

Aleutians East Borough Minutes
September 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order on September 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Akutan City Office building.

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
Paul Schaack, Cold Bay	Present
Justine Gundersen, Nelson Lagoon	Absent-Excused

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:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve the agenda and second by Ken. Hearing no objection, MOTION APPROVED.

Community Roll Call and Public Comment on Agenda Items:

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

Minutes, August 13, 2015:

Brenda moved to approve the August 13, 2015 Minutes and second by Ken. Hearing no objection MOTION PASSED.

Financial Reports, August, 2015:

MOTION

Ken moved to approve and second by Brenda.

DISCUSSION

Paul said at the workshop we discussed the Fund Balance. He asked where it shows up on the budget so it can be monitored. The Administrator said it is not on the monthly financial, but is on the annual audit report. The Administrator said it is a balance sheet item, not revenue and expenditure. Often the software doesn't reconcile that on a monthly basis, however, the Finance Director might be able to figure it out on a monthly basis.

Warren requested an explanation why the budgeted \$5,000 for helicopter operation, travel is up to \$50,000. The Finance Director said that is travel/per diem for employees.

ROLL CALL

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

Investment Report, August, 2015:

Paul requested a presentation in the future from the investors.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 16-05, a resolution of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly selecting and promoting capital projects for the health, safety and welfare of its residents:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve Resolution 16-05 and second by Ken.

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE

Introduction 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:

MOTION

Ken moved to consider Ordinance 16-02 and set for Public Hearing at next meeting. Second by Warren.

DISCUSSION

Paul said in the workshop the Administrator said this would come out of the Fund Balance. He suggested discussing how to use the Fund Balance after audit report is received. He supports this budget amendment.

Mayor Mack said the School District budget rollover might be higher than anticipated so may not need the full \$200,000.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Ordinance 16-01, FY15 (FINAL) Budget Amendment:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve Ordinance 16-01 and second by Carol.

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

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said this is the year-end adjustment to the FY15 budget to actual line item adjustments and is still okay within the budget.

ROLL CALL

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayoral veto of amendment to delete Fund 20-\$725,000 revenues/expenditures on Ordinance 15-02, FY16 budget. *(Requires two-thirds vote of the Assembly to override a veto):*

MOTION

Paul moved to override the Mayoral veto and second by Ken.

DISCUSSION

Paul said at workshop it was discussed that the hovercraft sale hasn't taken place as of yet and discussed the Fund Balance revenues. It was a good discussion and hopefully the hovercraft will be sold. He feels, at the present time, it is a premature to give that amount of money.

ROLL CALL

Paul-yes, Ken-no, Warren-no, Alvin-no, Carol-no, Brenda-no. Advisory: Paul S.-no.
MOTION FAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 16-06, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Pacific Pile & Marine, LP for the Akutan Harbor Floats System in an amount not to exceed \$2,832,000.00:

MOTION

Brenda moved to approve Resolution 16-06 and second by Carol.

DISCUSSION

Brenda said after visiting the boat harbor, it is going to be great to get floats in the harbor.

Paul asked when contract will be signed. Bailey said, if approved, it will be signed after reviewing one more time.

Alvin said for the design/build had three qualified bids. He asked who selected the contract. Bailey said city of Akutan was involved in the design process. AECOM reviewed the bids and she and the Administrator selected the contractor based off of recommendation.

ROLL CALL

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

Cold Bay School and Teacher Housing:

DISCUSSION

The Administrator said there was a thorough discussion at the workshop. He will keep the school and duplex heated at this time. He will visit the school to see if it can be refigured as a clinic. He will also talk with Eastern Aleutian Tribes to see what their needs for housing in Cold Bay are.

Paul asked whether it is a 30-day process if we decide to sell the duplex. The Administrator said the duplex house would have to go out to bid for a couple weeks. There are different ways to dispose of it so a resolution would come before the Assembly to approve disposal option prior to that. Then an ordinance would be brought back to the Assembly for the land transfer.

Alvin suggested making sure it is well noticed in all communities if property is approved for disposal.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Resource Director, Ernie Weiss Update: The International Pacific Halibut Commission announced a list of candidates and AEB Resolution 15-23 endorsed the reappointment of two of the current members. There are now ten names for the Alaska seat so you can change your endorsement if you wish. Alvin asked if Weiss has a recommendation. Weiss recommended supporting the present resolution.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Brenda thanked Akutan for letting the Assembly visit.

Paul Schaack, said if water is turned off at the Cold Bay School, the lack of a sprinkler system at the school may cause an insurance issue. The Administrator said it will be insured as a vacant building.

Paul Schaack, asked if the Borough would consider putting the walrus skeleton presently in Nelson Lagoon School in the Cold Bay terminal, he would donate it to be displayed there.

Warren thanked Ken for his support and happy he got to look at the new harbor. He was amazed at the size of the harbor and comfortable that large vessels can fit in there. City of Akutan Administrator, Tuna Scanlan said there might be some commercial industrial businesses setting up in the new harbor providing local hire.

Paul G. asked about the soundings at Akun Island. The Administrator said Dept. of Transportation said they completed the soundings and hope to have the report in approximately two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tuna Scanlan, City of Akutan Administrator, extended his appreciation for Mayor Mack and Assembly coming to Akutan to hold an Assembly meeting and thanked them for the support on Akutan projects.

City of King Cove Mayor, Henry Mack, thanked the Assembly for their support for the reimbursements to the City of King Cove. He added King Cove is updating the hydro project. The road is now up to the top with several hundred feet left to get to the site. Foundation is ready to pour so making good progress and hopefully by next year this time power will be coming from the hydro. He added next year King Cove will also have an incinerator in place to clean up the landfill.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined later.

ADJOURNMENT

