

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on January 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

Dailey Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Present
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Roxann Newman, Finance Director
Anne Bailey, Administrator
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Glennora Dushkin, Acting Clerk
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Emil Mobeck, Maintenance Director

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no changes or additions, the agenda will stand as written.
CHRIS makes a motion second by JOSEPHINE

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The communities of King Cove, Sand Point, Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and the Anchorage office were participating by teleconference. Also broadcast on KSDP radio. There were no public comments.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Osterback asked for any potential **Conflict of Interests** to discuss. There were no conflicts on agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

Trident Seafoods, Shannon Carroll and Dave Abassian

Carroll said Trident is still requiring full vaccination and this year requiring up-to-date with vaccinations, really appreciate the relationship with Eastern Aleutian Tribes. Will have enhanced visitation and onsite protocol given the speed of this variant is spreading. Trident has been working with their trade association to respond to a recent emergency rule request that has the potential to shut down the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery over salmon bycatch, this would have an impact on the Akutan and Sand Point operations. For the Board of Fish, we worked with Silver Bay to submit a letter requesting that the ACR that was passed through Chignik would be moved to not conflict with cod fishing. Trident had a 100-acre farm approved for kelp operations, but have no immediate plans.

Abassian said they are currently staffing the plants. The Akutan plant is currently running cod and the Sand Point plant is getting ready for the crab fisheries. Planning to support the fleet in the Gulf of Alaska in various fisheries, staying in close communication. The summer 2021 season was done a little differently than normal, and planning to do the same for 2022 season.

JOSEPHINE asked if Trident was looking at an open date for any of the community. Abassian said until numbers come down the doors will probably stay closed.

JOSEPHINE asked if the gym will be open to the public, Carroll said he will check into it.

PAUL asked what are plans for the Sand Point plant. Abassian said they are planning to operate it the same as last year and the fishermen will be supported.

Silver Bay Seafoods, Abby Fredricks

The 2021 season was a success with the team being fully vaccinated and had very low case count detected for COVID. Silver Bay is following the changing guidance for the virus, vaccines seem to be the key. We are going into our fourth year of operating in False Pass. The company has decided to put a pause on whitefish for 2022. Similar to 2021, we will continue to buy salmon. Making additional investments for the company including a new tender, the Steelhead, this boat has a very shallow draft, really easy to maneuver and can access the dock very well so it is perfect for the area. We are looking forward to being partner in the region for years to come.

TOM asked if whitefish is coming into the community for this year. Fredricks said that there is a pause for 2022.

Peter Pan Seafoods, Steve Minor

Peter Pan was acquired by new ownership a year ago, we have a strong Alaska component in the new ownership. Most of our focus right now is on marketing and value-added production. In order to work for PPSF, one must be fully vaccinated. We are still operating on a closed campus, which isn't changing anytime soon. We recently withdrew from the Boston Seafood Showing because we don't want to put our staff and vendors at risk with COVID still being widely spread. Our next biggest challenge will be the March Board of Fish. We plan to stay open for this season, though the decline in Bering Sea Crab is not helpful.

Natural Resources Director Weiss said thank you to all three of the processors, they work well with the fishermen, we appreciate it.

Mayor Osterback said thank you to all three processors. The Borough will be working with all of the processors to support all the protection of our fisheries in the Gulf and the Bering Sea as we move through the issues before us.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Paul Mueller

First would like to take all three of the processors. Mueller said we work well with the processors, EAT vaccinates as soon as they can. Omicron is running around and is more transmissible than the other variants combined, it is more mild effects, but it within nine days, EAT had two medivacs with the Omicron variant. Mueller says to follow the mitigation measures, get vaccinated, wear a mask, social distance and keep your social bubble small. Testing has increased expediential, starting to send down at home test for people to use if the clinics are closed.

Assembly Meeting recessed.

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PLATTING BOARD AGENDA

Platting Board Resolution 22-03, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Platting Board Approving the State of Alaska Final Easement and Survey for ADL 228613.

MOTION

BRENDA makes a motion to approve Resolution 22-02 and second by DENISE.

DISCUSSION

Administrator Bailey said in June 2004 the Department of Natural Resources issued an easement decision to approve installation of two hovercraft landing terminals and segment of public access road over state tide and submerge lands underlying Cold Bay on the southern end of the Alaska Peninsula. The easement is approximately 12,000 feet in length and a variable width for a total of 7.63 acres or less. The First amendment was done in 2005 and the second in 2018. In 2019, the survey was completed as part of the requirements of the State. The State has provided the Borough a copy of the survey as well as the final easement document for ADL 228613.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Brenda, Denise, Chris, Carol, Josephine, Warren. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

Platting Board Resolution 22-04, a resolution of the Platting Board Approving ASLS 2017-46

MOTION

WARREN makes a motion to approve Resolution 22-04 and second by BRENDA.

DISCUSSION

Natural Resources Director Weiss said this resolution would approve ASLS 2017-46. This is the larger part of the Sandy River municipal land selection. This has been in front of the Assembly in August 2021 and the final approval by the Assembly in September. Then DNR made a minor change, the change made added 17 more acres.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Josephine, Warren, Carol, Chris, Paul, Brenda, Denise. Advisory: Samantha, Dailey, Tom.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJORNED from platting board

MINUTES

December 10, 2021, Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

CHRIS moved to accept the December 10, 2021 Assembly Meeting Minutes and second by DENISE.

Hearing no more **MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2021 Financial Report

MOTION

JOSEPHINE made a motion to approve the November 2021 Financial Reports and second by WARREN

Administrator Bailey said that the Raw Fish Tax for November 2021 is about 87% of the 5-year average. We anticipated \$1.1 million from the State Shared Raw Fish Tax but we received \$1.69 million and an additional \$279,000 from the State which was COVID Funds. Totaling about \$1.79 million, which is similar to what we received in 2019. Everything else is tracking along as it should.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Warren, Paul, Chris, Josephine, Denise, Brenda, Carol. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM November 2021 Investment Report

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 22-01, Authorizing the assignment of Certain Real Property leased by the Aleutians East Borough.

MOTION

CAROL made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-01 and second by BRENDA

Administrator Bailey addressed both Ordinance 22-01 and Ordinance 22-02. These ordinances were presented to the Assembly in July 2021, tabled until August 2021 meeting. The ordinances were on the agenda at the August 2021 meeting, but due to a lack of a motion to take it off the table, the motion was lost. At the September 2021 meeting, Assembly Member Foster requested to place the discussion in the December agenda. At the December 2021 meeting, both ordinances were scheduled for Public Hearing for January 2022. The Cold Bay School was

closed in 2015, and the administration has received numerous proposals since then. There is an entity that is currently interested in accepting the assignment of lease, which is the land from the Borough and the State of Alaska and acquiring the building with the Bill of Sale.

PAUL asked if we have any update on correspondence from the city of Cold Bay or the School Board. Mayor Osterback and Administrator Bailey said no.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Carol, Chris, Brenda, Denise, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Tom, Dailey, Samantha.

Nays: Paul

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing Ordinance 22-02, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property owned by the Aleutians East Borough.

MOTION

WARREN made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-02 and second by CHRIS.

Administrator Bailey discussed with Ordinance 22-01.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Josephine, Carol, Chris, Warren, Denise, Brenda. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nays: Paul.

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing Ordinance 22-06, Amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.041, Subsection (E) of the Aleutians East Borough Code of Ordinances

MOTION

JOSEPHINE made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-06 and second by CHRIS.

Administrator Bailey said APCM is recommending changes to this section to amend the Borough Asset Classes to improve the diversification and increase return expectation without more risk. Changes were made on the following: Subsection E, Subsection E1, Subsection E2 and Subsection E3. Additional language was added to reflect the changes.

PAUL said this seems like a good idea to support our financial future.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Denise, Warren, Chris, Carol, Josephine, Paul. Advisory: Dailey, Tom, Samantha.

Nays: Non.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES

Emergency Ordinance 22-08, an Emergency Ordinance of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly Issuing a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in Response to COVID-19.

MOTION

JOSEPHINE made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 22-07 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said currently we have a surge of cases of COVID in the region and in Alaska. This would allow the Mayor to request Federal assistance, and it would allow us to meet outside of the designated meeting locations if necessary. This will go into effect today and expire March 13, 2022.

PAUL asked if we can highlight the difference between this ordinance and the one we are currently under and Administrator Bailey said she took out a few of the original whereas and added additional language further on regarding the Delta and Omicron variant that has arrived in Alaska.

ROLL CALL.

Yeas: Josephine, Carol, Chris, Warren, Denise, Brenda, Paul. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 22-25, Approving State Land Survey 2017-47.

MOTION

CHRIS moved to approve Resolution 22-25 and second by CAROL

Natural Resources Director Weiss said this is a two-step approval process for the Platting Board, this is the second part of the Sandy River Municipal Land Section and is separate on its own totaling 590.72 acres. This should be the final part. After this is approved, we would send in the Platting approval form through the surveyor to the DNC and mylar copies will be made and signed by all parties.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Carol, Brenda, Paul, Warren, Denise, Josephine, Chris. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-26, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly Selecting and Promoting FY2023 Capital Projects for the Health, Safety and Welfare of its Residents

MOTION

JOSEPHINE moved to approve Resolution 22-26 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said the Borough is dedicated to bringing its communities opportunities for responsible and appropriate economic development and growth and develop its transportation infrastructure. The Borough continuously seeks opportunities to plan, advance and construct basic and essential community projects.

DAILEY asked if the Borough is going to look into a breakwater or harbor. Administrator Bailey said that is something that could be discussed, but right now it is just a dock replacement. Mayor Osterback said he thinks there are drawings somewhere that included a small breakwater at the dock and this is something we could look into.

PAUL said there should be some records about discussions about filling in the piling on the way out and across the dock with rock fill that wouldn't require permits.

WARREN said we can't get too sidetracked with getting the dock fixed because if we do, we'd never get the road to Cold Bay. Mayor Osterback said these are two separate issues.

DAILEY said the dock serves a lot of purposes for the city of Cold Bay.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Chris, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-27, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly Adopting the Aleutians East Borough Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION

BRENDA moved to approve Resolution 22-27 and second by DENISE.

Administrator Bailey said the plan is to assist the Borough and its communities as a valuable resource tool in decision making. The State of Alaska was awarded a grant from FEMA to update the 2010 hazard mitigation plan which would assist the Borough in the communities of Akutan, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point. The City of Cold Bay decided not to participate and will develop a plan later.

CHRIS asked if once approved would each of the communities receive a copy. Administrator Bailey said yes.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Chris, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 22-28, Approving a Pay Increase for the Borough Administrative Clerk

MOTION

CHRIS moved to approve Resolution 22-28 and second by JOSEPHINE

Administrator Bailey said this would approve the Administrative Clerk's pay increase. Glennora was appointed as Acting Clerk on October 30, 2021 and will relinquish her Acting Clerk duties on January 16, 2022. Glennora will assume Deputy Clerk duties therefore her workload requirements have increased.

PAUL moved to amend Resolution 22-28, to change last whereas pay increase from \$22.15 to \$25.00 and change the Therefore, let it be resolve from \$22.15 to \$25.00 and second by BRENDA.

Administrator Bailey said that would exceed what is available, upon approval at the next meeting there will need to be a budget amendment.

BRENDA said thank you to Glennora and it is really wonderful that one of the local people is moving up and learning the system and possibly can take over in the future, and she's really proud of what she's doing. She really opened up and listens to what concerned people has and she did it with genuineness.

CHRIS wants to echo what Brenda said.

DAILEY wants to say thank you as well.
Assistant Administrator Jean-Louis said great job Glennora.

WARREN asked Paul to explain his pay increase. PAUL said that Glennora will have to train the new clerk and that he thinks it is more than appropriate.

ROLL CALL on original resolution

Yeas: Denise, Chris, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

WARREN said thank you Glennora for the hard work and looks forward to working with Glennora for a long time.

ROLL CALL on amended resolution

Yeas: Denise, Chris, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Work Session Formatting:

The Mayor and Administration have discussed and would like to change the way work sessions are conducted in an attempt to be more efficient. A work session may be held to discuss an individual topic or topics prior to the Assembly meeting rather than going over the entire agenda.

2022 Advisory Appointments:

There shall be one advisory for each community that does not have an elected Assembly Member residing. The term is one annual year. The communities of Cold Bay, False Pass and Nelson Lagoon do not have an Assembly Member. A posting was sent out to those communities and three letters of interest were received.

Cold Bay – Dailey Schaack

False Pass – Tom Hoblet

Nelson Lagoon – Samantha McNeley

MOTION

CHRIS moved to appoint the three as Advisory Members for 2022 and second by BRENDA

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Denise, Chris, Paul, Carol, Brenda, Warren, Josephine. Advisory: Dailey, Samantha, Tom.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

CARES Act Funding Update:

The Borough received approximately \$3.7 million. Expended \$3.6 million by December 31, 2021. Remaining Invoices are anticipated to cover the remaining balance.

COVID-19 Funding Update:

In September 2021, the Borough received \$324,086.50 in ARPA/SALT funds. The second Tranche of the funds will be received in September 2022 in the amount of \$325,086.50. The full amount must be expended by December 31, 2024.

Cold Bay Terminal:

Work is progressing well, crew arrived back in Cold Bay, and interior slab was poured. Project is still scheduled to complete in January 2022.

King Cove Road Update:

9th Circuit Appeal: A decision on this case is still pending. Secretary Haaland's visit to King Cove is rescheduled sometime in early 2022. No response has been received from USFWS to the Stat DOT/PF administrative appeal that was filed. King Cove attorneys are trying to determine the next step in this appeal process.

Akun Dock and Breakwater Update:

One proposal was received for RFP on the due date. Mac Enterprises was selected and a fully time charter agreement was executed last December.

Sand Point and Akutan Harbor Floats Update:

On December 23, 2021, the PIDP grant awards were announced. Unfortunately, the Borough's grant application was not selected to receive an award. Administration will follow up with PIDP to schedule a debrief meeting to review the application. Letters were sent to Representative Edgmon and Senator Hoffman requesting to fully support funding the Borough's Sand Point Harbor State harbor Facility Grant request.

Financial Software Update:

A Request for Proposal has been issued. Proposals are due on January 20, 2022.

Other Items Update:

Day to Day operations continues.

Assistant Administrator Report in packet. Highlights below:

Attended the following meetings: Covid-19, Cold Bay Airport terminal, Cold Bay Dock Feasibility Study, King Cove School Discussion and Fisheries Meeting

ISO Tank Inspection Report:

Matson is now requiring inspection reports for fuel. Received a few quotes and still continuing to look for additional quotes.

Beazley Breach Solutions:

Two additional trainings were assigned. Beazley is a pioneer of breach response insurance that helps clients prepare for a data breach, respond if an incident occurs, and indemnify losses from regulatory actions.

ICE Services:

ICE Services begin the migration process of installing the new Firewall System. All hardware has been received. They will then ship the other two units to King Cove and Sand Point and coordinate with staff on-site to complete the swap.

Mail Tracking Form:

The letters which highlight the issues concerning our mail system were mailed out December 17th. Contacted all the Post Office in the community to look into having our flyers and forms, all declined.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Press Release:

Drafted and distributed a press release regarding the King Cove land exchange issue and the 8-year anniversary since the land swap was rejected. Quotes from various community leaders were included in the press release. Senator Lisa Murkowski also sent out her own release which received media attention.

Website Design:

Continue to meet with Planeteria Media weekly about the website design. Home Page design was finalized. Currently working on crosswalk content where you take content from pages and transferring it over to the new website while updating it.

2022 AEB Calendar:

Calendar was already printed. The calendars will be sent out to Borough and city offices.

In the Loop:

Currently working on another edition that will feature Sand Point Police Officer Curt Boyle. Another newsletter will focus on the new ambulance for King Cove.

Upcoming Projects:

Update the social media plan for Aleutians East Borough, Draft RFP for professional photographer to visit and photograph Borough communities, infrastructure, etc. and continue work on website design/update

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Alaska Board of Fisheries:

Southeast Yakutat meeting was postponed and was moved in Anchorage this March 10-22. Hatchery Meeting will be on the 23 and Statewide Shellfish meeting where they will hear the proposal 282 which is a transcription of ACR 7, supposedly March 26-April 2nd but that date is tentative. Board of Fish is down a member and Governor is to appoint a new member.

Alaska Board of Game:

Meeting is set in January 21-29 in Wasilla to consider South Central and SW Alaska game proposals, including for game management units 9 & 10 in our region. 19 Emperor Geese proposals, 1 from Alaska Migratory Bird Co Management Council that wants to take the right of non-residents to hunt Emperor Geese. All the others would provide increased opportunity for nonresident Emperor Geese hunting. The City of Cold Bay is on record supporting increased non-resident opportunity.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council:

The NPFMC will hold the February meeting once again in an online-only format. April meeting is scheduled in person. The Council took final action in December on the BSAI halibut abundance-based management and on BSAI and GOA groundfish specifications

AEB Fishermen's End of the Year Meeting:

The December 29th meeting was held via Zoom and was broadcast on KSDP.

Chinook Salmon Bycatch:

Several groups from the AYK region submitted an emergency petition to the Secretary of Commerce requesting an elimination of all Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery. This would essentially close the BSAI Pollock fishery. We are working on our response and reaching out to other groups in our region to continue to support reasonable and sustainable Pollock fishery management.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Report in the Packet

Maintenance Director Report:

Ongoing Maintenance Projects:

Working with Talia with the Fuel Tank inspection for the tank in Akutan. Finishing up on the bridge signs for King Cove and False Pass, and finishing up on the corrections that need to be done. Coordinating with the school to get TMI aquatics out to find the leak in the pool. Finished the floors in the bathrooms here in the office in Sand Point. Ordered new AED's for the offices and terminal. Painting two new doors for Sand Point School before installing so they are protected. Received a new window for the office here in Sand Point for a replacement of the broken one.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

None.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Assembly Meeting February 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

JOSEPHINE moved to adjourn and second by DENISE. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Glennora Dushkin, Acting Clerk

Date: _____

