

Aleutians East Borough Assembly Minutes
February 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on February 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Chris Babcock	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Warren Wilson	Present
Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Chris Emrich, False Pass	Present
Angela Simpson, Cold Bay	Absent-Excused
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent-Excused

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of the Agenda:

Agenda Addition: Video-conferencing discussion.

MOTION

Ken Moved to adopt the agenda with the addition and second by Brenda. Hearing no more,
MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

The communities of King Cove, Sand Point, Cold Bay, Akutan and the Anchorage office were participating.

Minutes, January 14, 2016:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the January 14, 2016 Minutes and second by Chris. Hearing no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, January 2016:

MOTION

Carol moved to approve the January Financial Report and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said we are seven months through the budget, at 58.3% through the fiscal year and everything is tracking along well. Assembly Member Bereskin requested information on AEB debt. Administrator stated, as of June 30, 2015, bonds payable is \$28,610,000 with payments through 2034. If paid off as scheduled, will end up paying an additional \$10,470,711 in interest for a total of \$39,080,711.

ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Carol-yes, Chris B.-yes, Alvin-yes, Joe-yes, Warren-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory: Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, January, 2016:

Not available for packet. The Clerk will e-mail the report to the Assembly.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16-15, recognizing James Brown for his years of service as the Borough Maintenance Director:

Mayor Mack read the resolution to the public.

MOTION

Carol moved to approve Resolution 16-15 and second by Ken. Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 16-16, authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with DOWL for the King Cove School Repairs Project construction management and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$275,347:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve Resolution 16-16 and second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

Alvin said Sand Point resident, Paul Gronholdt, commented at the workshop about the contract not going out to bid. The Administrator explained that this contract is not only for inspection but also for contract management. DOWL will work with the contractor to ensure everything is done correctly. The two-year contract with DOWL is to provide engineering services, construction management and project inspection. Since contract is over \$100,000, it requires Assembly approval. The AEB Code allows the AEB to do the contract without going out to bid. Some costs were reduced and the contract includes some contingency in case the project takes longer. He recommends approval.

Alvin fully agrees it is necessary to have inspectors on construction projects, but he feels a RFP (Request for Proposal) should have been advertised. He believes it is a better way to do business when dealing with public money. He feels there are lots of loopholes in the things the Borough is doing and that it is unfair to the public and Assembly.

ROLL CALL

Chris B.-yes, Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Joe-yes, Warren-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes. Advisory:
Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 16-04, Amending the Operating and Capital Budget for FY16.

MOTION

Brenda moved to accept Ordinance 16-04 and set for Public Hearing. Second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Brenda-yes, Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Joe-yes, Ken-yes, Chris B.-yes. Advisory:
Chris E.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Video-conferencing:

Ken requested the Borough look into using the School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes video-conferencing internet. Mayor Mack said he will check with the School District to determine if it is possible to hold Assembly meetings using their equipment and sites.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in packet.

National Fisheries & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant: Alvin reiterated his understanding that the NFWF grant has been terminated. He asked if there were any stipulations with Joe Sullivan's contract and whether we are obligated to pay anything. The Resource Director said Mayor Mack instructed him to terminate the grant and he is in the process of closing it out. We

have requisitions from Mr. Sullivan, but should not cost us anything. Alvin asked, if the contract is getting terminated, does it also terminate Mr. Sullivan's contract. Weiss said that is a separate agreement, but Mr. Sullivan is onboard and understands what we are doing.

Juneau Trip, February 2-3: Met with Governor Walker, our legislature, Representative Herron and many departments. We discussed Cold Bay clinic and Akutan transportation link. Governor was supportive in trying to get funding for the link to airport.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Ken voiced his appreciation for the Akun airport saying he escorted two medivacs to the airport, which took seven minutes. In the past, it would have been a 4-6 hour boat ride to Dutch Harbor. Also, in looking at the AEB emergency plan, he suggested exploring the plan and seeing if it needs revisions in the future.

Warren thanked Jim Brown for the many years of work for the AEB. Brenda also voiced her appreciation for Jim Brown for a job well done.

Don Eubank said he is happy to be working for the Borough and looking forward to meeting people he hasn't met yet.

Alvin suggested a facilitator for the annual planning session scheduled for April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

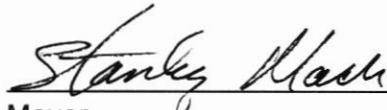
NEXT MEETING DATE

March 10.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Alvin moved to adjourn and second by Carol. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 3:34p.m.



Mayor Date



Clerk Date

4/28/14