



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, March 8, 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 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Taylor Norheim, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add under Assembly Discussion Items, B. Federal Capital Priority List, C. Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, D. Funding Needs for Daycare and the Community Food Bank, and E. Scow Bay Project. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

### 5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

### 6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

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

Stephanie Hayes spoke on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board requesting wording in the Parks & Recreation ordinance regarding facility rates be changed to "under 18 OR with a valid Petersburg student ID."

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

No views were shared.

### 9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

## 10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

## 11. Report of Other Officers

### A. Emergency Operations Center Report

EOC IC Hagerman reported that we seem to be over the halfway point of this outbreak. He thanked everyone who took it seriously.

### B. Petersburg Medical Center Report

PMC CEO Hofstetter reported that their focus is mitigating the current outbreak. He testified in support of HB76 to the Legislature in support of continued testing. Free asymptomatic testing is available at the airport from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Petersburg has recorded 88 positive COVID-19 cases since February of 2019.

### C. Southeast Alaska Power Agency Report

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn reported that GCI has removed their cable that overlaid our cable and re-laid it so that interference will not happen in the future. Our replacement submarine cable is shipping soon.

### D. Sea Otter Working Group Report

Assembly Member Meucci reported that there were many participants in the Sea Otter Working Group meeting, including from out of state. This summer an aerial survey of Southeast Alaska will count sea otters.

## 12. Mayor's Report

### A. March 8, 2021 Mayor's Report

**Attachments:** [March 8, 2021 Mayor's Report](#)  
[Work Session Public Service Announcement](#)  
[DEC Water Quality Data Press Release](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

## 13. Manager's Report

### A. March 8, 2021 Manager's Report

**Attachments:** [March 8, 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

## Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2021-03: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.60, Parks and Recreation User Fees, of the Borough Code to Update User Fees for the Community Center

**Attachments:** [Ordinance #2021-03 for Third and Final Reading](#)

Ordinance #2021-03 was amended to add the language "or with a valid student ID" as requested by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The ordinance was unanimously approved as amended.

**15. New Business**

- A. Ordinance #2021-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.76, Administrative Officers and Appeals Process, of the Borough Code to Update the List of Administrative Officers to Include the Registered Nurse Contracted for Mountain View Manor Assisted Living and to Update the Title of the Mountain View Manor Director Position

**Attachments:** [Ordinance #2021-04](#)

Ordinance #2021-04 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B. Resolution #2021-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Borough to Apply for and Accept COVID Grant Funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, for COVID Testing and Vaccine Administration Costs

**Attachments:** [Resolution #2021-03](#)

Resolution #2021-03 was unanimously approved.

- C. Borough Comments to DNR's Preliminary Decision Regarding Petersburg Borough Municipal Land Selections

**Attachments:** [Draft Comments re Preliminary Decision on Municipal Land Selections](#)

The comments on DNR's land selection decision were unanimously approved.

- D. FY 2022 Budget Policy

**Attachments:** [FY 2022 Budget Policy](#)

FY2022 Budget Policy was unanimously approved.

- E. Letter of Support for WAVE's OVW Grant Application

**Attachments:** [WAVE Letter of Support for OVW Grant Application 3.5.2021](#)

The letter of support for WAVE was unanimously approved.

**16. Communications**

**A. Communications Received Since 2.18.2021**

**Attachments:** [R. Roberts 2.20.2021](#)  
[K. Bracken 2.20.2021](#)  
[N. Strand 2.21.2021](#)  
[S. Flint 2.22.2021](#)  
[J. Thynes 2.22.2021](#)  
[J. T hynes 2 2.22.2021](#)  
[M. Miller 2.22.2021](#)  
[M. Marvin 2.22.2021](#)  
[C. Caulum 2.23.2021](#)  
[K. McCullough 2.23.2021](#)  
[M. E. Anderson 2.23.2021](#)  
[B. Bracken 2.23.2021](#)  
[B. Lynch 2.23.2021](#)  
[A. Davis 2.24.2021](#)  
[M. & RD Parks 2.26.2021](#)  
[J. Havrilek 3.1.2021](#)  
[S. Burrell 3.4.2021](#)  
[ADNR re Level Island Kelp, LLC 3.4.2021](#)  
[M. Hasbrouck 3.4.2021](#)  
[US Forest Service re Invasive Plant Mgmt 3.5.2021](#)

**17. Assembly Discussion Items****A. Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act**

**Attachments:** [116th Congress Senate Bill 4891](#)  
[Maps of Proposed Land Transfers](#)

**Member Meucci discussed a work session on this subject that will be held on March 10, 2021 to give the public opportunity to comment.**

**B. Federal Projects List**

**Member Meucci stated that there needs to be a conversation or a work session to talk about the Federal Capital Projects Priority list..**

**C. Anti-Discrimination Ordinance**

**Member Meucci stated he hopes to have an anti-discrimination ordinance on the agenda for the next meeting.**

**D. Funding for Childcare and Food Assistance**

**Member Meucci stated that there is a crisis in childcare and food needs in the community.**

**E. Scow Bay Project**

**Community and Economic Development Director Cabrera updated the Assembly on the status of the Scow Bay Project.**

**F. Assembly Member Comments**

**No comments were shared.**

**G. Recognitions**

**Member Stanton Gregor thanked all PMC employees for their tireless work in keeping the public safe.**

**18. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.**

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**Debra K. Thompson**

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_