



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, July 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Mayor Marsh.

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Scott Newman
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member James Valentine

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

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.

Diane Marsh, representing herself, spoke against the application submitted by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

Dave Ohmer, representing himself, asked the Assembly to approve his application to purchase Borough property in order to help provide much needed housing.

Mary Clemens, representing herself, spoke against the application by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

Miriam Swanson, representing herself, spoke against the application by Dave Ohmer to purchase Borough property.

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.

Dean Roundtree, representing himself, spoke about the tree removal on the lot next to his house and expressed his concern with the size of the project.

Glorianne Wollen, representing herself, asked the assembly to work with the police department to help get the problem bears in town under control.

Sarah Holmgren responded to comments by Mr. Roundtree about the tree removal on the leased lot next to their building and the size of the project.

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. 2025 Municipal Election Report

Clerk Regula provided an election report to the Assembly with information on the open board seats and proposition that will be on this year's municipal election ballot at the October 7, 2025 Election.

12. Mayor's Report

A. July 21, 2025 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Marsh read the report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. July 21, 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. Chief Kerr spoke briefly about working with the trooper to address the problem black bears in town.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2025-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Government Lot 12, Section 35, Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian (Parcel #01-014-010 Located At 1016 Sandy Beach Road) From Rural Residential (R-R) to Single-Family Residential (S-F) -Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2025-11 was passed by unanimous roll call vote in its third and final reading.

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

B. Ordinance #2025-12: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2026 Budget for Known Changes - Third and Final Reading

If approved in three readings this supplemental budget would make changes to the Property Development Fund as follows:

Add \$50,000 to provide utility connection stubs to the property lines of Borough lots being proposed to sell in the future.

Remove \$15,000 of expenses for a Public Works Survey that was completed underbudget in FY25. Add \$9,300 to use as a local match for a grant application being administered by Alaska Municipal League for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. Add \$17,222 in expenses to the Property Development Fund for Library facility related expenses.

Transfer \$90,000 from Fund 758, School Deferred Maintenance, to Fund 350, the Borough's Debt Service Fund, to cover school bond payments that were historically reimbursed by the State of Alaska.

Ordinance #2025-12 was passed a unanimous roll call vote in its third and final reading.

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

15. Communications

A. FEMA Shelter Training - August 15th and 16th

Director Hankins invited all those who are interested to attend the FEMA shelter training class.

16. New Business

A. Resolution #2025-15: A Resolution Authorizing the Friends of the Bike Park to Collect and Sell Aluminum Scrap as a Fundraiser

Resolution #2025-15 was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

B. Resolution #2025-16: A Resolution of the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska, Formally Submitting a Harbor Facility Grant Application to the State Of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in the Amount of \$617,000 for the Project Entitled "South Harbor C Float Finger Float Replacement"

Resolution #2025-16 was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

C. Dave Ohmer Land Purchase Application

Dave Ohmer submitted an application to purchase borough owned property described as Lots 5 and 6, Block78, Southeast Addition Subdivision.

A motion to sell the lots via outcry auction was made and seconded. The motion received three votes in favor and two opposed. As four affirmative votes are required for approval, the motion failed and the application was not approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine
Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Newman

D. PND Engineers Design and Permitting Services Fee Proposal

Harbormaster Wollen requests approval to engage PND Engineering for engineering services related to the anticipated replacement of finger floats along South Harbor's C Float. This expense is accounted for in the FY2026 Harbor budget.

The PND Engineering services fee proposal was unanimously passed.

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

E. CAT 950 Loader Replacement for Public Works

The FY26 approved Borough budget includes \$460,000 for replacement of Public Works #100 CAT 950 loader. Assistant Public Works Director Marohl has provided a memo which is attached to this packet and recommends awarding the purchase contract to NC Machinery in the amount of \$427,842.84.

The CAT 950 Loader was unanimously approved for purchase.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman,
Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

F. Appointment of SEASWA Representative

Appointment of incoming Public Works Director, Aaron Marohl as Petersburg's Representative to the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority, and outgoing Public Works Director, Chris Cotta, as Petersburg's Alternate Representative. Marohl's appointment to expire January 31, 2027. Cotta's appointment to expire on his last day of employment with Petersburg Borough.

Aaron Marohl was appointed as Petersburg's Representative to the SE Alaska Solid Waste Authority.

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

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Vice Mayor Marsh encouraged Manager Giesbrecht to work with Chief Kerr, ADF&G and the State Troopers to address the problem black bears in Petersburg.

B. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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