



Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG
 Province of Leyte

Item No.: 49
 Date: 16 JUL 2026



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 20TH HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING MUNICIPAL COMPOUND, ABUYOG, LEYTE ON JUNE 16, 2026

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Dario P. Lleve | Municipal Vice Mayor, Prsdg. Officer |
| Hon. Lemuel Vincent D. Tan | SB Member, Prsdg. Pro-tempore |
| Hon. Felicito V. Topia, Jr. | SB Member |
| Hon. Ma. Amelia C. Gacis | SB Member |
| Hon. Ofelia K. Traya | SB Member |
| Hon. Rodolfo M. Cabias | SB Member, Floor Leader |
| Hon. Roy Percival M. Perez | SB Member |
| Hon. Patrocinio A. Risos, Jr. | SB Member |
| Hon. John Bill V. Traya | SB Member, ABC President |
| Hon. Melliza Jane C. Traya | SB Member, SK Fed. President |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Erwin V. Belleza | SB Member |
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RESOLUTION NO. 268, S. 2026

A RESOLUTION (1) EMPOWERING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG TO DEFEND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ASSERT ITS JURISDICTION OVER THE THIRTEEN (13) BARANGAYS WHICH ARE BEING CLAIMED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILAGO; (2) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY IN ALL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, VERIFY AND SIGN ANY AND ALL PLEADINGS, DESIGNATE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF LEGAL COUNSELS, AND (3) AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE PURSUIT OF SUCH LEGAL REMEDIES AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, it is the Municipality of Abuyog and the Province of Leyte that exercises territorial, political and administrative jurisdiction over barangays Anibongon, Bagacay, Bulak, Kikilo, San Roque, Combis, Libertad, Old Taligue, New Taligue, Tinocolan, Mahayahay, Nebga and Pinamanagan;

WHEREAS, for some time now, the Municipality of Silago, Southern Leyte has been claiming that the aforementioned thirteen (13) barangays of Abuyog, Leyte are part of its territory;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Silago base its territorial claim on the alleged enactment of Executive Order 326 (1950)¹ and Republic Act 5962 (1969)². HOWEVER, the provisions of the said laws that covertly mention territorial coverage of certain barangays of Abuyog to form a part of Silago are inoperative and void ab initio for being violative of due process. This is because no prior notice, consultation, plebiscite or referendum was conducted giving Abuyognons the chance to signify their consent or objection to the taking of a sizable portion of its municipal territory;

¹ "Organizing A Portion of the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Leyte into an Independent Municipality under the Name of Silago".
² "An Act Creating the Municipality of Silago in the Province of Southern Leyte".



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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Silago recently passed a Resolution reviving its territorial claim over the subject barangays, and declaring its plan to initiate a boundary dispute petition against the Municipality of Abuyog pursuant to the Local Government Code and related laws;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need for the Sangguniang bayan of Abuyog, Leyte to come up with a calibrated response in anticipation of the boundary dispute case or petition which will be filed by the Municipality of Silago;

WHEREAS, after a thorough and mature deliberation on the matter as presented, be it

THEREFORE, BY THE 20TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ABUYOG, LEYTE, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED AND DULY CALLED FOR, and upon motion of Honorable SB Member Roy Percival M. Perez duly and unanimously seconded by all the members present.

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Abuyog be empowered to defend its territorial integrity and assert its territorial jurisdiction over the subject thirteen (13) barangays which are being unjustly claimed by the Municipality of Silago.

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Mayor be authorized to represent the municipality in all legal proceedings, verify or sign any required pleadings, papers and documents, submit to mediation and arbitration, and, enter into compromise agreement subject to a ratification by the Sangguniang Bayan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipal Mayor be authorized to conduct meetings and activities, designate official representatives and engage the services of legal counsels for the entire duration of the boundary dispute case or petition.

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Mayor be authorized to allocate funds in the pursuit of the legal remedies available under the local government code and related laws, subject to budgeting, procurement and auditing rules.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Honorable Municipal Mayor, be authorized to create a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of the SB representatives to the boundary dispute case, the Municipal Assessor, Municipal Engineer, Municipal Planning and Development Office, Municipal Treasurer, Municipal Civil Registrar and other relevant offices to secure, prepare, organize and safe keep documentary and object evidences in support of the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Abuyog over the subject barangays.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be forthwith furnished to : (a) the Office of the Provincial Governor of Leyte; (b) the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte; (c) the DILG Regional and Leyte Provincial Offices, and; (d) the respective offices of the Barangay Council of the thirteen (13) affected barangays.

APPROVED: June 16, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

ATTESTED:

VELMA M. CERRO
Temp. Secretary to the Sanggunian

JEANNETTE A. VALIDA
Secretary to the Sanggunian
(On Leave)

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