

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback called the Aleutians East Borough Special Assembly Meeting to order by teleconference in each community on August 17, 2023 at 3:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Alvin D. Osterback	Present
Brenda Wilson	Present
Jim Smith	Excused
Chris Babcock	Present
Dailey Schaack	Present
Josephine Shangin	Present
Paul Gronholdt	Present
Warren Wilson	Present

Advisory Members:

Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon	Absent
Tom Hoblet, False Pass	Absent

Quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Anne Bailey, Administrator
Talia Jean-Louis, Assistant Administrator
Laura Tanis, Communications Director
Ernie Weiss, Natural Resources Director
Charlotte Levy, Natural Resources Assist. Director
Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk
Jacki Brandell, Finance Director
Seward Brandell, Accounting Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Brenda move to Adopt the Agenda, seconded by Josy

Hearing no objections, the Agenda will stand as Presented.

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.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

PRESENTATION:

- Trident Seafoods by Stephanie Moreland and Shannon Caroll

Stephanie Moreland said that Trident's aging infrastructure in Akutan need to be replaced and it is not feasible to update existing facility without a complete new build. Late 2022, Trident determined the economic feasible site to meet their design needs is the property they acquired in Captain's Bay in Unalaska. They began discussing the implication of this decision with the community of Akutan. They are expecting a minimum of 3 construction seasons to build a new plant. The initial timeline was 2027 to go live but now they are anticipating no earlier than 2028 due to rapidly deteriorating market conditions across all major species. The extended timeline provides more time for them to consider how it will impact Akutan and for the Borough to begin evaluating impact on the long-term project planning. Trident has no exit strategy and is committed to reinvesting in Alaska to strengthen their foundation to support the next generation for all their key stakeholders. Trident will continue to be a part of AEB communities.

WARREN asked if they are planning in closing the Akutan Plant or are they planning to process any type of seafood? Moreland said they will continue to discuss phasing but has no firm answer on what phase everything may move but the expectation is to design a facility with modern capability in one single location in the long run.

WARREN asked if Trident is planning on taking the Pacific fish to a Bearing Sea port or keeping it on this side of the Pacific, in Sand Point facility perhaps? Moreland said they continue investment and evolution in Sand Point and that includes cod production.

BRENDA asked if the facility in Akutan will be torn down and cleaned up or is it going to just stay there? Moreland said they had an opportunity to have a larger group meeting in person in Akutan and they made it very clear that the future of Akutan is something they really need to discuss. They are available for discussion about the condition of all the infrastructures and what potential futures could be there for those infrastructures. They continue to invest capital there to be able to sustain it which they are committed to, until they are able to move the production to the new facility. It is expensive and something is not likely economical for others so we wouldn't expect that plant to stay, and we would be a responsible partner in Akutan in terms of clean up strategy.

PAUL asked what is the difference in footprint size between the plant that was discussed 5 years ago in APIA building and the new plant that will be in Captains Bay? Moreland responded that she doesn't recall presenting a footprint in Akutan, in fact, some in the community were surprised and concerned seeing a Army Corps of Engineers a permits for some area that will be closer to the village in Akutan, which would have been the site. The area we were looking at was between the current plant and where the village is, and it will require a bit of filling in that area. That footprint will be small enough that it would have been a multi-floor site to be able to fit the equipment in it. The site in Captains Bay is sufficient to have a more linear and laid out on a single floor which creates a little more efficiency. The footprint in Captain's Bay site is significantly larger. They are not sharing the square footage of the plant as they continue to work through design. Paul asked if the pollock prices remain the same, would you say we can anticipate more delays? Moreland responded, that they are concerned with the market conditions, it affected economic conditions overall globally. We are seeing a slowdown in demand due to high prices and inflation. The market and the value of the fish is going down. We expect some corrections to occur in the global market. We are expediting all initiatives that we can with respect to some of the cost efficiencies.

WARREN said he really feels for the people of Akutan. It is rough to see that Trident built up your seafood empire there and the Borough take on the responsibility of putting an airport for you and now we are tied to put a boat harbor in Akun Island. He hopes that Trident is considering the livelihood of Akutan that they have for 30 years and what's to come. It will be a big change on the Pacific side. It is hard to fathom what the

Borough and the people of the South side of Alaska Peninsula did for Trident to just get up and go and hope there is some type of compensation to the village. He wants Trident to be forthcoming on the questions they the village and the Borough have. It is heart wrenching to see Trident go. Moreland responded that it is heart wrenching because Trident care deeply about Akutan and have a strong partnership there. The city and the community are incredibly supportive of Trident and has a major part of their success. They certainly would not leave the city without a strong understanding of the city and will continue the dialogue with the village and city.

CHRIS agreed with Warren. Said that Trident has been the bread and butter for Akutan and pretty much for the whole Borough when it comes to fish tax and to just pull out, it will be devastating to Akutan. With fish tax being out livelihood out here, it will be detrimental. Hopes that Trident really evaluates that situation and help in anyways they can. Moreland responded that there's a structure and a dock in Akutan that could support other potential future. The boat harbor is important to the cod fishery that is close proximity in ground and there is a lot of activity and vessel services and fleet in that area. While we are looking for a different location for a processing facility, there is a lot to discuss with respect to the activity that remains in the region. We intend to work with Akutan and work through the infrastructure.

JOSY commented that it was made clear to them that they will be in the loop when ever there was any information, but it seems like they only see everything online and that was frustrating. There is not much *communication within the past year on what exactly would be happening and from the last meeting, Trident says everything is up in the air and is not planning on doing anything yet until we read these articles.* Communication is the key. It is just frustrating not to find out anything before we read it online. Agrees with Warren and hopes that communication stays open. Moreland agrees that they need to find more avenues and make sure they have good communication.

PAUL commented that the Borough and the City of Akutan has planning to do with the 3 big infrastructure projects we have in Akutan, the harbor, the airport and the new harbor in Akun and how it affects those communities and what to do about that. Agrees with Warren. Mentioned that a lot of people are concerned with what the future of Trident in Sand Point. Carrol responded that they are not leaving Sand Point and they've been making capital investment in that plant. They are readjusting what the plant does in the product form and focusing on fresh. We've been running Chignik fish through Sand Point. There is no indication that we are leaving Sand Point. Moreland added that with respect to planning they agree that this information is important to stay current your strategic planning purposes.

Mayor Osterback thanked both Stephanie Moreland and Shannon Carol for giving an update on Trident's move to Captain's Bay. Also mentioned the Financial Workshop that will take place on September 20th.

MINUTES

July 13, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

MOTION

CHRIS moved to accept the July 13, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes, seconded by BRENDA

Hearing no correction, Minutes will stand as presented.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Paul, Brenda, Chris, Josy, Warren, Dailey

Nay: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Unaudited June 2023 Financials

MOTION

JOSY made a motion to approve the Unaudited June 2023 Financials Report and second by DAILEY

Administrator Bailey pointed out the good news in Interest Revenue which is about \$917K. The Fish Tax Revenue is about \$4.8M which is 20% higher than what we anticipated. Another revenue that came in higher is the Shared Fish Tax. Overall, we have a large surplus. Most of our expenses are right on target or below except for a few items like travelling and utilities.

PAUL commented that every single species that we process in tax here has dramatically decreased. The value of the fish will make a hit with our financial situation.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Warren, Josy, Paul, Chris, Dailey, Brenda Advisory

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

INVESTMENT REPORT

APCM June 2023 Investment Report

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCES

Introduction Ordinance 24-01, Amending the Operating and Capital Budget for FY24

MOTION

CHRIS made a motion to approve Introduction Ordinance 24-01 to the floor and second by DAILEY

Administrator Bailey said On May 18, 2023, the Borough Assembly passed Ordinance 23-06, Adopting the Operating and Capital Budget for FY24. The Borough has just entered the new fiscal year; however, revisions to the budget have been identified. The FY24 proposed budget revisions are outlined in the attached Excel spreadsheet and are summarized as follows:

- Resource Department – Salary Line Item - Increase the Resource Departments Salary Line-Item from \$199,515 to \$209,000. The Administration would like to revamp the Department and have a Natural Resources Director and a Fishery Analyst position, which is more in line with what is occurring within the Department.
- State Bond Rebate School Line-Item R-277 - Adding \$339,040 to the State Bond Rebate Harbor Line-Item- On June 19, 2023, the Governor signed the State of Alaska's FY24 Budget which included a full funding for school bond debt reimbursement.
- State Bond Rebate Harbor Line Item R-278 - Adding \$420,842 to the State Bond Rebate School Line-Item - The State budget included full funding for harbor bond debt

reimbursement. When the original FY24 budget was being prepared, harbor bond debt reimbursement was not included.

This revision will give us an expected surplus of \$823,067.

PAUL commented that perhaps it is too early to amend the budget since we've only operating on the budget for a month a half particularly there's a huge down turn on values of revenues.

Administrator Bailey commented that she thinks right now is a good time to amend it and come back at a later date for a revision of the budget.

Mayor Osterback commented that the reason for doing this is that we are putting the \$ amount from the approved State Budget.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Brenda, Chris, Dailey, Josy, Warren Advisory:
Nay: Paul

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 24-05, Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract agreement between the Aleutians East Borough and Professional Growth Systems for strategic planning services in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

MOTION

BRENDA made a motion to approve Resolution 24-05 and second by JOSY

Administrator Bailey said that since 2017, the Aleutians East Borough hired Professional Growth Systems to provide strategic planning services for the Borough. The objectives included: community engagement, borough strategic planning and follow-up and support. Over the past six years, the Borough conducted planning work sessions that helped identify projects and initiatives that were included in the Borough's annual Strategic Plan dating back to 2018, and would like to continue this strategic enlisting PGS' services for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. Funds are available in line-item E 01-200-000-380 Contract Labor for these services.

Mayor Osterback commented that it is important with everything that's going on whether the possible move of Trident, how it affects our revenues and how it affects what we have on our strategic plan now and being able to identify and prioritize projects for available funds.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Dailey, Chris, Brenda, Paul, Warren, Josy Advisory:
Nay: Paul

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 24-06, Authorizing the Mayor to Reappropriate FY23 Permanent Fund Earning Appropriations

MOTION

BRENDA motion to approve Resolution 24-06 and second by CHRIS

Administrator Bailey said The Borough is authorized to appropriate funds from the Permanent Fund Account to the General Fund. The Assembly in its discretion and consistent with Chapter 6.04.041, may in any fiscal year, appropriate an amount not to exceed four percent (4%) of the five-year average fund market value, to be computed using the five (5) prior calendar years market value. This was done to attempt to smooth the effects of market volatility and preserve the purchasing power of the fund. Resolution 22-44, which appropriated \$1,814,008.83 in Permanent Fund Earnings was approved in May 2022. The Assembly appropriated \$952,831 to cover the anticipated FY23 budget deficiency. Now that the FY23 fiscal year is coming to an end, Finance has determined that the Borough does not have a deficit but has a positive net position. Since there is a surplus, the administration recommends reappropriating the \$952,831 to project contingency.

PAUL asked what amount and what month that resolution was passed. Administrator Bailey responded that the Assembly approved the original resolution on May 2022, Resolution 22-44 which appropriated \$1,814,008.83. PAUL asked what is the amount \$952,831? Administrator Bailey said back in May 2022, the Assembly appropriated \$952,831 to cover for the FY23 Budget deficit.

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Chris, Warren, Paul, Josy, Brenda, Dailey Advisory:

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Sand Point Pool Discussion

Administrator Bailey outline a few things for the Assembly's attention:

- DOWL was DOWL commissioned Councilman-Hunsaker (C-H) to conduct a swimming pool evaluation of the Aleutian East Borough's Sand Point Pool. The pool is 41 years old and there are numerous deficiencies within the pool infrastructure. There are 22 recommendations on items that need to be fixed. One of the biggest that he stated is, given this info, careful consideration should be given to the potential need for full replacement or extensive renovations when evaluating Sand Point School. This is something the Borough administration is looking into, and we'll have more information on that if we decide to pursue a total replacement. Based on the information that we have at the beginning of this project; all we need to do is fix the liner and the gutters. Therefore, Evolution Pools was hired to complete the liner, gutters, and repairs to the mechanical room. Even with the repairs, while the pool is running it is still losing about 49 thousand gallons of water. Since the losing of water is while operating, we believe that the loss of the water is due to the circulation line. We are in the process of engaging someone to come in and fix the circulation line. Once that is completed and the water loss is diminished, the pool will become usable. The report has 22 recommendations. We are in the process of reviewing the report and will look at what it'll cost to replace the facility and we will have that come back at the Assembly at the later date.

One other thing to note is we finally sign a settlement agreement and release of claims between the Borough and Living Waters and another one between the Borough and Evolution Pools. Both parties agreed the Borough would pay for the retainage with is about

\$36K directly to Living Waters and then the 2 party can no longer submit a claim against the Borough for any further funds.

JOSY asked administrator Bailey if she knows the cost between the replacement and fixing of the pool? Administrator Bailey said she does not have it at this time.

PAUL asked when is the pool going to open? Administrator Bailey responded she would like to say October 2023. If the circulation line is not the leaking problem, then we have a bigger issue.

CHRIS commented that year ago, that is how they used to put a pool in, with aluminum. The filtration system that they use with the salt water is not really good with aluminum, so there's corrosion problem there. It's going to be a challenge but appreciate the document that they got.

Paul commented that the water level of the pool is about half full but not sure if the school added any water lately. Administrator Bailey added that she do not believe they added any water. The only time we have water loss was when the pool was running.

Mayor Osterback added that the person operating the pool said that when the water was full and it is circulating is when it leaks. Hopefully in the next week or so, we can have someone out here and they can figure out if the supply lines are cracked. We are going to try to keep this up and running soon.

CHRIS said pool is just a challenge everywhere. They are a constant fix.

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

King Cove Road Update – still trying to figure out the next steps after the recent 9th Circuit decision which seems to return the case to the Alaska Federal District Court. There are 2 options currently being discussed. Sen, Murkowski continues to urge the DOI to support the 2019 Land Exchange in the NOI process. She also continues to urge the King Cove Group to fully participate in the NOI process. No specific comments have been received from DOI yet.

Sand Point Harbor Float A Project - On July 13, 2023, the State of Alaska extended the Borough's Municipal Facility Harbor Grant for the Sand Point Harbor Float A project to December 31, 2023. We cannot sign the grant until we go out to bid and have a contractor hired. We've submitted the section 106 letters to the tribes, put out the Public Notice document, and the NEPA environmental assessment is moving along.

Other Items – on July 21, 2nd tranche of funding was received from LATCF from US Treasury.

On July 13, 2023, the State of Alaska extended the Borough's Municipal Facility Harbor Grant for the Sand Point Harbor Float A project to December 31, 2023. The Financial Work Session has been scheduled for September 20, 2023.

Assistant Administrator's Report in packet. Highlights below:

Healthy & Equitable Communities Grant (HEC): - The Borough is partnering with Eastern Aleutian Tribes to implement the purchase and installation of a 2-Body Morgue for the City of False Pass and the Village Nelson Lagoon. DPH agrees to provide \$109,035 in funds in accordance with the terms of the MOA to the Aleutians East Borough. This project is a reimbursement grant and a new line item will be created. The CDC is requiring an approval letter with supporting documentation to justify the purchase which was already submitted on Aug. 8. State of Alaska is currently reviewing the papers.

Councilman-Hunsaker - June 12th and 13th, 2023 Councilman-Hunsaker conducted a site-visit of the Sand Point Pool. They have provided the Borough a high-level summary with 22 recommendations. Next step on their scope of work is to adjust the Maintenance Plan.

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) Grant - September 1, 2023 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) applications are due along with the associated documents. This project is funded at \$2.9M with the Borough's participating share at \$1.039M. Borough anticipates the cost of the project will increase significantly due to inflationary pressures from when the grant was initially written. The key issues at this point are the project costs which the Borough is working with SERCC to draft a Supplemental Application to authenticate the technical cost difference of the project as well as completing the deadlines of the 6-year plan, which is required and needs to be signed by the school board and the superintendent.

LONG Boiler Update – the boilers for False Pass and Sand Point are enroute to Dutch Harbor. Once the parts arrive to their designated location, LONG will schedule a trip to False Pass and Sand Point to install the new boilers.

Maintenance Connection - Administration continues to utilize Maintenance Connection created by SERCC where the Borough can perform tasks such as processing maintenance request, creating work orders, setting up preventive schedules, creating purchase orders, and reordering inventory. With the upcoming CIP application, the Borough is actively getting the maintenance documentation together (narratives, energy plan and logs, training, R&R schedules, work orders, etc.) for inclusion into the CIP package. Meetings attended are listed in the packet.

PAUL commented that the outside door by the pool is open. Mayor Osterback responded, that he has someone in the building couples of times a day because they are fixing the boilers.

