

Aleutians East Borough Assembly Minutes  
November 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order by teleconference in each community on November 12, 2015 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:

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

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

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

Adoption of Agenda:

Introduction Ordinance 16-03, moved to New Business.

MOTION

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

Community Roll Call and Public Comments on Agenda Items:

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

Henry Mack, City of King Cove Mayor, supports Resolution 16-08 recognizing Paul Gronholdt's service as an Assembly Member. On behalf of community of King Cove he wants to thank Paul for his service saying that Paul is always present and that he has enjoyed his questions. Even though we didn't always agree with Paul he appreciates him very much.

Minutes, September and October, 2015:

Brenda moved to approve the September and October, 2015 Minutes as presented and second by Ken. Hearing no objection MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, September. October:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the September and October, 2015 Financial Reports and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Carol-yes, Brenda-yes, Alvin-yes, Joe-yes, Warren-yes, Ken-yes, Chris-yes. Advisory: Justine-yes. MOTTION PASSED.

September Investment Report:

Available in packet. APCM will provide a presentation at our December meeting to review our investments.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- Resolution 16-07, supporting the full funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2017 State Capital Budget.
- Resolution 16-08, recognizing Paul Gronholdt for his many years of service as an Assembly Member.
- Resolution 16-09, Disposal of Cold Bay duplex.

MOTION

Chris moved to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

The Administrator reviewed Resolution 16-09 saying he discussed with Eastern Aleutian Tribes of owning the duplex. Their policy is to not own buildings because of difficulty to maintain. It is his and Mayor Mack's recommendation to dispose of the duplex. There is limited housing in Cold Bay so would allow it to go out to the public. If approved, the duplex will go out to bid.

Mayor Mack read Resolution 16-08, recognizing Paul Gronholdt for his many years of service as an Assembly Member and presented the Resolution to Paul Gronholdt.

Paul thanked the Assembly saying it has been a privilege to serve.

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE

Introduction Ordinance 16-03, amending Title 6, Chapter 6.04, Section 6.04.041, Subsection (F) of the Aleutians East Borough Code of Ordinances.

MOTION

Brenda moved to consider at the next Assembly meeting and set for Public Hearing. Second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

Brenda-yes, Alvin-yes, Ken-yes, Joe-yes, Carol-yes, Warren-yes, Chris-yes. Adviosry: Justine-yes. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 16-02, an ordinance amending the operating and capital budget for the Aleutians East Borough Fiscal Year 2016 by appropriating an additional \$200,000 from the General Fund, Fund Balance to the School District contribution.

Mayor Mack opened for Public Hearing. Hearing none Public Hearing closed.

MOTION

Ken moved to approve Ordinance 16-02 and second by Warren.

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

Donation Requests:

- Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting donation request - \$5,000.
- King Cove Clinic-annual health fair carnival donation request - \$250.

MOTION

Chris moved to approve the donation requests and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

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

## REPORTS AND UPDATES

Reports are in packet.

Harbor Master Conference: Bailey and Alvin attended the Harbor Master Conference and Tanis prepared a harbors slideshow for Alvin's presentation, which was very much appreciated.

## ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Joe Bereskin, Sr. said at a parent/teacher school conference he discussed video conferencing, bringing in classes from other sites for subjects teachers at small sites are not qualified to teach. Some of the funding just approved with Ordinance 16-02 is specifically for increasing bandwidth. He hopes Akutan will get more and encourages the School District to do more distance learning over the internet. Superintendent Seifert said the additional funding is to increase the bandwidth which will allow the School District to deliver classes. The School District plans to improve distance learning, at the present bandwidth they are not capable of doing that.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Mike Seifert thanked the Assembly for the increased contribution on behalf of himself, staff and the students. The School District is doing a lot of things and unfortunately it takes money. He appreciates the Mayor and Assembly for their service.

Austin Roof, Aleutian Peninsula Broadcasting (KSDP) Manager, thanked the Assembly for the radio station support and to let KSDP know how they can serve Aleutians East Borough, that is what the public radio is here for.

Andy Varner, City of Sand Point Administrator, said Monday is the State of Alaska Marine Transportation Board meeting that will be discussing ferry service to the Aleutians. Certain legislatures have said the ferry service funding might be on the chopping block. The Board is giving an update on M/V Tustamena as well as the proposed service levels.

Varner added that he is glad the AEB has a resolution of support for the harbor program. He has discussed with Anne Bailey about finishing the floats in the Sand Point harbor and feels it is an important project for the betterment of Sand Point. If the AEB is going to Washington D.C., he suggested visiting the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. He can provide information or possibly accompany AEB.

Varner also said SWAMC, APICDA, AEBSA are trying to bring better internet connection into the region with fiber optic. He has attended meeting with GCI and plans to meet with experts on e-rate and other federal subsidized programs to bring fiber from Kodiak or Bristol Bay into the Aleutian area. He suggested AEB lobby for funding while in Washington D.C. He feels a lot of things can be done with these types of funding programs.

Varner said he discussed with Mayor Mack about a community joint meeting. The Administrator said we are looking at March. Mayor Mack said we haven't had one in many years. He feels it is time to see what direction the AEB wants to go.

Henry Mack, City of King Cove Mayor, provided a King Cove update on the new hydro project saying they got a road to the top of Waterfall Creek, foundation is in for the turbine operation. Looking forward to this time next year to have in operation a new hydro of 450 KW. He voiced his appreciation for the Borough's help in funding the project.

**NEXT MEETING**

December 10 in Anchorage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Carol moved to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

  
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Mayor Date

 12/10/15  
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Clerk Date