

Aleutians East Borough Assembly Meeting
December 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the December 18, 2012 Assembly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Present
Bill Cumberlidge	Present
Ken McHugh	Absent - Excused
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Absent - Unexcused
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Harold Kremer III	Present
Justine Gundersen	Absent - Excused

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator
Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Tina Anderson, Clerk
Ernie Weiss, Resource Director
Laura Tanis, Communications Manager
Anne Bailey, Community Development Director
Jacki Brandell, Finance Assistant

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Paul moved to adopt the agenda placing the AEBSB funding request under New Business and adding under New Business, budget discussion. Second by Bill. Hearing no objection
MOTION PASSED

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Sand Point, Anchorage office.

Minutes, November 13, 2012:

MOTION

Carol moved to approve the November 13, 2012 Minutes and second by Bill. Hearing no objection motion passed.

Financial, November 2012:

MOTION

Bill moved to approve and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

In reviewing the November Financial Report, the Administrator said budget is tracking along well. We are 42% through fiscal year. Revenues are around 60% collected so ahead on revenue and under budget for expenses.

Paul noted that revenues are going to continue to decline on some species like crab, halibut, and possibly cod.

ROLL CALL

Marvin-yes, Paul-yes, Brenda-yes, Carol-yes, Bill-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, November 2012:

In packet.

Presentation, Alaska Permanent Capital Management Co. Annual Review of Permanent Fund Investments:

An annual review of the permanent fund investments was given by Bert Wagnon and Evan Rose from Alaska Permanent Capital Management Co. at workshop. Presentation in packet.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 13-15, selecting and promoting capital projects for the health, safety and welfare of its residents:

MOTION

Bill moved to adopt Resolution 13-15 and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

Carol asked City of Sand Point Mayor, Martin Gundersen, if new harbor was on Sand Point's priority list. Mayor Gundersen said Sand Point is submitting the Robert E. Galovin small boat harbor project and the road project as priority projects. Paul said when we put a resolution together, we try to help all communities, but have left out three communities on priority list. He added that AEB supports any projects all the communities submit.

Mayor Mack said the Community Development Coordinator has been working with the communities to increase their projects and that the resolution lists the major projects.

Mayor Gundersen said since same funding source, if AEB applied for the new harbor, AEB would be competing with the same source of funding for the Robert E. Galovin harbor

project since no other funding sources. Paul asked Mayor Gundersen when harbor project is going out to bid. Mayor Gundersen answered that it goes out to bid in February.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Paul-yes, Brenda-yes, Marvin-yes, Bill-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Nikki-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 13-04, amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.041, Subsection (F), Investments Purpose and Limitations of the Borough Code of Ordinances:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve Ordinances 13-04 for public hearing at the next Assembly meeting. Second by Bill.

DISCUSSION

Paul said APCM said at presentation it is a very straight forward change, helps with our investment.

ROLL CALL

Brenda-yes, Paul-yes, Marvin-yes, Bill-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Harold-yes, Nikki-yes.

MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

AEBSD Funding Request:

AEBSD is seeking from the Borough funding for the purpose of hiring a Special Education Director.

Carol feels special education services are very important for all the communities. Being the teacher and a director is difficult to fill requirements and getting all our students up to success is important.

Mayor Mack said it is coming to mid-year. He suggested the AEBSB just seek \$65,000 for this fiscal year and not funding for next fiscal year budget.

MOTION

Paul moved to authorize an additional \$60,000 to go toward the Special Education Director new hire position and that the Assembly intends to amend AEB budget reflecting that at next budget amendment. Second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

Paul said he changed amount to \$60,000 because there was some cost savings associated with how they pay for the program. So, \$60,000 reflects closer to the amount they will actually need.

Rick noted the importance of doing the mid-year budget amendment reflecting the increase.

AEBSD Superintendent, Tim Stathis, said as soon as the Business Manager returns on the 31st they will look at expenditures for the first of the school year and the second half of the year.

ROLL CALL

Bill-yes, Marvin-yes, Paul-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-abstain (on school board). Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Financial Policy- discussion only:

Paul requested a draft ordinance be introduced to change Assembly approval amount for contracts, decreasing the \$100,000 allowable without Assembly approval.

REPORTS AND UPDATES In packet

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Paul said the Assembly needs to decide how many people the AEB will assist with travel and per diem to attend the Board of Fisheries meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of Sand Point Mayor, Martin Gundersen, said at the last City of Sand Point meeting the Council approved a lease agreement with Silver Bay Seafoods, they potentially are committed to the bay and are a year and a half away from an onshore operation. He feels this will be good for AEB and hopes AEB can provide any encouragement or support for infrastructure.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, said the City of King Cove Council approved a contract for three more years to Gary Hennigh as Manager. He said the city's #1 priority is the hydro-project, HDR received contract and will hopefully get that constructed this summer. The landfill is also a priority project and the city has been improving the landfill by creating another cell and creating some land for an incinerator. The third priority project is the harbor bulk head dock and a warehouse. He hopes to see progress on the projects and thanked Assembly for support throughout the years.

Nikki Hoblet said she has concerns about air service to False Pass and other communities asking if the Borough had any updates on Pen Air or Grant Aviation. Mayor Mack said he has no new information. He knows they have a contract with Essential Air Service and still obligated