Communications Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Annual Report – currently working on the Annual Report, it was sent to Administration for edits. Photos will be included after. We will also include sections from the Natural Resources Department on advocacy as well as NRD projects, including the Area M Adaptive Fleet Management Salmon Portal, the WGOA Trawl and Fixed Gear EM, and the cod tagging study.

Other Borough projects that will be highlighted include the Akun Dock & Breakwater, the Cold Bay Dock, the Cold Bay Clinic, the False Pass and King Cove rehabilitation projects, the King Cove Access Project, the Sand Point Harbor Floats Systems, and the Sand Point School Major Maintenance Project with a focus on the pool.

Pacific Marine Expo - The Borough is gearing up for this year's Pacific Marine Expo, also referred to as the boat show. It's scheduled for Nov. 8th – 10th at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle. The Borough will be set up in the Alaska section: Booth #4313. We will have new photos of our community infrastructure to display, as well as flyers, Borough pens, and calendars.

Media Relations - As many people are aware, there has been quite a bit of media attention recently regarding Akutan and the Trident plant. Included in my report are some links to news stories that have appeared in the news from July 27th through Aug. 11th. Links are in the packet.

My last day at the Borough is September 1st. On July 18th, I submitted my resignation to the Borough. My last day here will be September 1st. I have been offered a communications position with Snohomish County to be closer to family. I wanted to let everyone here know that it has been an honor and a privilege to work

with you and get to know many of you. Thank you for all your help over the years with information on projects, newsletter stories, etc. I will definitely keep in touch. The Borough and its communities will always have a special place in my heart.

Mayor Osterback thanked Laura for all the good work she has done for the Borough. Wished Laura luck on her next venture.

Chris thanked Laura for her time with the Borough. For getting all the information out to the public. Chris complimented the new website that Laura helped to get up and running. Thanked Laura for all the time she gave to the Borough.

Brenda thanked Laura for all the support she had for the communities and the people that resides in the community.

Warren thanked Laura for all the hard work for the Borough. That she offers a lot of help during the Board of Fish meetings.

Josy thanked Laura for all her hard work and was happy that she's be closer to her family. Wished Laura success in her future endeavors.

Dailey thanked Laura and mentioned she is one of the great people we have working for the Borough.

Assistant Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Electronic Monitoring - WGOA3/EFM – grant agreement is finally in place for the WGOA4 project. I have submitted reimbursement requests for both the WGOA3 and WGOA4 projects. Is preparing for the upcoming pollock season. The project team has been discussing how to handle the 2024 gap year in funding prior to 2025 regulatory implementation. NMFS confirmed HQ/Murkowski funding will cover GOA data review and EM system costs. We are planning to do a final NFWF joint proposal with AGDB to cover the remaining costs.
Fixed-Gear EM Project - I have obtained information releases for all participating vessels and we are in the process of obtaining observer data for the side-by-side analysis.

June Salmon - We are continuing to make changes and improvements to the data portal based on fishermen feedback. I am continuing to assist the Seiners Association and ADFG as needed for outreach and reporting.

I am tracking the October council for any developments related to the Alaska Peninsula for the EEZ salmon
AFSC Cod Tagging Project - Due to weather/logistics issues with the NMFS Summer GOA survey, they were unable to release our

summer Sanak/Shumagins satellite tags. To ensure our summer tags were released I conducted two day charters. On July 12th, I released 5 tags in the Shumagins with the F/V Decision out of Sand Point, and on July 14th I released 5 tags in Sanak with the F/V Just In Case out of King Cove. Both crews did an excellent job and the charters were successful. I had the pleasure of being joined by Dr. Kate Reedy and her associate for the Sand Point charter. They were doing field work in the region for a cod project, interviewing locals about the history of the fishery. I am in the process of submitting the Q2 reimbursement request and quarterly report. I will make those available for review for the next packet. I am assisting the Administrator with slides on the various current/proposed NRD projects for the upcoming financial workshop in September. I have two upcoming board meetings in September for the North Pacific Research Board AP and Fisheries Monitoring Advisory Committee. We are working with Joe Sullivan to review the AFA program regarding the upcoming Trident move. He is working on a legal opinion and will have it available at the next Assembly meeting.

WARREN thanked Joe Sullivan for the AFA and said he appreciates it.

