



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Scott Newman
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. December 4, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The December 4, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh,
Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly
Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

John Murgas, representing himself, urged the Assembly to reconsider the plan of gifting Engine 5 to the City of Hyder Volunteer Fire Department. He shared that he would pay \$10,000 for the fire engine, stating he would use it for fire protection in his boat storage yard.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

No views were shared.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Southeast Alaska Power Agency Update

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn updated the Assembly on recent SEAPA activities.

B. Borough Safety Committee Report

Mayor Jensen read Chairman Holmgrain's written Safety Committee report.

12. Mayor's Report

A. December 18, 2023 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. December 18, 2023 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-15: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2024 Budget for Known Changes - Third and Final Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2023-15 will 1) assign \$50,199 of Homeland Security grant revenue accepted by the Assembly on November 6, 2023 to the FY24 budget for School District Radios; 2) authorize additional funds of \$86,876 from the E911 fund to cover the cost of an upgrade to the Police Department access control system; 3) increase the budgeted amounts to cover actual costs for purchase of a new pump to replace the leaking leisure pool filtration pump (\$10,398) and replacement of two benches at the South Harbor viewing platform that were damaged (\$3,629); 4) transfer \$880,000 from the Electric Department reserves to the Blind Slough Hydro fund to finish out the project; 5) increase the FY24 budget amount for work on the EMD 16 generator that had been budgeted for in FY23 but not invoiced until now (\$5,850); 6) increase the Diesel Plant Maintenance line item to cover unanticipated work on the Caterpillar 398 generator rebuild (\$20,981); 7) increase the Motor Pool O&M budget by \$20,056 to cover unanticipated repairs on the line trucks; 8) increase the Electric Travel and Training budget by \$13,000 to cover online training of staff on the Eaton Yukon AML program; 9) transfer Wastewater reserves in the amount of \$144,000 to the Pump Station 4 project to award a professional services contract for pump station control panels and control programming; and 10) increase the Electric Department payroll budget by \$132,366 for FY24 to cover the cost of ratifying the new IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ordinance #2023-15 was unanimously approved in its first and second readings.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2023-15 was approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2023-18: A Resolution to Vacate and Convey a Portion of the Ramona Street Right-of-Way Between North Nordic Drive and Valkyrie Street and to Authorize Acquisition of Lot 10A and a 20' Utility Easement

Resolution #2023-18 was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

B. Resolution #2023-19: A Resolution to Authorize the Sale of the Borough's 1991 Pierce Pumper Fire Engine (Engine 5) to the City of Hyder Volunteer Fire Department for One Dollar (\$1.00) in an "As Is, Where Is" Condition

Resolution #2023-19 failed by a vote of 5-1.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

C. Support for House Bill 201, An Act Changing the Residency Requirements for Hunting, Trapping, and Sport Fishing Privileges

The letter of support for House Bill 201 was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

D. Work Session with Mental Health Trust Land Office

The Assembly scheduled a work session with TLO Senior Project Manager Long and State of Alaska Platting Officer Orange-Posma for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss platting, planning, and working together in the best interest of Petersburg.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Schwartz.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

E. Entrance Island Dock

The Assembly unanimously voted against accepting ownership of the Entrance Island dock from the State of Alaska, even if the dock was fully restored.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh.

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since November 30, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

No comments were shared.

B. Recognitions

Director Hankins recognized four Volunteer Fire Fighters, Patrick Lane, Sarah Wright, Morgan Falter and Jesse Agner, for earning their EMT2 certification and thanked them for their dedication and service.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz