



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, December 01, 2025

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lynn at 12:00 noon.

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025

The minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor,
Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin,
Assembly Member Newman

5. Public Hearings

A. Ordinance #2025-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Purchasing", to Update Bid and Proposal Submission Procedures

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.

Becky Turland, representing Petersburg Little League, asked the Assembly to approve the \$11,000 in the budget to repair the damage to the ballfield dugout.

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.

Judy Ohmer, representing herself, spoke about an upcoming meeting regarding the cell phone towers that are going up around town and spoke to the Assembly about the actions that have been taken so far in opposition to the cell phone towers.

Tom Kowalski, representing himself, spoke about the cell tower grant stipulations and that they are working on getting an unredacted version. He also shared the community efforts that are underway in opposition to the towers.

Paul Dupree, representing himself and his family, asked the Assembly to work with the cell phone tower company to relocate the Mill Road tower elsewhere away from residences.

John Murgas, representing himself, spoke about his opposition to the cell towers and how they cause a decline in property values.

Mika Cline, representing herself, would like to see the borough pause negotiations with Tidal Network for the Haugen Drive cell tower.

Jackie Tyson, representing all people who don't want a cell phone tower next to their houses, spoke about the safest distance that cell towers need to be from residences.

Dave Beebe, representing himself, spoke about the health risks of cell phone towers and asked the assembly to "do less until we know more".

Becky Knight, representing herself, asked the Assembly to pause the sale of the borough land for the cell phone tower and to put an injunction on any building of new towers. She encouraged the assembly to get full disclosure from Tlingit Haida.

Jackie Tyson, representing herself, discussed how houses with metal sheeting can provide protection against EMF radiation.

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

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

B. US Forest Service

District Ranger Case provided an update on Forest Service activities.

C. Petersburg School District

Superintendent Taylor provided an update on School District activities.

12. Mayor's Report

A. December 1, 2025 Mayor's Report

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. December 1, 2025 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance #2025-14: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to**
(1) Rezone with a Condition Precedent Government Lot 21 (parcel #01-010-430) From Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.) to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH); and
(2) to Rezone Lot 4, Block A, Skylark II Subdivision, Plat #90-14 (Parcel #01-010-243) from Single-Family Residential (S-F) to Open Space – Recreational (O.S.R.) and Government Lot 13 (Parcel #01-010-412) from Public Use (P-1) to Open Space - Recreational (O.S.R.) Third Reading

If adopted in three readings, Ordinance #2025-14 will rezone the above parcels in connection with the sale of Government Lot 21 to Skylark Park LLC under Resolution 2025-20. The rezoning of Government Lot 21 is to allow for the planned development. The rezoning of Lot 4 and Government Lot 13 is to create open, recreational space adjacent to the planned development.

The condition precedent to the rezone of Government Lot 21 is the completion of the sale to Skylark Park LLC; if the sale is not timely completed, Government Lot 21 would maintain its current zoning.

Ordinance #2025-14 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

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

- B. Ord #2025-15: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Third Reading**

If approved in three readings this supplemental budget would make changes to the following funds:

Close out Fund 745, Auto Meter Reading Capital Project, by transferring the remaining \$15,901.75 to Fund 763, the Electric Grid Resiliency Capital Project Fund.

Budget \$78,000 in revenue from PIA for the Banana Point Breakwater Improvement Project per Resolution #2025-21.

Budget \$66,000 for engineering expenses in the Wastewater Fund not-to-exceed \$66,000 for time and material to prepare bid ready documents for repairs to the outfall pipe in Frederick Sound.

Budget \$25,000 in the Wastewater fund to purchase one replacement variable frequency drive (VFD) due to failure of the existing unit at Pump Station 5 and rebuild the two failed VFDs to serve as backup units for future operational needs. A memo from Director Marohl regarding the VFDs is attached.

Budget \$195,000 in expenses for new light poles for the Downtown Street Light Capital Project. \$195,000 in cash is already reserved in this capital project fund for this purpose.

Budget \$11,000 from P&R Repair and Maintenance Fund to repair a bleacher roof and dugout at the Mort Fryer Ballfield that were damaged by a windstorm on September 26, 2025. A memo from Director Payne regarding the repair is attached.

Ordinance #2025-15 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

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

C. Ordinance #2025-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled “Purchasing”, to Update Bid and Proposal Submission Procedures - Second Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2025-16 will amend Chapter 4.04 of the Municipal Code to modernize and clarify the Borough’s purchasing requirements by allowing electronic submission of responses to Invitations to Bid and Requests for Proposals.

Ordinance #2025-16 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

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

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

15. New Business

A. Approval of Scow Bay Generator #2 Design Build Contract with Dawson Construction Inc.

The Assembly unanimously approved the final format of the design build contract award with Dawson Construction.

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

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since 11.13.2025

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Member Schwartz asked about assembly members attending community meetings and the number of members allowed. Discussion ensued.

Member Valentine would like to remind the public that during persons to be heard related portions of the agenda, that the assembly does not respond and that during assembly member comments the assembly can respond. Discussion ensued.

Member Meucci spoke about Tidal Network and the scheduled meetings in SE Alaska in December. Discussion ensued.

Member Newman spoke about the need for an ordinance to address communication towers going forward.

B. Community Meeting Announcement: *Requested by Member Meucci*

Member Meucci reminded people of the meeting with Tidal Network on December 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the John Hanson Sr. Community Hall and encouraged the community to attend to ask questions and find out more.

C. Recognitions

Member Martin thanked Max Worhatch for his many years of service as chair for the Fish and Game Advisory committee. Max has stepped down, and Heather Bauscher has stepped up to replace him as chair.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.