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**From:** ckowalski@gci.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 5:22 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** agenda 3/4/24

Assembly Members,

Regarding the agenda items listed for 3/4/24:

I am in opposition to #2024-1, an ordinance amending 16.12.160.

If this passes it only increases costs to home owners confronting high costs, inflation and a poor economy. It will also hurt those who rent. Not a good economic strategy in my opinion.

Another thought. Perhaps communities need to rally and get the legislature to change the unfunded state mandate on property taxes for those residents 65 and older. Perhaps then communities could vote on what, where and how they choose to go forward with a level playing field on property tax. My hope is that if it did, the differential would allow all property taxes to decrease lending more affordability to buy and make it more attractive to want property in Petersburg.

Regarding 2024-2 16.12.030. I do think the borough should release more land for sale options. However it should be a fare deal and not a steal. I would hope it is fare market value?

Regarding #2023 I don't believe the 60k should be put in with the other budgeted items. This is a cost the borough took on themselves. It is hard to comprehend why the borough would choose to litigate against a man who had the right to free speech, and now has to defend his right, or the man who sincerely wants truth and transparency from the FOYA requests. Who are we protecting at the expense of the tax payers?

In closing, the borough has a fiduciary responsibility, as well as ethical to manage the operations of the departments in this community. It is the assemblies responsibility to represent those who voted for you. The public deserves to know what is really going on and the costs already incurred from these cases. It will be even more unfortunate if the borough loses and has to pay the plaintiffs. The fact that one case has already gone to a federal level is concerning.

Thank you for your time.

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Assembly members,

Please accept my misunderstanding/information regarding my letter and the ammending of #2024-1.

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