



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 15, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 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 Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Scott Newman  
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz  
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

#### EXCUSED

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Board of Equalization

- A. The Borough Assessor received 55 appeals, all of which were settled prior to the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization did approve four senior citizen property tax exemption applications that were received after the filing deadline.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### A. April 1, 2024 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The April 1, 2024 Assembly 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 Lynn, Assembly

Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## **5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## **6. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

## **7. Bid Awards**

There were no bid awards.

## **8. 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.*

Brock Snider, owner of Island Refrigeration, thanked the Assembly for considering the sale of tideland parcel #01.010.035 and explained his reasoning for offering \$325,000 for the parcel, which is appraised at \$414,000.

Everett Bennett, WAVE Director, thanked Mayor Jensen for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation and encouraged everyone to wear teal on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in support of sexual assault victims.

Bob Martin, Harbor Advisory Board Chair, asked the Assembly to route proceeds of the sale of tideland parcel #01-010-035 to the Harbor Enterprise Fund and to approve the sale at no less than the appraised value.

## **9. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

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

Eleanor Kandoll, representing a group of students in the Petersburg High School Music program, stated the importance of the program to her and many other PHS students, and that electives are often what keeps students engaged in school. Kandoll stated the future of electives is in danger due to lack of school funding and asked the Assembly to help keep electives available to students by maximizing the funding the Borough may provide to the school in the upcoming budget year.

## **10. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

### **A. Public Safety Advisory Board Report/Recommendation**

The Public Safety Advisory Board provided a written report to the Assembly with recommendations regarding Police Department Training Funding.

## **B. Petersburg Indian Association**

Petersburg Indian Association President Debra O'Gara introduced PIA's Council Members that were present in the Chambers. She and Council Member Heather Conn gave a presentation regarding past projects with which PIA has partnered with the Borough, the USFS, and the State of Alaska. PIA is also interested in a future project partnering with the Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority and the Borough to build a second phase of the Airport Subdivision.

## **11. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Fierce Allegiance Development, LLC Lease Renewal**

The Fierce Allegiance lease, recently assigned by Ocean Beauty Seafoods, of Lot 4A-A, Plat 94-5, May 24, 1994, is up for renewal effective April 15, 2024, at an annual rate of \$1,644.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved renewal of the Fierce Allegiance Development, LLC lease.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## **12. Report of Other Officers**

There were no reports.

## **13. Mayor's Report**

### **A. April 15, 2024 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a Proclamation and encouraged everyone to wear teal on Tuesday, April 23rd. Mayor Jensen also shared that 1) Senator Stedman informed him there are currently three Petersburg projects that could receive funding in the FY 2025 State budget (\$200,000 for Banana Point, \$200,000 for the South Harbor Work Float, and \$30,000 for the Gun Range); 2) Lisa Falskow, Alaska's Honorary Consul to the Norwegian Embassy, informed him of Author Don Pugnetti, Jr.'s plan to be in Petersburg at the Library June 23 through July 9, 2024 to gather information on fishing in Petersburg in the 1960's for an upcoming book. Mayor Jensen encouraged anyone who fished in the 1960s to take the time to speak with Mr. Pugnetti. Mr. Pugnetti is author of [A Coat Died Black](#), a book about the Norwegian resistance during WWII; and 3) he will be out of town for the May 6 meeting and requests Vice Mayor Marsh facilitate the meeting. He will try to attend the meeting via Zoom.

## **14. Manager's Report**

There is no written Manager's Report for this meeting.

## 15. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2024-05: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall not be Retained for a Public Purpose and Shall Hereafter be Sold - Third and Final Reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2024-05 in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh. Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## 16. New Business

### A. Ordinance #2024-06: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 66, US Survey 1252, from Single Family Residential (SF) to Public Use (P-1)

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2024-06 will rezone Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 66, Survey 1252, from Single Family Residential (SF) to Public Use (P-1) at the request of the Petersburg Children's Center, who currently leases the property, for the future development of childcare and learning facilities.

Ordinance #2024-06 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman. Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

### B. Resolution #2024-06: A Resolution Approving the Sale of a Borough Tidelands Parcel, Described as Petersburg Port Authority Storage Area, According to Plats #2000-6 and #2000-5 (Parcel ID #01-010-035), to Island Refrigeration, LLC

Island Refrigeration has offered a purchase price of \$325,000 for Parcel ID #01-010-035, plus expenses incurred during the sale process as required by Borough Code. Parcel ID #01-010-035 has an appraised value of \$414,000.

A motion to approve the sale of Borough tideland parcel #01-010-035 for \$364,000 failed by a vote of 3-3.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor  
Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn

A motion to approve the sale of Borough tideland parcel #01-010-035 for the appraised value of \$414,000 failed by a vote of 3-3.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

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

A motion to approve the sale of Borough tideland parcel #01-010-035 for \$325,000 failed by a vote of 3-3.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Schwartz.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

A motion to approve the sale of Borough tideland parcel #01-010-035 for \$360,000 passed by a vote of 4-2.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Vice Mayor Marsh.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Lynn

### **C. FY 2025 Budget Work Session**

The Assembly will hold the FY 2025 budget work session on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

## **17. Communications**

### **A. Correspondence Received Since March 27, 2024**

## **18. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Assembly Member Comments**

There were no comments.

### **B. Recognitions**

Mayor Jensen recognized Elementary School Principal Heather Conn for her wonderful work at the school and for being named Alaska Elementary Principal of the Year.

## **19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor