



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 07, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

With Mayor Jensen and Vice Mayor Lynn excused from the meeting, Clerk Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh  
Assembly Member David Kensinger  
Assembly Member Donna Marsh  
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen  
Vice Mayor Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Scott Newman

#### A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

By unanimous roll call vote, Assembly Member Kensinger was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. July 17, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The July 17, 2023 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

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

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

#### **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.*

No views were shared.

#### **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 consent agenda items.

#### **11. Report of Other Officers**

##### **A. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

##### **B. US Forest Service Update**

District Ranger Born gave an update on Forest Service projects and timber sales.

##### **C. 2023 Municipal Election Report**

Clerk Thompson reported on the upcoming October 3, 2023 municipal election.

#### **12. Mayor's Report**

There was no Mayor's Report for this meeting.

### **13. Manager's Report**

There was no Manager's Report for this meeting.

### **14. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **15. New Business**

#### **A. Ordinance #2023-12: An Ordinance AMENDING CHAPTER 4.08 OF THE FORMER CITY OF PETERSBURG CODE TO ACCOUNT FOR BOROUGH FORMATION**

Ordinance #2023-12 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

#### **B. Petersburg Indian Association Application to Purchase Borough Land Located at 10 N. 12th Street**

PIA has filed an application to purchase Borough property located on the corner of Haugen Drive and 12th Street (10 N. 12th Street). The Planning Commission recommends the Assembly approve the application to move forward in the process subject to conditions.

In a letter from PIA's Tribal Administrator, Chad Wright, PIA requests the Assembly authorize Manager Giesbrecht to engage in direct negotiations with the tribe for the property sale.

Per Borough Code Section 16.12.080E, the Assembly shall:

- 1) determine whether the application shall move forward in the application process or be denied.
- 2) If it is to move forward, the Assembly shall schedule a public sale or exempt the application from public sale.
- 3) If the Assembly chooses to exempt the application and land disposal from public sale, and determines to proceed by direct negotiations, the Assembly may authorize the Borough Manager to commence such negotiations for disposal of Borough property, the final terms of which are subject to approval by the Assembly.

For the purpose of this agenda item, the Assembly shall satisfy the requirements of step 1) above. Steps 2) and 3), if applicable, will be satisfied by resolution in agenda item 15C.

The Assembly unanimously approved Petersburg Indian Association's application to purchase Borough land to move forward in the application process.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

**C. Resolution #2023-10 (Option A): A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Borough Owned Property Located at 10 N. 12th Street (Parcel #01-006-431) by [Sealed Competitive Bid or Outcry Auction] or (Option B): A Resolution Approving the Disposal of Borough Owned Property Located at 10 N. 12th Street (Parcel #01-006-431) by Direct Sale to the Petersburg Indian Association**

After failed motions to offer Borough owned property located at 10 N. 12th Street for sale by sealed competitive bid, direct sale to PIA, and direct sale to PIA at assessed value, the Assembly agreed to postpone determination of how the sale of the property will take place to the August 21, 2023, Assembly meeting.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

**D. Report of Non-compliance to a Notice of Dangerous Building - 410 Mitkof Highway**

The Assembly scheduled a non-compliance hearing for September 18, 2023, to consider issuance of an order requiring the building located at 410 Mitkof Highway be vacated until legal connection is made from the building to the Borough's sanitary sewer system.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

**E. Appeal of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' Final Finding and Decision on the Borough's Municipal Land Selection for ADL 108982, 108983, and 108984**

By unanimous roll call vote the Assembly decided to appeal ADNR's Final Finding and Decision for ADL 108982, 108983, and 108984, which rejects conveyance of two specific parcels selected by the Petersburg Borough, specifically Hood Point and Prolewy Point.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

## **16. Communications**

### **A. Correspondence Received Since July 13, 2023**

## **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Minimum Age to Operate Borough Vehicles**

Assembly Member Kensinger discussed his idea to not allow any Borough employee, including employees working at Petersburg Medical Center or the Petersburg School District, to drive a Borough vehicle before the age of 25 unless they hold a Commercial Driver's or Chauffer's license. He requested an ordinance be brought forward at the next Assembly meeting.

### **B. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Meucci reminded residents of the upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class being offered at the Fire Station September 14-17, 2023 and urged anyone interested in being part of Petersburg's CERT team to attend.

### **C. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Meucci recognized Pilot Reporter Chris Basinger who is moving from Petersburg soon. He shared his appreciation for Mr. Basinger's professionalism and writing style.

## **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci