents and have a substantial effect on the Borough economy, if unchecked. The full extent and effect of COVID-19 is unknown and AEB needs to be prepared taking all needed precautions throughout the timeframe and deems it necessary to declare a local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of AEB.

The code outlines the emergency ordinances which says the ordinance can be approved and adopted in one meeting, in effect for 60 days. So, if extended will have to have another meeting to extend for 60 more days.

The ordinance authorizes the Assembly to declare a state of emergency, it authorizes the Mayor to request state and federal funding, if needed. The ordinance also allows the rules to temporarily change how Assembly Members participate in public meetings, allowing them to call in from individual locations.

This ordinance encourages social distancing, and becomes effective immediately upon adoption.

The Declaration of Disaster Emergency would cover the Borough in its entirety, so may be advantageous for each community to make their own declaration, setting their own priorities, and could bring in more disaster funds into the region, if needed.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: Brenda, Josephine, Chris, Warren Denise. Advisory: Tom, Samantha, Justin.

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

DENISE moved to adjourn. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Tina Anderson, Clerk

Date: 4/9/20