



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

#### PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz  
Assembly Member James Valentine  
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci  
Assembly Member Bob Martin  
Assembly Member Scott Newman

#### EXCUSED

Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 13, 2026, meeting will be included in the May 4, 2026, meeting packet for approval.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine,  
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

### 5. Public Hearings

#### A. Ordinance #2026-05 Supplemental Budget: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes

Any public testimony regarding Ordinance #2026-05 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Ordinance #2026-05 may be found under agenda item 14A.

No testimony was given.

**B. Resolution #2026-11: A Resolution Approving the Lease of a Parcel of Borough Tidelands to American Cruise Lines, Inc.**

Any public testimony regarding Resolution #2026-11 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Resolution #2026-11 may be found under agenda item 15A.

No testimony was given.

**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.*

Steve Harbour, representing Petersburg Power and Light, let everyone know that the presentation about the data centers is available on the Petersburg Borough website.

Jim Floyd, the Flotilla Commander for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Petersburg, spoke in support of the Boater Safety Proclamation.

Sam Enoka, the CEO of Greensparc, introduced himself and said he appreciated being able to tell Petersburg about Greensparc and the type of data center they would like to build in Petersburg.

Tom Kowalske, representing himself, spoke about the proposed data center about his concerns regarding the capacity of the system to support the data center's power needs. He also spoke about the bear problem at apartment garbage cans and recommended purchasing bear-proof trash cans for apartments and schools.

Andrew Mazzella, the CEO of Mazzella Alaska, spoke about working with Greensparc to bring a data center to Petersburg. He also thanked Karl Hagerman and Steve Harbour for putting together a great presentation showing the capacity of Petersburg's power grid.

Greg Browning, representing himself, spoke about his concern that a data center may use too much power during peak load times or when there is a shortage of water. He requested that people make sure to use due diligence with this project.

Aaron Hankins from the Fire Department spoke about the battery backup systems that the data centers use and that if they are lithium batteries that they may be a fire hazard.

David Beebe, representing himself, spoke in opposition to H.R. 2289 and urged the Assembly to exercise due diligence regarding wireless infrastructure policies.

Kirsten Dupree, representing herself, expressed concern that a data center had been discussed for approximately a year and a half without the public's knowledge. She stated

that citizens were only now becoming aware and said a similar lack of public notice occurred with the Tidal Network cell towers.

Andrew Mazzella clarified that although he purchased the property approximately a year and a half ago, discussions regarding a data center had occurred only within the past few weeks.

**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. Utility Director Report on Potential Data Center Development**

Utility Director Hagerman will apprise the Assembly of a potential data center project and its benefits to the community. Andrew Mazzella, of Mazzella Alaska LLC, and Sam Enoka, CEO of Greensparc, will also be available to answer Assembly questions regarding the property or the data center.

Utility Director Hagerman provided an overview of Greensparc's small- scale data center proposal, stating it would utilize existing unused electrical capacity, generate steady revenue for the utility, help stabilize rates, and have minimal environmental or community impacts.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. April 20, 2026 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

**13. Manager's Report:** No manager's report for this meeting.

**14. Unfinished Business**

**A. Ordinance #2026-05: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Second Reading**

If approved in three readings, this ordinance would make changes to the following funds:

**Secure Rural Schools Revenue:** The federal government approved the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2025 on December 18, 2025. The Borough received its

FY24 payment on March 23, 2026, in the amount of \$722,484 for Title I Schools and Roads. A letter from the State of Alaska is attached.

**Elderly Housing – Fund 470:** Funds are proposed for replacement of Elderly Housing's 44- year- old dry sprinkler system valve and air compressor, which have exceeded their useful life. Details are included in the attached memorandum.

**Fire Department:** To complete the funding of new SCBA tanks and masks to replace expiring equipment. This expenditure was authorized by Resolution 2026- 05, approved March 16, 2026. The resolution is attached.

**Waste Water Outfall Repair Project – Fund 764:** This adds \$275,000 in loan funding from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) as well as a \$275,000 expense for the project.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-05 was approved in its second reading.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

## 15. New Business

### A. Resolution #2026-11: A Resolution Approving the Lease of a Parcel of Borough Tidelands to American Cruise Lines, Inc

Resolution #2026-11 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

### B. Joint Resolution Supporting Responsible Economic Development and Coordinated Utilization of Tyee Lake Hydroelectric Resources

*Petersburg Borough Resolution No. 2026-12 and Borough and City of Wrangell Resolution No. 05-26-2046*

This joint resolution affirms Petersburg's and Wrangell's shared commitment to responsible economic development, coordinated use of Tyee Lake hydropower, and open communication regarding large new electrical loads. It establishes expectations for collaboration, equitable use of firm power capacity, and local responsibility for supplemental generation, ensuring affordable, reliable power while supporting sustainable regional growth.

A memo from Utility Director Hagerman is attached.

Resolution #2026-12 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin. Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

**C. Consideration of Fuel Adjustment Charge for Annual SEAPA Maintenance Shutdown (May - June 2026)**

The assembly unanimously approved the fuel adjustment charge for the 2026 SEAPA maintenance shut down.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since 4.9.2026**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Community Preparedness for Spring Bear Activity**

*This discussion item requested by Member Meucci*

Discussion of coordination and public awareness planning for increased bear activity this spring.

Member Meucci, the Assembly and staff discussed seasonal bear activity and community response measures, including coordination with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, public education efforts, and the use of bear- resistant garbage practices. Discussion included bear straps provided by Public Works, potential grant opportunities for bear- resistant containers, costs and feasibility of bear- proof cans, public service announcements, and the need for ongoing education to reduce attractants and minimize bear encounters within the community.

Member Valentine suggested an annual “Bear Week” public education campaign using local media to promote bear awareness and proper garbage practices.

**B. Assembly Member Comments**

No member comments.

**C. Recognitions**

Member Newman thanked Chris Weiss for her 38 years of service to the library and congratulated her on her well-earned retirement.

Member Meucci thanked Chief Kerr, Sergeant Ayriss and the Police and Fire Departments for the emergency training exercise at the elementary school.

Mayor Lynn read the newspaper article that recognized the fire department EMS team, Sara Wright, Katie Pearson and Michael Burnett for winning the regional pediatric CPR competition.

Member Martin recognized the Lutheran Church for their annual rummage sale and meal fundraiser that raised approximately \$11,000 to be shared among Humanity in Progress, Monday Night Dinners, the Salvation Army Food Bank, and the Salvation Army turkey program, with appreciation expressed for the many volunteers who contributed their time and effort.

## **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Motion made by Assembly Member Newman, Seconded by Assembly Member Martin.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine,  
Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman