

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
RESOLUTION #2022-13**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$62,641.50 FROM THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 287 FOR AXON VEHICLE
CAMERAS**

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) awarded the Petersburg Borough \$1,430,892 in federal grant funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2022-02 adopted by the Borough Assembly in March of 2022 determined that 58% of these funds shall be dispersed to the Petersburg Medical Center, 10% to Borough Enterprise funds, and 32% to provide general government services; and

WHEREAS, expenses related to this ARPA Grant were approved in the Adopted FY2023 Borough Budget therefore a supplemental budget ordinance is not needed; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Police Department currently utilizes Axon body cameras on our Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprises, Inc. also manufactures vehicle camera systems with two cameras per vehicle – one front dash camera and one back seat camera; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle and body cameras sync together providing more visual coverage of any incident; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle cameras are programmed to automatically activate both vehicle cameras and body cameras when an officer turns on the vehicle's emergency flashing lights; and

WHEREAS, the use of cameras during incidents creates accountability for officers, promotes transparency for the community and helps in the reduction of the use of force. Our body cameras have already saved the Borough from a lawsuit regarding an arrest incident; and

WHEREAS, AXON cameras upload recordings to evidence.com who keep a secure record of all evidence and has unlimited storage capability; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was quoted \$62,641.50 for 6 vehicle camera systems, which includes installation training for our Motor Pool mechanics and 5 years of support assistance and storage. Due to supply chain problems currently, installation of the vehicle camera systems will occur 10 to 12 months from the date of order.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Petersburg Borough Assembly recognizes the benefit to the community in terms of accountability and safety for our Police Officers and citizens and hereby approves the expenditure of \$62,641.50 from the ARPA Special Revenue Fund 287 to purchase 6 vehicle camera systems from Axon Enterprises, Inc.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska
this 6th day of September, 2022.

Attest:

Mark Jensen, Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk