

Aleutians East Borough
June 30, 2011
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the June 30, 2011 Assembly meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Absent-Excused
Marvin Mack	Present
Bill Cumberlidge	Present
Paul Schaack	Absent-Excused
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Justine Gundersen	Present

Advisory Members:

Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent-Unexcused
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A quorum was present.

Others Present:

Sharon Boyette, Administrator
Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Tina Anderson, Clerk
Ernie Weiss, Community Development Director
Anne Bailey, Receptionist/Grant Assistant
Laura Tanis, Communications Director

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Joe moved to approve the agenda and second by Justine. Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 11-26, Assembly authorizing the refinancing of Series 2001B G.O. Bonds and Series 2003E G.O. Bonds and authorizing participation in the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank's 2011 Series Three G.O. and Refunding Bonds.

MOTION

Justine moved to approve Resolution 11-26 dated June 29, 2011 and second by Joe.

The Administrator said in June the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority asked if AEB might be interested in refinancing some General Obligation Bonds if there would be a

significant savings on the bonds. Resolution 11-26 authorizes up to \$4,250,000 which will be the amount we are eligible to borrow up to. We will likely not need the entire amount, more like \$3,500,000, however, the market does fluctuate and \$4.25M gives us some leeway. The savings that are predicted over next 10 years could be around \$280,000 -- a savings each year of \$23,700-24,000. This resolution will allow us to move forward with other municipalities. Bond closing is on September 8.

ROLL CALL

Bill-yes, Justine-yes, Joe-yes, Paul G.-yes, Marvin-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution 11-27, Assembly opposing the reapportionment of AEB districts in the 2011 Alaska Redistricting Plan.

MOTION

Paul G. moved to approve with the change of last WHEREAS to the suggested wording recommended by Ernie below and add to the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to include *Dept of Justice*. Second by Bill.

Replaces last WHEREAS

WHEREAS, *Article 6 Section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution states in part, "Each house district shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area."*

Addition to the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Redistricting Board, to the Governor of the State, to the President of the Alaska State Senate, to the Speaker of the House *and to the Department of Justice*.

DISCUSSION

Paul G. said the wording Ernie suggested is routine and worded much better. The redistricting plan divides our entire area and is not a good plan. Hopefully a judge will see things our way and we can work with other districts to get it back to a better plan. Mayor Mack said he agrees and has attempted to do the same through public hearings. Joe asked if there was feedback from Unalaska and whether the AEB is going to just wait until someone else files a lawsuit. Ernie said Fairbanks passed a resolution opposing the redistricting plan and will file a lawsuit. Unalaska did not make a public statement.

The Administrator suggested waiting to see what group will take the lead. We will circulate a press release that we are not happy with the redistricting plan. The AEB Attorney agreed that we shouldn't be in the lead since too small of a player. Joe said Akutan being separated from the rest of AEB in the plan is another argument in itself. Mayor Mack agrees saying Ernie will be monitoring the issue. It is important to keep informed on this as other districts come onboard as not being happy with the redistricting plan.

Paul G. suggested if resolution is passed to inform all other groups that are not happy with the plan also. Marvin said we have done this before and when the time comes need to jump on the bandwagon with other groups.