PAUL asked Charlotte “who is we” when she said we are working with Joe Sullivan. Natural Resources Assistant Director Levy responded, the Borough, her, Ernie and Administrator Bailey. PAUL asked who is giving Joe Sullivan direction, the Assembly never reviewed who we are hiring to do this. Levy responded, she has been the point of contact mainly because she has the most recent contract with Joe. They are just hoping to get some answers as quickly as possible to some of the Assembly’s concerns about the AFA program and the legitimacy and legality of Trident move. We are still working on getting the representation letter so it’s not too late to not do that if the Assembly does not want to pursue that option.

Mayor Osterback commented that he looked at this as administrative decision and he talked to Anne, Ernie and Charlotte and decided this was a good way to go to get this information.

Natural Resources Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Thanked Laura for all her hard work.

Fish Tax – The AEB Fish Tax data base is a DOS program based in the Anchorage office and compiled and maintained by AEB staff since the year 2000. The AEB endeavors to protect proprietary data of processors, respecting the ‘rule of three’ and reporting fish tax data only in aggregate. The chart shows the AEB Fish tax revenue. In the past 10 years, we’ve only had 1 year that was under \$4M for our Fish Tax Revenue. The current administration is changing things up and asked for recommendations on forecasting revenue ,which is different from the way they do it. We are trying to be conservative and hopefully our numbers pan out. 2023 is the 4th highest year behind 2022, 2018 and 2012. June 2023 revenue of \$270,036 was the lowest June month fish tax revenue since 2004. The 2nd page chart shows the cumulative salmon harvest for that day.

Port Moller Lot 2 Lease - We expect to finalize the lease of Port Moller Lot 2 this month, as the parties have obtained the required liability insurance. Lease negotiations were approved under AEB Resolution 23-52 and Ordinance 23-04. A visit to Port Moller last month by Mayor Osterback and myself was postponed due to weather.

On August 14, agenda change request is due. There are other2 comment opportunity that I will be putting comments in.

Finance Director Report in packet. Highlights below:

Audit- I have been busy this past month compiling the audit needs for FY 23. To date, I have met with BDO and the FY23 portal has been set up. About two-thirds of the tasks requested in the portal have been uploaded, which include tasks such as summary schedules for payroll, payables and receivables, analysis of revenues, payroll liabilities, statements and reconciliations, various confirmation letters and planning documents. The auditors will be conducting their field work on site the last week of September.

Caselle – I have sent in the initial back up of the current database for our systems. With this, they will be mapping the BDS data to the Caselle load tables. We will then receive a project kick-off call once it is mapped to get placed into the awaiting set up schedule.

Financial Work Session – This past month also included work preparing for the financial work session. This required researching old and current data, compiling and preparing presentations.

Routine tasks- The June financials have been completed. As mentioned, the financials in your packet are unaudited. The fiscal year is not completely closed as some processes still need to take place to record the final data, such as depreciation, and there is a possibility that something arrives between now and the field work, and will need to be recorded in FY23. July marks the first month of the FY24 and routine tasks are on schedule. With the new year, new files and worksheets must be prepared. Seward has been busy with vendor file management as well as gathering support documents for the FY23 audit schedules. We are just awaiting the last of the receivable data for July to complete those financials.

Brenda thanked both Jacki and Seward.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Mayor Osterback commented that he has attended the AML meeting in Homer. They allowed him to go through the resolution we passed regarding the AML would like the Governor to veto any bill brought forward by the legislators that we are tied to boards and commissions that were appointed by the governor and approved by the legislators. Hopefully it will pass on from there and then will show back up on December at the AML winter conference then to Governor's desk.

Warren commented that one take away from the Homer trip was when I have to speak as Mayor for the Village of King Cove and started my presentation as a fishing village and also brought up the resolution that we support it.

Paul commented on 3 things, when the American Fisheries Act on the mid 90's was passed, I think we did our own lobbying at that time however we might have to review that relationship. 2nd is I asked the clerk to look at hotel rates around September just to see if rates have gone down by that time. And third, Charlotte mentioned on her report that we are going to have a report from our consultant, so I assume are going to have executive session to discuss legal strategy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Franklin, School Superintendent, thanked the Borough and its support to the school. Thanked Mayor Osterback, Assistant administrator Jean-Louis, and Administrator Bailey for working on the facilities. And is extremely impressed by the responsiveness and the care they are getting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Assembly Meeting September 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Brenda moved to adjourn seconded by Josy. Hearing no more, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Mayor Alvin D. Osterback



Beverly Ann Rosete, Borough Clerk

Date: 9/15/2023

