



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, June 07, 2021

12:00 PM

Via Zoom

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. May 17, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

B. June 1, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

All minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to change the order of the Report of Other Officers as follows.

1. Alaska Municipal Sales Tax Director, Clinton Singletary
2. SEARHC CMO & SVP Dr. Elliot Bruhl

3. PMC CEO Phil Hofstetter

The agenda was also amended to remove item 15G from New Business.

The Assembly unanimously approved the amended agenda.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

The Ira II Street Sewer replacement project bid award was considered under New Business Item 15E.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Becky Knight shared views in opposition to the landless legislation.

Eric Lee shared his views on the landless legislation.

Nicole Hallingstad shared views in support of the landless legislation.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Jennifer Bryner thanked Karl Hagerman and the EOC for their response to COVID in Petersburg.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Alaska Statewide Municipal Sales Tax Director, Clinton Singletary

Clinton Singletary shared changes to the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Uniform Code Updates with the Assembly.

B. SEARHC CMO & SVP Dr. Elliot Bruhl

SEARHC Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President, Dr. Elliot Bruhl, shared SEARHC's experiences partnering with communities.

C. PMC CEO Phil Hofstetter

CEO Phil Hofstetter spoke about partnership options with SEARHC.

12. Mayor's Report

A. June 7, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read the Mayor's report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. June 7, 2021 Manager's Report

Borough 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 #2021-09: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 - Third and Final Reading

The budget was amended as follows:

1. \$10,000 shall be awarded to the EOC staff for their diligence during the pandemic.
2. Up to \$40,000 from the Property Development fund shall be used to develop conceptual designs for upgrades to Banana Point and Papke's Landing.
3. \$46,000 from Fund 430 reserves will be used for the Ira II Street Sewer capital project fund in order to fully fund construction, engineering/inspection and contingency needs of the Ira II Street Sewer project.
4. \$10,000 from the General Fund will be transferred from the road striping budget item to be used to contract for snowplowing at Papke's Landing.
5. The Passenger Head Tax funds shall be used for the cleaning of the new portable restrooms for the summer of 2021.

Ordinance #2021-09 was adopted in its third and final reading by a vote of 5-1.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Norheim

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

15. New Business

A. **Ordinance #2021-11: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.30, "Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code", of the Borough Code**

Ordinance #2021-11 was adopted in its first reading by a vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

B. **Resolution #2021-06: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Setting the Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

Resolution #2021-06 was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

C. **Resolution #2021-07: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Assembly Authorizing Petersburg to Provide and Certify Certain Information that will Permit the Southeast Alaska Power Agency to Obtain Financing for a Submarine Cable Replacement Project and Participate in the Alaska Municipal 2021 Bond Issuance**

Resolution #2021-07 was adopted by a vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

D. **Repeal of Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandates #3, #6 and #10 Immediately; Repeal of Petersburg Borough Public Health Alert #4 Immediately; and Expiration of Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #5 Effective June 30, 2021 to Coincide with the Expiration of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency**

A motion was made to repeal the mandates/alerts related to the COVID response within the timeframes suggested by IC Hagerman.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

E. Ira II Street Sewer Award Recommendation

Rock N Road Construction was awarded the Ira II Street Sewer Replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$297,180 by a vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

F. United Fisherman of Alaska Membership

Assembly Member Meucci requests consideration of a community membership with the United Fisherman of Alaska at an annual cost of \$300.

This agenda item was postponed to the July 6, 2021, Assembly meeting.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

G. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem for the June 21, 2021, Assembly Meeting

Assembly Member Lynn was appointed Mayor Pro Tem for the June 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

H. Alaska Natives Without Land Legislation

A motion to send additional questions to the Congressional Delegation regarding the Alaska Natives without Land Legislation failed by a voted of 5-0. Assembly Member Norheim asked to be recused.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.
Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen
Voting Abstaining: Assembly Member Norheim

16. Communications

A. Congressman Young Press Release Regarding Alaska Landless Native Legislation

Congressman Young's Press release regarding Landless Native Legislation was received by the Assembly.

B. Correspondence Received Since May 13, 2021

R. Fish 5.16.2021

J. Johnson 5.16.2021

M. Lopez 5.17.2021

B. Martin 5.17.2021

R. Braun 5.24.2021

B. Martin 5.27.2021

K. Bracken 5.31.2021

D. Thynes 5.31.2021

J. Havrelik 5.31.2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Fireworks Ordinance

The Assembly discussed the Fireworks Ordinance.

B. Sea Otter Working Group

Assembly Member Meucci attended a meeting of the Southeast Alaska Sea Otter Stakeholder Working Group on June 3, 2021 and reported on the sea otter and kelp survey that will be taking place in June and July.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Lynn commented that the Petersburg Borough Charter states the hospital has the autonomy to make decisions on their own.

Assembly Member Meucci reminded everyone that in a May 14, 2018 meeting the Assembly confirmed the hospital should make their own decisions and that the Assembly is here to support the hospital board.

D. Recognitions

Mayor Jensen thanked all of those who worked to install the new playground at Sandy Beach Park.

Assembly Member Norheim recognized IC Hagerman's efforts during the pandemic.

Assembly Member Meucci congratulated Aiden Luhr on placing first in the long jump and 100 meter dash at the State track meet.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Assembly for having the June 1st special meeting and was sorry she was unable to attend. She thanked all of those in the community who have received the vaccine.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.