



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Advisory Board

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Friday, November 14, 2025

12:00 AM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair John Lichtenberger  
Board Member Mark Tuccillo via Zoom  
Board Member Devren Bennett  
Board Member Stan Hjort  
Board Member John Havrelik

Assembly Member Liaison Scott Newman  
Chief Kerr  
Emergency Services Director Hankins

### 2. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Approval of Minutes, March 13, 2025

The minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

### 3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The 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

Rosanne Plew, representing herself, spoke about her experiences with kids riding scooters unsafely in Petersburg. She suggested having kids take a safety course to help educate them on the safe operation of scooters.

Liz Bacom, representing herself, echoed what Roseann said and would like to have no scooters in the downtown area from Haugen Drive.

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

Liz Bacom, representing herself, requested that a mirror be installed at the corner of Haugen and S Nordic Drive so people can see traffic approaching from the right. Liz also requested that a mirror be put at the exit point of the Hammer's grocery store parking lot so people can see traffic approaching from the right on Howkan Street.

## **6. Staff Report**

Chief Kerr updated the board on the status of the medical dispatcher training. All dispatchers will have completed the training by mid-December. The newest police officer is graduating from the academy today and applicants for a police officer and a dispatcher are going through the interview screening process.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board will nominate and vote to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the upcoming term.

John Lichtenberger was nominated as Chair and Devren Bennett was nominated as Vice Chair.

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

### **B. Discussion on Local Concerns Regarding Scooters and E-Bikes**

To address growing community concerns related to the use of electric scooters and e-bikes within the borough, including safety, traffic flow, pedestrian interactions, and potential regulatory needs. Chief Kerr has requested that the board review the Wrangell Ordinance which is attached to this packet.

Discussion about Wrangell's ordinance for ebikes and scooters. John Havrelik made a motion to adopt Wrangell's ordinance. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

John Havrelik made a motion to adopt Wrangell's ordinance and to add a requirement for a license. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chief Kerr will meet with the Davis' about the scooter rentals

Note: Board Member John Havrelik left the meeting.

**C. Safety Improvements at North 1st Street and Balder Intersection**

Potential installation of at least one or two stop signs and a painted crosswalk at the intersection.

A motion to request that Public Works add a crosswalk at the intersection of Balder and 1st St.

Motion made by Vice Chair Member Bennett, Seconded by Board Member Hjort. Voting Yea: Chair Lichtenberger, Vice Chair Bennett, Board Member Tuccillo, Board Member Hjort. After the vote Board Member Tuccillo disconnected from Zoom

**D. Parking Safety on Haugen Drive Near 2nd Street**

Address visibility concerns caused by vehicles parked too close to the intersection. Reports of blind spots affecting both drivers and pedestrians

Note: Emergency Services Director Hankins had to leave the meeting.

Chief Kerr said that the State has lengthened the yellow curb stripe on Haugen Drive near second street for better visibility at the corner and that officers have been doing traffic stops to help slow down traffic.

**E. Sidewalk Installation for School Routes on N. 2nd St and N. 5th St**

Connect the Petersburg Public Library (14 S. Second Street) to the existing school sidewalk at the corner of Dolphin Street and North 2nd Street

Install a sidewalk from Haugen Drive to the elementary school on North 5th Street.

Discussion ensued. Chief Kerr will speak with PIA and Public Works about the possibility of putting in sidewalks on N 2nd Streets and N 5th Streets.

**F. Visibility Concern at 2nd Street and Dolphin Street Intersection**

To review a community request for improved visibility at the corner of 2nd Street and Dolphin Street by painting the curb yellow at the corner where parked vehicles are creating a blind spot. Map is attached for reference.

Chief Kerr will take a look at this corner and request that public works add yellow curb striping to meet state regulations.

**G. Proposal to Designate No Parking on the North Side of Wesley Street**

Discussion and consideration of a proposal to change the parking regulations on Wesley Street by designating the north side as a no parking zone. This change is intended to improve traffic flow, enhance visibility, and address safety concerns raised by residents and public safety personnel.

Discussion about the parking situation on Wesley Street. Chief Kerr can get input from Napa about their parking situation and discuss solutions and will report back to the board.

## **9. Communications**

### **A. Correspondence Received**

Correspondence received since March 2025.

## **10. Discussion Items**

Board Member Hjort requested that a deer crossing sign be installed on Sandy Beach Road near Hungry Point.

John Havrelik emailed the clerk and said he would like to resign from the Public Safety Advisory Board in order to put his name in for the vacant school board seat. The clerk will advertise the vacant Public Safety Advisory Board seat.

## **11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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