



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Advisory Board

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Friday, September 20, 2024

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Lichtenberger called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Chair John Lichtenberger

Vice Chair Mark Tuccillo

Board Member Devren Bennett

Board Member Stan Hjort

Board Member John Havrilek

### 2. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

### 3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Board Member Bennett, Seconded by Board Member Havrilek.

Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort, Board Member Havrilek

### 4. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

No views were shared.

### 5. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

### 6. Staff Report

#### A. EMS Personnel / Roster / On Call System Report

Emergency Services Director Hankins reported there are 10 available volunteer EMS personnel in town currently. The department changed from a shift schedule to an on-

call schedule for responders. A recent recruitment drive has brought a few more people willing to volunteer after their training is completed. The PVFD has also voted to pursue stipends for the volunteers. Director Hankins requests anyone interested in joining the department as an EMS volunteer contact him at the Fire Station (907-772-3355).

**B. Medical Dispatch Program Report**

Emergency Services Director Hankins reported the medical dispatch program is still in the process of being implemented. Turnover in the Police dispatch department has hindered progress of late.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**8. New Business**

**A. Safe Watercraft Operation Training**

Emergency Services Director Hankins requested the Board discuss (and possibly make a recommendation to the Assembly) whether or not the Borough should pursue an ordinance providing that all local commercial boat rental agencies require proof of completion of a national or state approved boater's safety course in order to rent a powered boat in the Borough.

After much discussion, the Board unanimously approved to draft a letter to the Alaska Office of Boating Safety recommending they initiate a proof of completion of a national or state approved boater safety course program for all motorized watercraft renters in Alaska. The draft letter will be brought back to the Board for approval before it is sent.

Motion made by Vice Chair Tuccillo, Seconded by Board Member Havrilek.  
Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort, Board Member Havrilek

**B. Local Request to Close Severson's Subdivision to Vehicle Traffic for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween**

Police Chief Kerr received a request from a local resident to close Severson's Subdivision to vehicle traffic during trick-or-treating this year. The Board was asked to weigh in on this idea.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Board agreed not to block the streets to vehicular traffic during trick or treating, to offer alternatives such a neighborhood watch, and draft a notice for the newspaper to watch out for kids during the hours of trick or treating on Halloween.

Motion made by Board Member Bennett, Seconded by Vice Chair Tuccillo.  
Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort, Board Member Havrilek

### **C. Revision and/or Enforcement of Municipal Code Chapter 13.08 Recommendation**

The Board learned there is a new version of Borough Code Chapter 13.08 waiting for approval to make its way through the ordinance process and requested Community & Economic Development Director Cabrera provide them an update on the revised ordinance at their next meeting.

Motion made by Vice Chair Tuccillo, Seconded by Board Member Havrilek.

Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort, Board Member Havrilek

### **9. Communications**

There were no communications.

### **10. Discussion Items**

Emergency Services Director Hankins shared information with the Board regarding an unfunded mandate by the Federal OSHA that will make changes to the Fire Brigade Standards which will negatively affect our Volunteer Fire Department tremendously. A letter is being drafted for the Assembly's approval in opposition to the mandate.

The Board discussed the new electric rental scooters in town that are being used on the sidewalks and the side of the highway. The question of whether Petersburg had an ordinance prohibiting bikes on sidewalks was asked, and if so, it was suggested a reminder be printed in the local newspaper and that the ordinance be updated to include electric bikes and electric scooters.

### **11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Bennett, Seconded by Vice Chair Tuccillo.

Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Tuccillo, Board Member Bennett, Board Member Hjort, Board Member Havrilek