



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, June 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

#### PRESENT

Vice Mayor Donna Marsh  
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh  
Assembly Member Bob Lynn  
Assembly Member Scott Newman  
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen  
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. June 3, 2024 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The June 3, 2024 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn,

Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

**5. Public Hearings**

**A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2024-11: An Ordinance Proposing an Amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Remove the Requirement of Voter Ratification of Changes to Sales Tax Exemptions, and Directing that the Proposed Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough**

No testimony was given at this public hearing.

**6. Bid Awards**

**A. Mountain View Manor Elderly Housing Entrance Repair Project**

The Assembly unanimously approved to award the MVM Elderly Housing Entrance Project to Steelhead Enterprises, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$65,800.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

**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.*

No views were shared.

**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.*

No views were shared.

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

There were no reports.

**10. Consent Agenda**

**A. Piston & Rudder Service, Inc. Tidelands Parcel T-30 B Lease Renewal**

Piston & Rudder's tidelands parcel T-30 B lease with the Borough was renewed through June 30, 2029.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## 11. Report of Other Officers

There were no reports.

## 12. Mayor's Report

### A. June 17, 2024 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Marsh read the Mayor's Report into the record.

## 13. Manager's Report

There was no written Manager's Report and Manager Giesbrecht was absent from the meeting due to illness.

## 14. Unfinished Business

### A. Ordinance #2024-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.28.120 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, to Increase the Amount of Sales Tax that can be Collected on a Single Sales Transaction from \$72 to \$300, and Directing that the Proposed Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Third and final reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2024-10 in its third and final reading, which will place the question of increasing the amount of sales tax that can be collected on a single sales transaction from \$72 to \$300 on the October 1, 2024, municipal election ballot.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

### B. Ordinance #2024-11 - An Ordinance Proposing an Amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Remove the Requirement of Voter Ratification of Changes to Sales Tax Exemptions, and Directing that the Proposed Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Second Reading

If approved by the Assembly in three readings, Ordinance #2024-11 will submit a ballot proposition to Borough voters at the October 2024 municipal election to amend Borough Charter to remove the requirement of voter approval to make changes to sales tax exemptions. This exemption requirement was put into place in 1981. The Borough is aware of no other municipality in Alaska that requires voter approval to change sales tax exemptions. This amendment will not negate the requirement of voter approval of any change in the rate of the Borough's sales tax. Ordinance #2024-11 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2024-11 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## 15. New Business

### A. Resolution #2024-10: A Resolution Amending Island Refrigeration, LLC's Contract of Sale for Purchase of a Borough Tidelands Parcel, Described as Petersburg Port Authority Storage Area, According to Plats #2000-6 and #2000-5 (Parcel ID #01-010-035), to Allow Ninety (90) Additional Calendar Days for the Purchase Price to be Paid in Full

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2024-10.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

### B. Public Works Dump Truck #64 Replacement Award

Purchase of the replacement dump truck was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

## 16. Communications

### 17. Assembly Discussion Items

#### A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor encouraged the Petersburg public to volunteer and be a part of helping the community, and to run for public office.

#### B. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

## 18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Lynn,  
Assembly Member Newman, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor