



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Bob Lynn
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member James Valentine
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Bob Martin
Assembly Member Scott Newman

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes August 3, 2026

The minutes of the August 3, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

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

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Payne announced that the Aquatic Center pools, sauna, and mezzanine will reopen tomorrow with temporary occupancy limits in place due to ongoing construction and safety requirements. Locker rooms on the gymnasium side will be available while Aquatic Center locker rooms remain closed. She also reminded the public that City Creek Trail is for foot traffic only, scooters and bicycles are not allowed, and pet owners must leash their dogs and clean up pet waste.

Scott Pullar, representing 13 Marine, requested an extension beyond the December deadline to vacate the Borough-leased property at Scow Bay occupied by 13 Marine. He stated that relocating the building will be costly and could impact significant boat repair projects currently scheduled. Mr. Pullar requested consideration of extending the deadline to approximately May 1 to allow completion of existing work and facilitate the transition to a new location.

Kari Peterson, representing herself, thanked the Assembly for approving the telecommunications tower ordinance and expressed support for the proposed Tidal Network tower projects. She also shared concerns about community opposition to the project. Additionally, Ms. Peterson requested that the Assembly seek information regarding ongoing service issues at the Petersburg Post Office and provide updates to the public, particularly in advance of the upcoming election season.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

There were no reports.

12. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor's Report August 17, 2026

Mayor Lynn read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. Manager's Report August 17, 2026

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2026-15: An Ordinance of the Assembly of the Petersburg Borough, Alaska, Amending Title 3 of the Petersburg Borough Code to Establish Nepotism Standards for Elected Officials - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance will amend Title 3 of the Petersburg Borough Code to establish nepotism standards for elected officials, as required by the Borough Charter. The ordinance creates disclosure and recusal requirements when an elected official's family member has a substantial financial interest in a matter before the Borough and prohibits participation in certain employment-related decisions involving family members.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-15 was approved in its third reading.

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

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

B. Ordinance #2026-17: An Ordinance of the Assembly of the Petersburg Borough, Alaska, Establishing the Thomas Bay Service Area of the Borough, Providing for Its Governance and Financing, And Authorizing Use of Local Improvement Districts Within the Service Area - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2026-17 establishes the Thomas Bay Service Area within the Petersburg Borough and creates a new chapter in the Borough Code defining its boundaries, services, and financing. The service area would include all property within ASLS 81-235, excluding the federally owned parcel, and would authorize the provision of services, such as fire and EMS, police, road construction and maintenance, and parks and recreation.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-17 was approved in its third reading.

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

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

C. Ordinance #2026-18: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 4.13, 4.16, 4.20, 4.27, and 14.18 of the Former City of Petersburg Code to Account for Borough Formation - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance will update the Petersburg Municipal Code by removing outdated provisions, consolidating utility extension requirements into a single chapter, and updating Cabin Creek Road use fees. The changes are intended to modernize code language, clarify utility extension procedures, and better reflect current Borough operations and costs.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2026-18 was approved in its third reading.

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

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

15. New Business

A. Approval of Election Judges for the October 6, 2026 Municipal Election

Clerk Regula requests Assembly approval of the following local residents willing to perform the duties of election officials for the Petersburg Borough Municipal Election:

Joe Bertagnoli
Tim Chittenden
Angela Davis
Sally Dwyer
Susan Holmes
Karen Leatherman
Vanessa Martin
Karil Miller
Tracy Reid
Tina Sakamoto
Bev Siercks
Barb Steltz
Julianne Thompson
Cena Worhatch

The Election Judges were unanimously approved.

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

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

B. Canvass and Certification of Municipal Election

Clerk Regula requested that the Assembly select a date to canvass and certify the results of the October 6th municipal election, in accordance with Petersburg Borough Code section 2.36.050, which requires certification to occur within seven days of the election.

October 9th at noon was set for the Canvass and Certification of the Election.

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

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

C. Mayor's Request to Reschedule December Assembly Meeting

The December 7, 2026 meeting was rescheduled to December 14, 2026 at noon to allow the clerks to attend the annual clerk conference in Anchorage.

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

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

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since July 30, 2026

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Bear/Garbage Issues

Mayor Lynn and Assembly Member Meucci reported on a meeting with Borough staff, law enforcement, Alaska Department of Fish and Game representatives, and school officials regarding bear activity and garbage management. Participants agreed that bear activity is expected to be significant this year and discussed proactive measures including public education, use of bear-resistant straps on garbage containers, and possible placement of larger refuse containers in areas with high bear activity.

Public Works staff noted that large dumpsters are costly and time-consuming to service, and Assembly members expressed support for exploring pilot solutions.

B. Sales Tax Revenue Report

This discussion item requested by Member Meucci

Assembly Member Meucci requested a review of sales tax revenue trends following recent sales tax changes. Borough Manager Giesbrecht estimated that approval of the pending sales tax exemption initiative could reduce Borough revenues by approximately \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually.

The discussion was intended to provide information for Assembly members as they respond to community questions regarding the October ballot measure.

C. Scow Bay Project Schedule

This discussion item requested by Member Meucci

Assembly Member Mucci requested discussion of the Scow Bay project schedule in relation to the relocation timeline for 13 Marine. Director Cabrera explained that project bid documents assume the site will be cleared prior to construction and that delaying the project or modifying site access could result in significant additional costs and contract change orders.

The Assembly reviewed the anticipated project timeline, with bidding expected in September, contract award in November, and construction beginning in December.

D. Sanitation Department Vehicle Replacement Plan

This discussion item requested by Member Meucci

Assembly Member Meucci requested information regarding the Sanitation Department vehicle replacement plan following discussion of potential bear-related garbage

solutions. After consulting with Public Works staff, he stated that his questions regarding available equipment and its capabilities had been answered.

E. Senior Services Overview

This discussion item requested by Member Meucci

Assembly Member Meucci requested an overview of Borough-provided senior services in light of the senior sales tax exemption measure that will appear on the October ballot. Staff provided him with a summary of available services.

F. Assembly Member Comments

There were no comments.

G. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.