

Aleutians East Borough Minutes  
October 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Assembly meeting to order on October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stanley Mack	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Carol Foster	Present
Marvin Mack	Present
Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Ken McHugh	Present
Joe Bereskin, Sr.	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Present
Harold Kremer III, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Rick Gifford, Administrator  
Roxann Newman, Finance Director  
Tina Anderson, Clerk  
Laura Tanis, Communications Director  
Anne Bailey, Assistant Administrator  
Charlotte Levy, Administrative Clerk

Agenda Additions/changes:

MOTION

Alvin moved to put the correspondence request of \$200,000 for playground equipment by the School District from correspondence and place under New Business. Second by Ken. There were no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Brenda moved to adopt the agenda with the change and second by Joe. There were no objections, MOTION PASSED.

**Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

All the communities were present.

City of Sand Point Administrator, Andy Varner, said Quality Asphalt Paving did additional work by donating the basketball court re-paving at the school playground. He said at the direction of his Council, they went ahead with the paving project this summer knowing that additional money would need to be found. Trident already contributed so we submitted a request to the Borough. We try not to request funding too often from the Borough and have to replace the dock next year and should not have to come to the Borough for that. He noted that the Borough did contribute \$2M to the \$8M harbor project.

Mayor Mack said the City of Sand Point is asking for \$200,000 to be put back into your budget when you already expended it. Varner said Sand Point did a 1% tax increase and we are thankful for the \$2M the Borough contributed to the harbor, but we are trying to look for ways that we don't have to have residents pay further.

AEB School District Superintendent, Mike Seifert, said on behalf of all the students we serve in five schools, we appreciate every dollar the Borough contributes. There is a request in the Assembly packet for \$200,000 for playground equipment at Sand Point School. We don't have an exact bid, but ballpark figure is approximately \$200,000. Some Assembly members have seen the playground equipment, which is unsafe and will remain closed until we can replace the equipment due to a liability issue. He also noted his concern about the state of maintenance in all of our schools needing attention saying the agreement between AEB and AEBSA is a bit ambiguous. He has been to all schools except Cold Bay School and the maintenance needed is significant. If little things aren't fixed early there are going to be bigger problems.

**October 7, 2014 Regular Election Certification:**

The Clerk reviewed the October 7, 2014 Regular Election results below:

**Mayor - Stanley Mack**

**Assembly Seats:**

**Seat A – Warren Wilson**

**Seat F – Ken McHugh**

**School Board Seats:**

**Seat C – Hillary Smith**

**Seat D – Arlene Gundersen**

**MOTION**

Brenda moved to approve the October 7, 2014 Regular Election results and second by Marvin.

Hearing no objections the elections are certified as presented.

Swearing in Newly Elected Assembly Members and Mayor:  
The Oath of Offices were taken by the newly elected.

Minutes, September 10, 2014 and October 10, 2014:

Corrections:

September 10, 2014 Minutes: Page seven correction, should be 365 hours, not 355.

October 10, 2014 Minutes: Page one, should be Anne Bailey, Assistant Administrator not Community Development Coordinator.

**MOTION**

Brenda moved to approve the September 10, 2014 and October 10, 2014 Minutes with corrections. Second by Ken. Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

Financial Report, September 2014:

**MOTION**

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

**DISCUSSION**

Harold asked what Fund 22, Salaries is used for. The Administrator said that is for the maintenance position at Cold Bay terminal.

Hearing no objections MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, September, 2014:

In packet.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 15-08, honoring Assembly Member Marvin Mack for his many years of public service.

**MOTION**

Paul moved to approve Resolution 15-08 and second by Brenda.

The Clerk read Resolution 15-08 for the record. An engraved rifle was given to Assembly Member Marvin Mack in appreciation for his 26 years of dedicated service.

**ROLL CALL**

Alvin-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes, Joe-yes, Paul-yes, Ken-yes, Warren-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Harold-yes, Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## OLD BUSINESS

### AEB Projects List:

#### MOTION

Paul moved that the proposed permanent fund earnings allocations spread sheet (in packet) substitute one change, reducing the Cold Bay clinic contribution by \$200,000 and added to the Sand Point paving reimbursement of \$200,000. Second by Ken.

#### ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren-yes, Paul-yes, Brenda-yes, Carol-yes, Joe-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Harold-yes, Nikki-yes. MOTION PASSED.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Sand Point playground funding request:

#### MOTION

Alvin moved to authorize up to \$200,000 for playground equipment replacement. Second by Carol.

#### DISCUSSION

Alvin said the School District went out to bid for equipment and the Superintendent said it won't exceed \$200,000. He felt up to \$200,000 would be proper. He added we do have funds on the AEB Projects list that are dedicated funds to projects that are not shovel ready yet and it would be a great relief to the school to afford a place for the children to play and keep liabilities down.

Carol asked if the closure also cuts play from basketball court. School Board Member, Glen Gardner, Jr. said if the basketball court is open, kids may run and play on playground equipment so the entire playground has to be closed, which includes the basketball court.

Paul said since not on our regular agenda at all, and in looking at the pictures, he would like to see the playground to determine if it is unfixable or maybe for \$50,000 it can be repaired.

Mayor Mack would like to see some figures on the playground equipment prior to funding. Gardner said they have two different quotes coming in but have not received them yet.

Paul said in about three weeks we have another meeting in which we will have a budget before us and more information.

#### MOTION TO TABLE

Paul moved to table until the next meeting and second by Brenda.

#### ROLL CALL

Alvin-yes, Paul-yes, Brenda-yes, Joe-yes, Warren-yes, Carol-yes, Ken-yes. Advisory: Nikki-yes, Justine-yes, Harold-yes. MOTION PASSED.

#### REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in the packet.

#### ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Alvin said, for the record, as discussed at the workshop, he would like to see the Maintenance Director's annual report to the Assembly and to the School District. Also requested updates to Assembly on the condition of docks and other marine facilities the Borough is in control of. Secondly, he requested details on what happened to the hovercraft site disposal of material. He also requested a memo on these subjects in the future so when the public asks the Assembly for information we are informed on the subject.

The Administrator said the hovercraft landing area was State leased land with Dept. of Transportation-Aviation. He had inquired what it would take to get out of the lease. DOT said the site needs to be restored to a clean condition, leaving the light poles and concrete foundation only. The Code doesn't require a formal bid unless \$100,000 so, found someone to do the site cleanup in exchange for the material at site. We are now in the process of saving on the lease amount approximately \$3,000. Mayor Mack said a couple people wanted some material but not all of it, the person that did the clean-up removed all the material.

Alvin said, in the future, he believes it would be a good courtesy to the Assembly to receive a memo on disposal of material.

Justine feels there has been a lack of communication, no fault to anyone, however, it would be nice to have an e-mail summarizing projects that we don't know about. In the past, we received e-mails from the Administrator once in a while.

Carol agreed that if something is going on to send an e-mail -- not the daily general things but projects information.

Paul suggested meeting in person more often.

Warren said he is excited to be on the Assembly. He has a concern with the NE Corner building, which already has a bullet hole in the generator house. The sooner the building is removed the better. He suggested partnering with the City of King Cove possibly moving it to the airport to be utilized. Another concern he has is future maintenance on the road and who AEB will coordinate with to do that. Mayor Mack said he is working on removal of that building, but has not received a complete sign off from the state yet.

Harold has concerns about the maintenance. There have been concerns brought to him about the lack of maintenance on the terminal. Mayor Mack said we have not heard directly from the

renters and felt FAA would not tolerate lack of service in the building and they should contact AEB directly if there are issues.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Wildes, from the public, said she is looking at buying a place in Cold Bay for building. At this point, she may have found something, but in the event that does not work, asked if the Borough has lots for sale. The Clerk suggested she contact the AEB Resource Director to find out what lot is still available for sale.

Diane Wildes also did not agree on how <sup>Mayor Mack</sup> ~~the Borough~~ disposed of material at the hovercraft site. She felt family members should not benefit and feels it should have gone out to bid.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, thanked the Assembly for their support for the Waterfall Creek hydro project saying that it will save 30-40,000 gallons of fuel a year for the community which helps keep costs down and improve quality of life. He added that during the city election the community voted to increase sales tax up to 6%. He also noted that the city brought forward a no smoking ban in the community.

City of Sand Point Mayor, Glen Gardner, thanked the Assembly for the inclusion of money for the Sand Point paving project.

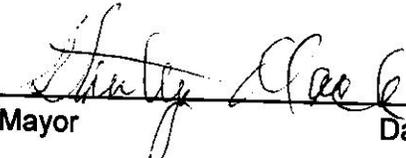
City of Sand Point Administrator, Andy Varner, congratulated both City of Sand Point Mayor Glen Gardner and Mayor Stanley Mack on the election.

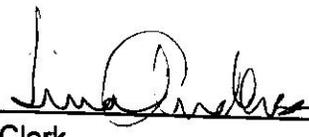
#### NEXT MEETING

November 17 in Anchorage at 6 p.m. prior to AML Conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Joe moved to adjourn and second by Alvin. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
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Mayor Date

  
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Clerk Date 11/17/14