CITY OF SAND POINT
COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 13, 2022
Workshop: 2:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CITY OF SAND POINT

(Packet will be available on website December 9, 2022) www.sandpointak.com

MAYOR
Mayor James Smith - Office Exp. 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Austin Roof  Seat A - Exp. 2025
Allan Starnes  Seat B - Exp. 2023
Amy Eubank  Seat C - Exp. 2025
Jack Foster Jr.  Seat D - Exp. 2023
Marita Gundersen  Seat E - Exp. 2024
Arlene Gundersen  Seat F - Exp. 2024

SAND POINT CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
CITY CHAMBERS

Regular Meeting  December 13, 2022  7:00 pm

There will be a workshop at 2:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Minutes: Minutes of Regular Meeting November 9, 2022

REPORTS:
1. Finance Officer
2. Administrator
3. Police Chief
4. EMS Director
5. Fire Chief
6. Public Works Director
7. Water / Sewer Supervisor
8. Harbor Master

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:
1. Resolution 20-09: FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program
2. Resolution 20-10: Capital Improvement Projects

OLD BUSINESS:
1. City Hall Repair Bid

NEW BUSINESS
1. Cemetery Fence
2. 2023 Hickey & Associates Contract
3. Donation Request: QTT Christmas Potluck
5. Board of Fish Meetings
6. Donation Request: Area M Seiners Association

PUBLIC COMMENTS
COUNCIL COMMENTS
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Posted 12/09/22
1. Legal Matters
2. Interview Police Chief Candidate

ADJOURNMENT

To participate telephonically, please call 1-800-315-6338 and use the passcode 26961 followed by the # key.
CONSENT AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER:
The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in the City Chambers and telephonically. Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
James Smith               Mayor                     Present
Austin Roof                Seat A                    Present
Allan Starnes             Seat B                    Present
Amy Eubank                 Seat C                    Present
Jack Foster Jr.            Seat D                    Present
Marita Gundersen           Seat E                    Present
Arlene Gundersen           Seat F                    Present

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:
Jordan Keeler, Administrator
Kurtis Gundersen, Finance Officer – Telephonically
Jade Gundersen, City Clerk
Dave Anderson, Police Chief
Logan Thompson, EMS Director
Robert Gadotti, Fire Chief
Julius Karlsen, Public Works Director – Telephonically
Dylan Jacobsen, Water & Sewer Supervisor
Allen Kuchenoff Jr., Harbormaster

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Mayor James Smith requested a motion to approve the agenda.
MOTION:   Council Member Marita Gundersen made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Old Business, 1. City Hall Repair Bid and Executive Session, 2. Interview Police Chief Candidate.
SECOND:   Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.
VOTE:     Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:
MOTION:   Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2022 with corrections.
SECOND:   Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.
VOTE:     Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:
Finance Officer – Kurtis Gundersen
Finance Officer Kurtis Gundersen reported that Raw Fish Tax for October was $32,212.43 and Sales Tax Revenue for September was $70,879.32.

Council Member Arlene Gundersen asked if the bank balance was correct for the General Fund, Bingo, and Silver Salmon Derby for September because it showed the same numbers for August. Finance Officer Kurtis Gundersen stated he could have put September numbers on the last one, but he will look into it.
Administrator – Jordan Keeler
Administrator Jordan Keeler reported that he submitted three notices of intent to apply. The first is a Community Transportation Project (CTP) for maintenance work on the bridge in the harbor, the second is a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for maintenance work on the foot bridge in the harbor, and the third is to get the ball rolling and engineering and design to replace the culverts on the reservoir. He has a follow up call with DOT+PF and AML on the CTP and TAP applications tomorrow at 11:00 am.

Kuchar was in town last week to do a site visit to further narrow down their scope of work on their bid for building repair. Unfortunately, they were scheduled to be here the week prior, so there are no new numbers at this point, but having spoken with staff, they indicated that the proposal will be scaled down a bit due to the reduced needs.

He thanked Pauloff Harbor Tribe for their donation towards a new generator for the water plant as well as a pledge to put funds towards a new burn box, should the CDBG grant application for a new burn box be successful.

He added that the Borough received funding for the State this past budget cycle, along with $5000 in Federal Funds for inner harbor improvements. They anticipate the new harbor improvements will begin in summer of 2024. He thanked the Borough for their continued work on this.

Heliostar is in town tonight for a community meeting and tomorrow at 10:00 am, he and the mayor will meet with their representatives. He invited council and City staff to attend.

The Alaska Municipal League is offering online Newly Elected Officials training on October 30th. It’s a good introduction and refresher for anyone who has not taken it or if it’s been a few years. If you cannot attend the online presentation live, it will be recorded for later viewing, but you must sign up ahead of time.

Police Chief – David Anderson
Police Chief David Anderson reported that during the month of October, they had 23 calls for 911, generating about 35 reports. They struggled all month with their dedicated 911 line being down. They had the line forwarded to the officer house and the dispatcher’s place until it was fixed. It has been fixed and they haven’t had any problems so far. They had 2 people taken into custody for 2 separate incidents of assault and/or domestic violence. He added that the task force officer has been very busy and he hopes to have a report next month with a power point presentation showing what kind of work he has been doing.

Council Member Arlene Gundersen asked for an update on the house numbers and recognitions through the postal service. Chief David Anderson said the house addresses are slowly being picked up and that residents can come down to the Police Department between the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm and get their house number. He heard back from the National Register and responded, but hadn’t heard back again yet. He sent in the City’s new addressing system and hopes to hear back from them soon.

EMS Director – Logan Thompson
EMS Director Logan Thompson reported that they had two medical calls and two medivac transfer from the clinic. He added that he has taken over as EMS Director temporarily until December or January. He is working on getting an ETT class scheduled. After that, he is working on getting an ETT/EMT 1 Bridge done so there can be more EMTs in town.

Fire Chief- Robert Gadotti
Fire Chief Robert Gadotti reported that there were no fire calls for the month of October. The starter for the fire boat is here and will be put in in a week. He has been cleaning up the fire hall for the incoming vet to use.

Public Works Director – Julius Karlsen
Public Works Director Julius Karlsen reported that they maintained roads, hauled and spread 100 yards of rock in the harbor, hauled and spread 10 yards of rock for UTI, and hauled rock for two driveways. They performed routine maintenance on police vehicles and serviced the breaks on the Honda admin vehicle. They filled sand shed for the winter, fueled City Buildings, and performed ditch work on some side roads. They cleaned and serviced the shop heater, acquired a 1.5-yard sand spreader, put a new starter in Ford flatbed, plowed snow and sanded roads, and hauled some vehicles to the shop to be drained and loaded on the barge.

Water & Sewer Supervisor – Dylan Jacobsen
Water & Sewer Supervisor Dylan Jacobsen reported that the water samples and reports were completed. He and Brandon replaced the Tee sewer connection to a trailer with a Wye and put in a cleanout. He attended Alaska Rural Water Association Conference in Anchorage. Some revisions were made to the lead and copper rule. The new lift stations the contractors are working on for ANTHC are almost complete. They excavated a water shut off on the main road and winterized the vaults at the school and old water storage tank. They drained the Kelly Avenue sewage lagoon, cleaned Turbidimeters and flow meters, and performed other routine maintenance around the water plant.

Council Member Austin Roof asked if ANTHC got a hold of someone at the City to help move and loaded some equipment. Dylan reported that he believed they had.

Harbor Master – Allen Kuchenoff Jr.
Harbor Master Allen Kuchenoff Jr. reported that they hauled and stored boats, performed some maintenance on the big travel lift, and changed out five street lights. They still need power to some street lights that they will need TDX to help with. Ted Morehouse finished working on the wall but will be back. One night guy turned in his keys and the temporary hire also turned his keys. They hired a new Laborer I and had been cleaning the harbor. They shut the water off and closed bathrooms.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:
1. Resolution 22-08: Honoring Sand Point Veterans
MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-08: Honoring Sand Point Veterans.
SECON: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that he surveyed other entities in the region which took different approaches on this issue. The last time the City reviewed this was in 2015 when marijuana was legalized in the State of Alaska. Some cities that do not test still require testing for certain positions. They are arguments for it and against it. If there are changes made to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, they City still has authority to punish anyone under the influence of any substance on the job up to termination and the pre-employment screening would still cover the other substances. No change to the manual is permanent and is subject to review.
MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to remove marijuana from the pre-employment drug screening.
SECON: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Leases
Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that the City rents out various building spaces throughout the community and the last time the rates were updated was 2012. Costs have gone up since then, including fuel, electricity, maintenance, and upkeep. Administration is recommending a 10% increase to leases that expire on December 31, 2022, which would include commercial and residential. Industrial leases will be subject to the terms that pre-exist and the gear shed lockers would not fall under this.
MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to approve the increase of rent of City facilities by 10% based on the lease list as they come due.
SECOND: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Alaska Municipal League
Administrator Jordan Keeler informed the council that the 72nd annual Alaska Municipal League Conference is being held the week of December 5th, at the Dena’ina Center, with some sub-groups meeting prior to the AML Conference, Dec. 7th-9th. Some sessions are more applicable to our community and communities like us. On Friday, December 9th, he will be meeting with our new Local Government Specialist to go over our RUBA score and what assistance, if any, we can get if needed. Council Member Austin Roof will be there for the Newly Elected Officials training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dick Jacobsen recommended that families be added to the resolution for veterans. In addition, he does not agree with the City’s decision to remove marijuana testing for pre-employment screening because of equipment the City employee’s operate. He does not believe the City should increase the lease rate for gear shed lockers due to hardship on the fishermen. He recommended that the public is given an opportunity to comment before the decisions are made by the council.

Edee Jacobsen asked why the City’s addressing system was numbered in order of houses instead of even on one side of the street and odd on the other as in most cities.

Alvin Osterback Jr. commented about the skiff ramp for the harbor and explained the hazards with the current ramp in use. He encouraged administration to apply for grants for a new skiff ramp. He stated that the City’s property is supposed to be smoke free and employees smoke in the vehicles. He expressed his and other community members unhappiness with a recent hire of the city due to the employee’s reputation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:
Council Member Austin Roof agreed with Dick Jacobsen about the need for an opportunity for public to comment on the agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to move into Executive Session with the City Administrator at 7:47 pm.
SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

MOTION: Council Member Marita Gundersen made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:00 pm.
SECOND: Council Member Amy Eubank seconded the motion.

No action was taken.

The council had a discussion about adding an opportunity for public to comment prior to voting on agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to adjourn.
SECOND: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:

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James Smith Sr., Mayor

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Jade Gundersen, City Clerk
REPORTS
FINANCE OFFICER
City of Sand Point

Raw Fish Tax Revenue

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ADMINISTRATOR
TO: Mayor Smith  
City Council Members  

FROM: Jordan Keeler  
City Administrator  

DATE: December 7, 2022  

SUBJ: Monthly Report for December 2022  

Here is a summary of items since our November 8th meeting:

- Submitted the CDBG grant before the December 2nd deadline.

- Met with James Amundsen, our ANTHC engineer, to discuss the system status and stress the need for a new burn box/incinerator. Also met the person who oversees the Department of Environmental Health and Engineer (DEHE) and the utility billing portions of ANTHC to thank them for the excellent engineers they have assigned to us and again stress the need for a new burn box.

- Met with DOT+PF representatives on the projects submitted earlier last month – the harbor road bridge rehab and harbor footbridge rehab. Both projects have passed the initial eligibility screening assessment for their respective funding source requirements.

