



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 09, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at: 12:00 pm.

#### PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay  
Assembly Member David Kensinger  
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci  
Mayor Mark Jensen

#### EXCUSED

Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor  
Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Regular Assembly Meeting July 19, 2021

The July 19, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to move the Executive Session and New Business Item 16C: "Borough Manager Contract Renewal" to the end of the meeting. The agenda was approved as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

## **5. Public Hearings**

### **A. Ordinance #2021-12: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$7.8 Million to Finance the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Refurbishment Project and the Scow Bay Standby Generation Project and Directing That This Matter be Submitted to the Voters for Consideration at the Next Regular Election to be Held on October 5, 2021 - Public Hearing**

No testimony was given.

## **6. Bid Awards**

There were no bid awards.

## **7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

No views were shared.

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

No views were shared.

## **9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

There were no consent agenda items.

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

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

CEO Phil Hofstetter spoke to the Assembly about the status of COVID in Petersburg, stating he would like a scaled back version of the EOC for communication purposes. He also reported that the hospital board has created a Community Engagement Committee for the new facility for outreach to community stake holders including PIA and SEARHC.

### **B. Electric Utility Bond Issue**

Utility Director Hagerman presented a PowerPoint to the Assembly regarding the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Refurbishment and Scow Bay Generation project bond issue information and impacts to electric rates.

### **C. Development Code Update**

Community and Economic Development Director Cabrera discussed the next steps for the new Development Code. It will be 6 - 8 months before the new Code will be re-visited.

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

#### **A. August 9, 2021 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

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

#### **A. August 9, 2021 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**

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Ordinance #2021-12 was adopted in its second reading by a vote of 5-0.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

### **15. New Business**

#### **A. Authorize Removal of FAA site from Municipal Selection**

Community Development Director Cabrera recommends the Borough relinquish the 3.5-acre FAA site at Frederick Point from municipal selection and have DNR retain ownership due to contamination at the site.

The Assembly approved the removal of the FAA site at Frederick Point from municipal selection.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member

Kensingler, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

**B. Papke's and Banana Point Engineering Service Proposal**

By a roll call vote of 4-1 the Assembly approved the Engineering Service Proposal from Harai & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$35,920 which includes a Banana Point Breakwater Replacement Design and Papke's Landing Marine Facility Conceptual Plans.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensingler, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensingler, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

**C. Letter to Senator Murkowski**

By a roll call vote of 4-1, the Assembly approved a letter to Senator Murkowski regarding her efforts to secure funding to do the preliminary work on a new hospital for Petersburg.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensingler, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

**D. Review of ADNR's Final Finding and Decision for ADL 108579**

ADNR's final decision regarding selected lands at Woodpecker Cove and Olsen's Log Dump denies the Borough's request to transfer ownership. By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved appealing the decision.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensingler, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Kensingler, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Tremblay

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since July 15, 2021**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Manager Evaluation Form**

The Borough Manager's blank 2021 evaluation form was included in the packet for the public's information.

**B. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Tremblay attended the Conference of Young Alaskans in Anchorage and shared her experiences.

Assembly Member Meucci requested that COVID communications and a COVID information page on the Borough's website be added to the next agenda. Assembly Member Meucci said the Petersburg School District has prepared a reopening plan.

Assembly Member Kensinger said that an ordinance for changing the quorum rules for the Assembly will be presented at the next meeting.

### **C. Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

### **18. Executive Session**

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 1:48 pm to consider extension of the Borough Manager's contract.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

The Assembly Meeting was re-convened at 2:15 pm. Assembly Member Norheim joined the meeting during the Executive Session.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim.

### **19. Borough Manager Contract Renewal**

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor joined the meeting during this agenda item.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved the extension of Borough Manager Giesbrecht's contract for an additional 5 years through September 30, 2027.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

### **19. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,

Assembly Member Norheim