



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, September 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 unanimously approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

6. Bid Awards

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Judy Ohmer, Bridgett Davidson, Donna Marsh, Marge Oines, Bosjun Reid, Rob Schwartz, Russell Thynes, Dana Thynes, Robin Cardenas, Amanda Ohmer, Jim Martinsen, Kay Schwartz, and Don Koenigs spoke in opposition of Ordinance #2020-19.

Bill Tremblay and Barry Bracken spoke in favor of Ordinance #2020-19.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Incident Commander Hagerman

Incident Commander Hagerman provided an update on EOC activities.

B. Fire/EMS Director Dixon

Attachments: [Fire EMS Director Dixon Report](#)

Fire/Ems Director Dixon updated the Assembly on PVFD operations and training.

12. Mayor's Report**A. September 21, 2020 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [September 21, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report**A. September 21, 2020 Manager's Report**

Attachments: [September 21, 2020 Manager's Report](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which will be a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2020-19: An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-19 for third and final reading](#)

Ordinance #2020-19 was amended 1) to add the wording "With assembly approval" to 3.72.060(A)(1-4), the word "known" to 3.72.060(B)(1), and the sentences "During a period of emergency, an assembly member or members participating by teleconference shall be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. All other provisions of 3.08.080 shall remain in effect." to the end of 3.72.060(D), 2) to delete 3.72.060(A)(1) and (3), and 3) to add a Section 7 to the Ordinance which states, "The Assembly directs the Borough Clerk to bring Code Chapter 3.72 back before the assembly 24 months after adoption for review and updating if needed." Ordinance #2020-19, as amended, was approved by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Marohl opposed.

15. New Business**A. Ordinance #2020-23: An Emergency Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions**

Attachments: [Emergency Ordinance #2020-23](#)

Emergency Ordinance #2020-23 was not considered due to the adoption of Ordinance #2020-19.

B. October 2020 Municipal Election Report and Approval of Election Officials

Attachments: [October 2020 Election Report](#)

The 2020 Municipal Election Report and Approval of Election Officials was unanimously approved, with the addition of Stephanie Payne as an Election Official.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since September 3, 2020

Attachments: [Chamber of Commerce 9.3.2020](#)
 [J. Wheeland 9.3.2020](#)
 [T. Sperl 9.3.2020](#)
 [B. Reid 9.3.2020](#)
 [P. Chapman 9.4.2020](#)
 [B. Tremblay 9.4.2020](#)
 [K. Bell 9.4.2020](#)
 [B. Sheldon 9.4.2020](#)
 [M. Sheldon 9.4.2020](#)
 [J. Ness 9.5.2020](#)
 [C. Lopez 9.5.2020](#)
 [S. Kittams 9.7.2020](#)
 [J. Schwartz 9.9.2020](#)
 [M. Tuccillo 9.10.2020](#)
 [C. Tavoliero 9.16.2020](#)
 [D. Thynes & J. Ohmer 9.17.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Bears in Town

Member Meucci asked the public to please be mindful of their trash cans and properly secure them due to the prevalence of bears in town.

Member Norheim suggested parents not allow their children to play in the woods due to the bears.

B. Tidelands Lot T-58 (Lot 1 of Harbor View Industrial Subdivision) Currently Owned by the Schwartz Family

Attachments: [Maps & Photo of Tidelands Lot T-58](#)

Member Meucci spoke on the possibility of purchasing Tidelands Lot T-58.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Member Stanton-Gregor encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the local election.

Member Lynn stated he felt that the COVID directives currently in place needs to be revisited as an Assembly.

Member Norheim feels people are watching too much news seeing what's going on in other parts of the country that really don't apply to Alaska and due to State laws, freedoms are not going to be removed.

D. Recognitions

Member Meucci wanted to give a shout out to PIA who was awarded a \$25,000 grant that they donated to Mountain View Manor Food Services for the purchase of a Subaru station wagon to assist in food delivery around town. Thank you for your donation!

Member Tremblay wanted to recognize Kellii Wood for leaving personalized painted rocks on the trails around town with encouragement and cheering the community on. Also, the Rainforest Festival for putting together a creative and inspiring event during these difficult times.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Date