- Attended several infrastructure funding sessions and had a great chat with the AML’s designated infrastructure point of contact. I have worked with her in the past on municipal issues and we have a good working relationship.

- Will get some facetime with our assigned representative from the State who scores our Best Practices matrix. The state has a minimum threshold score in order to receive state funding, but our score has fluctuated over the years while our reporting has remained constant; the fluctuation is likely due to the rapid turnover in the position and not any deficiency on our end.

- Was out of state for 10 days over the Thanksgiving holiday.
POLICE CHIEF
EMS DIRECTOR
FIRE CHIEF
Received 1 Call- Concerned citizen noticed an excessive amount of smoke at the incinerator. Responded to the dump where all was fine.

Scheduling classes for firefighter training in Anchorage. Will bring proposal to the council on completion.

Worked on air compressor on the fire truck.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
• Grade roads
• Backfilled water shutoff by water tank
• Replaced steering column on trash truck
• Replaced back up alarm and fixed headlight trash truck
• Dug up and replaced residential water shutoff valve
• New cutting edges on sand truck
• Repaired flat tire on sand truck
• Worked on lights and wipers on sand truck
• Fixed transfer case shifter, starter and solenoid on grey flatbed
• Hauled old metal to barge
• Hauled and spread rock for UTI
• Plowed and sanded Roads
• Cleaned out storm drain grating
• Moved equipment for AK Geothermal
• Fueled City Buildings
• Hauled and spread rock for 1 driveway
• Cleaned shop heaters and pumped oil
• Backhaul barge finished and left
• Swept roads
• Hauled abandoned vehicles to shop
• Worked on tire chains
• Ordered new tire chains
• New Skid steer bucket
• Repaired skidsteer door hinge
• Housekeeping at shop
• Replaced batteries in Genie scissor lift
Water/Sewer City Council Report

November 2022

Dylan Jacobsen

- Water samples/reports done.
- Working on lead and copper sampling plan for DEC so that I can take my L&C samples this month.
- Working on resolving an issue with water service to a resident in the trailer court.
- Repaired and buried a water line under a house that was broken during house demo.
- ANTHC and Alaska Geothermal were here to go through the final inspection/checklist for our new lift stations.
- Our project manager with ANTHC made a site visit. Talked with him about upcoming projects and we went to the new lift stations.
- Backwashed as needed.
HARBOR MASTER
Robert E Galovin Small Boat Harbor Report
November 2022

• hauled some boats
• did some maintenance on the big & little lift
• worked on bilge blocks
• removed alders around the harbor
• moved a couple boats that were signed over to the city to be destroyed
• changed 1 street light
HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION 22-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY23 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE ALASKA PENINSULA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA (FMA 3)

WHEREAS, AS 29.60.450 requires that for a municipality to participate in the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, the municipality must demonstrate to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development that the municipality suffered significant effects during the calendar year 2021 from fisheries business activities; and,

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.060 provides for the allocation of available program funding to eligible municipalities located within fisheries management areas specified by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; and,

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.070 provides for the use, at the discretion of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, of alternative allocation methods which may be used within fisheries management areas if all eligible municipalities within the area agree to use the method, and the method incorporates some measure of the relative significant effect of fisheries business activity on the respective municipalities in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sand Point proposes to use an alternative allocation method for allocation of the FY23 funding available within the FMA3: Alaska Peninsula Fisheries Management Area in agreement with all other municipalities in this area participating in the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City of Sand Point, by this resolution, certifies that the following alternative allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects during 2021 fisheries business activity in the FMA 3: Alaska Peninsula Fisheries Management Area:

ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD: All municipalities share equally 40% of the allocation; the remaining 60% of the funding is shared among the communities on a per capita
basis. Whereby the Aleutians East Borough population is reduced by the population of the cities of Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Sand Point and Akutan and with the mutually agreed upon population count for the Lake and Peninsula Borough (100).

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SAND POINT ON THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

CITY OF SAND POINT

____________________________________
James Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

_________________________________
Jade Gundersen, City Clerk
Resolution 22-10 for your consideration establishes a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list for the City of Sand Point. Having a CIP is important when applying to funding sources to demonstrate the projects on the list have gone through a public review, is relatively up-to-date, and shows that the City has considered its capital needs and ranked them accordingly. Having a CIP is not a guarantee of funding, but most agencies will take into account whether or not a project is on the CIP, and where it ranks on the CIP relative to similar, if any, projects.

The CIP is not a permanent blood oath, but can be changed and updated at any time to reflect the current situation in the community as projects are either completed or re-prioritized. The list can also be revised to be tailored to a certain funding agency by listing a specifically targeted project above one that may have a greater overall need and then switched back at anytime.

For this version of the City’s CIP, I have the damn/culvert repair as the top priority followed by the two projects that I submitted funding requests for, which would be the harbor road bridge rehab and harbor foot bridge rehab, followed by City Hall rehab and City-wide paving. This last one is sort of a pipe dream, but by having it on there, we can demonstrate it’s been a need if the stars align and a chance to apply for funding comes up.
RESOLUTION 22-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST

WHEREAS, The City of Sand Point recognizes the value of a Capital Improvement Project List; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Sand Point has several capital projects it wishes to see completed for the betterment of the community; and,

WHEREAS, Funding agencies often require applicants to have CIP and factor that into their scoring matrix; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Sand Point Council has reviewed several projects in public meetings and wishes to pursue funding opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City of Sand Point, by this resolution, establishes a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) List comprised of the following projects in order of priority:

1. Sand Point Culvert and Dam Repair
2. Humboldt Slough Bridge Rehabilitation
3. Harbor Footbridge Rehabilitation
4. City Hall Building Repair
5. Finish Paving All City Roads

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SAND POINT ON THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

CITY OF SAND POINT

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James Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________________
Jade Gundersen, City Clerk
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
## ITEMIZED ESTIMATE

**SAND POINT PUBLIC WORKS**  
**DAVE STOKES**  Ph: 907-383-5427  
**SANDPOINTPUBLICWORKS@GMAIL.COM**  
**SEATTLE, WA**

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**10.25% SALES TAX:**  
$ 2830.87

**TOTAL:**  
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**ALL CITY FENCE COMPANY INC.**  
**SAND POINT PUBLIC WORKS SAND POINT CEMENTARY.JE0**  
**10/19/2022**
This is a contract for professional lobbying services between Hickey & Associates, hereinafter "Contractor", and the City of Sand Point, hereinafter "Client".

Terms and Conditions

1. The Contractor will provide general lobbying services as requested for the Client. One of the principal tasks is to help secure funding for transportation and infrastructure projects in Sand Point. The Contractor will perform other lobbying services as directed by the Client’s contact person. Mr. Jordan Keeler, City Manager, or his designee, will serve as the Client's contact person.

2. The Contractor will provide a written monthly status report during session. Other written reports will be provided as needed.

3. The Contractor will be paid a fixed fee of $8,000 for these services. Monthly payments of $2,000 each will be provided on or about the first day of each of the first four months during calendar year 2023.

4. The term of this contract commences on January 1, 2023 and terminates on December 31, 2023. The contract is subject to renewal by agreement of both parties.

5. The Contractor will cover all normal office overhead expenses. The Client will reimburse the Contractor for the 2023 $250 APOC registration fee. The Contractor will be reimbursed for any extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses through the duration of this contract. Extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses are defined as all direct travel, hotel and meal expenses for any requested trip. All extraordinary expenses must have the prior approval of the Client’s contact person.
This agreement constitutes the full agreement between the parties.

______________________________  __________________________
City of Sand Point               Hickey & Associates

______________________________  __________________________
Date                          Date

November 11, 2022

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November 28, 2022

Dear City of Sand Point,

Each year the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe hosts the Annual Christmas Potluck. It is a time when the entire community can come together and enjoy good company and great food. Community and Tribal members have a chance to win prizes and money, and children of all ages receive their first Christmas gift of the season.

The Tribe is inviting you to be involved in this year’s festivities by making a donation for food, money tree, etc. Fun, food and friends are always an excellent way to start off the holiday season. Please help us keep this traditional event possible.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Glen Gardner JR.
President
December 7, 2022

Mayor James Smith
City of Sand Point
P.O. Box 249
Sand Point, AK 99661

Donation Request: Silver Bell Rock

Mayor James Smith:

The Pauloff Harbor Tribe is planning the Silver Bell Rock event for this winter. We are requesting a donation from the City of Sand Point for the prize again this year. Last year the prize was $800 with Pauloff Harbor and City of Sand Point splitting the funds.

Thank you for your consideration, this event is always fun for the whole community.

Sincerely,

Arlene Gunderson
Tribal Administrator
Season’s Greetings!

It is that time of year again when the Area M Seiners Association is collecting membership dues for 2022. This year, we are asking $5,000.00 from each corporation, tribe, and city government to continue supporting our mission to protect our salmon fisheries. Now more than ever, we need your help to ensure our success at the upcoming Board of Fisheries meeting in February 2023.

The Area M Seiners Association was formed in 2011, originally as an association for Seiners. However, since the last Board of Fisheries cycle in 2019, we recognized the need to include the local set net fleet so they would also have formal representation. We currently have 65 members, 64 of which are seiners and 11 of which are set netters. During the last Board of Fisheries cycle meeting, almost all the stakeholders from Area M voluntarily unified to combat the efforts trying to close Area M Fisheries. Through the leadership of the local fishermen, we were able to prevent devastating changes to our management plans.

Now, with the ongoing issues in Chignik and the poor runs in AYK, the Seiners Association has been working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming Board of Fisheries meeting. There are at least 12 proposals submitted that seek to severely reduce or eliminate Area M fishing opportunity, or create unprecedented regulatory amendments such as requiring observer coverage.

Since the last Board cycle, we have assembled a very strong team of lobbyists, lawyers, public relations experts and scientists. We have attended several Board of Fisheries meetings and workshops, and engaged with key Board members to develop a realistic strategy that can be presented at the upcoming meeting. We’ve been working with all gear types to ensure the success of our fisheries.

Membership dues are critical for our Association to operate and to contract subject-matter experts that we need to survive the next Board of Fisheries meeting. These services are costly, but it is a price we must pay to protect our fisheries and our communities. By contributing, you will be helping to offset costs for the upcoming meeting and join us in creating a united front [sorry I know this is fluffy, but maybe close by pressuring them that we need to do this together]

We look forward to hearing from you,

Thank you,
Heather Thompson
Executive Secretary
PUBLIC COMMENTS
COUNCIL COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT
FYI
November 16, 2022

James Smith
City of Sand Point
P. O. Box 249
Sand Point, Alaska 99661

Dear Mayor Smith:

On behalf of the Unga Tribal Council, the tribe has authorized assistance to the City of Sand Point for the purchase of a generator to serve as a backup power source for the city’s water treatment plant. The backup generator is a viable source of power and is essential to the water and sewer infrastructure needs identifying a critical exigency in providing safe drinking water preventing the urgent spread of COVID-19 by improving the public health and safety of the community.

At the Tribal Council meeting held on November 14, 2022, the tribe authorized up to $10,000.00 towards the purchasing/shipping of the backup power generator for the city’s water treatment plant. A check will be issued to the City of Sand Point once an invoice is submitted to the tribe in the amount authorized by the Unga Tribal Council for the purchase of the backup generator.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

John Foster
President

[Signature]