

Aleutians East Borough Minutes
April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order on April 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the King Cove Community Center and by teleconference in each community.

ROLL CALL

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

Advisory Members:

Nikki Hoblet, False Pass	Absent-Excused
Paul Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Present

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the agenda and second by Ken. Hearing no objections, MOTION PASSED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:

The communities of King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Sand Point, Nelson Lagoon and the Anchorage office were participating.

Mayor of King Cove, Henry Mack thanked the Assembly for having the meeting in King Cove. He voiced his appreciation for the Assembly consideration of the King Cove funding request in the proposed budget and for all other support. Expenditures on the King Cove Access Project have come out of the city general fund for the last eight years and the city is feeling the impact financially.

Minutes, March 3, 2015:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve and second by Ken. Hearing no more MOTION PASSED.

Minutes, April 3, 2015:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve and second by Ken. Hearing no more MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, February, March 2015:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the February and March Financial Reports and second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

In reviewing, the Finance Director said nothing unusual in the monthly financials, everything is tracking right along. The Administrator said March tracking along at approximately 75% through budget year.

ROLL CALL

Warren-yes, Carol-yes, Brenda-yes, Alvin-yes, Paul-yes, Ken. Advisory: Justine-yes, Paul S.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

Investment Report, February, 2015:

Report in packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 15-21, Participation in the FY16 Community Revenue Sharing Program:
- Introduction Ordinance 15-02, adopting the FY2016 budget (*moved to refer to next meeting and advance for public hearing*).

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Ken-yes, Brenda-yes, Paul-yes, Warren-yes, Alvin-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Paul S.-yes, Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Contract for Administrator:

MOTION

Paul moved to approve the Administrator contract with a change in time period of the contract to coincide with the Regular Election, ending October 31, 2017. Second by Alvin.

DISCUSSION

Paul said reason is to coincide with the next mayoral election in case a new mayor.

The Administrator suggested extending a little past the election so the new mayor has time to come in and Administrator has time also to seek other opportunities a couple months prior to end of contract if necessary. Mayor Mack suggested a clause in contract to extend further to assist in transition if needed.

Alvin doesn't feel it is necessary since there is an assistant administrator. Paul felt end of October, right after the election, is appropriate.

Ken said the next contract could commit to a six month contract and not three years. Mayor Mack answered correct.

ROLL CALL

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

Contract for Professional Legal Services:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the contract for Levesque Law Group and second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

Administrator said AEB had a contract with Attorney Joe Levesque, however, agreement was very old so renewal necessary. Often a copy is necessary in grant applications. The rates are the same as when Levesque first came on board.

Ken asked if there is an expiration date. The Administrator said contract can be terminated with a 30 day notice, this just updates the language of the arrangement that we have with Levesque.

Alvin asked if both the Mayor and Administrator are happy with Levesque's services. The Administrator answered yes, Levesque works well with staff, Mayor and Assembly.

Paul asked if Levesque works for any other Southwest municipalities. Administrator said none from AEB region at this time.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Alvin-yes, Warren, Ken-yes Brenda-yes, Carol-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes, Paul S.-yes. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

In packet.

King Cove School Repair Project: Administrator said both bids were rejected. Both bids were higher than budgeted and higher than the engineers estimate amount. In the process of going out to bid again late summer/fall.

Board of Fisheries: Resource Director said Board of Fisheries confirmations are due end of this week. Also the Board extended the call for GOA Pollock proposals only, which are due September. Coming soon is the Area M meeting cycle.

Resource Land Use Permitting System: Administrator Assistant said the permitting database system is working well. The Clerk has been reviewing permit applications and Consultant Susan Harvey is assisting with the larger permit. We entered into a contract with Resource Data Inc. to work out any problems in the database system.

Nelson Lagoon Erosion Project: Assistant Administrator said AEB received \$225,000 CDBG grant for the erosion project, however, short approximately \$200,000. State funding may not happen so may have to reduce the scope of project and complete the most critical areas.

Cold Bay Clinic: A \$1M Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) federal grant has been submitted for new clinic construction. Have completed Phase 1 but have not heard back yet.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Warren thanked everyone for coming into King Cove to hold an Assembly meeting.

Ken expressed his appreciation for the reception we received. The King Cove School students at the school did a good job, they provided a real nice lunch.

Paul S. asked what we are going to do with the school building in Cold Bay. The Administrator said the School District is turning the school over to the Borough August 1 so we will need to look at options.

Mayor Mack said we did discuss Nelson Lagoon School and the Administrator will do a little more research on options of that building and what we need to do. Paul S. said different situation in Cold Bay since it is airport leased property and AEB owns building.

Alvin said since Cold Bay School is on state property, he suggested thoroughly reviewing the agreement to know the options available if the building does not remain a school. The Administrator said he reviewed the agreement, he does not believe it has to stay a school. It is a matter of whether we transfer the ownership and lease to someone else, demolish building or give to State if the State is willing to take the building back as part of the lease. He will review further to make sure options are clear.

Brenda thanked everyone for coming to King Cove and acknowledged the nice lunch prepared by the King Cove students and the band performance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of King Cove Manager, Gary Hennigh, appreciates the Assembly honoring the request to come to King Cove. He suggested the Assembly keep the budget as introduced. He said there will be a follow up letter to Assembly and Mayor that will review the next stage of the access road.

Nelson Lagoon Village Council President, Butch Gundersen, requested Nelson Lagoon dock repairs be on the agenda next meeting. The dock is starting to have some structural problems that need to be addressed before it becomes a liability to the Borough. He said, in regards to the Nelson Lagoon school building, he will meet with the Nelson Lagoon Village Council to decide what they would like to do.

Alvin suggested having an engineering firm inspect all Borough facilities so we know what shape they are in and can budget accordingly. The Administrator said he did budget for engineering services in the FY16 new budget.

City of Cold Bay Mayor George Lopez requested the Borough fund the Cold Bay School so that it remains open. He added there are several positions open that might bring in families.

Cold Bay resident, Candace Schaack, reiterated what Mayor Lopez said requesting the Borough fund the school to prevent closure also.

Justine felt if the Sand Point School playground is funded, the Cold Bay School should also be funded saying the intention of the Borough is to support our communities.

Happy Kremer thanked Justine for her comments felt if the Borough can provide funding for playground equipment, they should be able to fund the Cold Bay School. He said Cold Bay is a transient community and at any time one family can bring in enough kids, but difficult to commit moving to an area if there is not a school.

Resident of King Cove, Marvin Mack, said King Cove student population has declined losing funding also and he is just as concerned about education.

Justine reiterated her support for the Cold Bay School to remain open.


NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Next meeting tentatively May 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Paul moved to adjourn and second by Brenda. Hearing no more the meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk Date