



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, March 4, 2019

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter, Assembly Member Bob Lynn and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci

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 approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2019-01: An Ordinance Amending Sections 2.20.030, 2.20.060, 2.34.010(B), 2.36.080(A) and 3.08.010 of the Borough Code to Designate Assembly Seats

Richard Burke, representing himself, spoke against the Assembly allowing the Designated Assembly Seat issue to go to the voters without the supporters of the idea having to do an initiative petition as he did a couple of year ago regarding ATV use on Borough streets.

Don Koenigs, representing himself, spoke in favor of Ordinance #2019-01 which would designate Assembly seats for election purposes if adopted.

6. Bid Awards

- A. Cabin Creek Pig Launcher Materials

Attachments: [Director Hagerman Recommendation Memo.PDF](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly awarded the Cabin Creek Pig Launcher Materials bid to Core & Main for an amount not to exceed \$40,438.13.

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. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

A. SEAPA Update

Petersburg's voting member of the SEAPA Board, Assembly Member Lynn, and Petersburg's alternate member of the SEAPA Board, Robert Larson, updated the Assembly on recent reservoir management meetings held due to the drought. SEAPA has agreed to reimburse the Borough for the cost of running our diesel generators for the time being.

B. SHARE Coalition Presentation

Becky Turland and Ashley Kawashima with the SHARE Coalition introduced the program to the Assembly and outlined the Coalition's activities and goals. They encouraged the Assembly and/or members of the public to join the Coalition.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. BDO - FY 2018 Audit Report

Via teleconference, Sam Thompson, BDO Senior Auditor, reviewed the Borough's FY 2018 audit and financials report and stated the Borough received an Unmodified Opinion rating, which is the highest level of professional assurance rating the company can give. He thanked Finance Director Tow and her staff for their excellent accounting practices and record keeping.

B. Petersburg Medical Center Update

Phil Hofstetter, PMC CEO, informed the Assembly of recent meetings regarding the proposed cuts to Medicaid in Governor Dunleavy's FY 2020 budget, which would mean a cut of approximately \$2,000,000 in operating expenses for the Medical Center.

12. Mayor's Report**A. March 4, 2019 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [March 4, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen called a Town Hall Meeting regarding Governor Dunleavy's proposed FY 2020 budget to hear public comments and concerns on the potential impact of the proposed budget on Petersburg. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers and the community is encouraged to attend.

13. Manager's Report**A. March 4, 2019 Manager's Report**

Attachments: [Manager Report 03042019](#)

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 Second Reading

- A.** Ordinance #2019-01: An Ordinance Amending Sections 2.20.030, 2.20.060, 2.34.010(B), 2.36.080(A) and 3.08.010 of the Borough Code to Designate Assembly Seats; and Directing that the Amendments be Submitted to the Voters of the Borough at the October 1, 2019 Election

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-01 for 3rd Reading.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-01 was amended to add language to send the question of whether to designate Assembly seats for election purposes to the voters at the October 1, 2019 municipal election. The ordinance, as amended, was approved in its second reading by a vote of 4 - 2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Marohl opposed.

15. New Business

- A.** Resolution #2019-03: A Resolution Setting Ambulance Use Fees that are Aligned with the Annual Medicare Approved Reimbursement Schedule per Ambulance Response and to Establish a \$100 Fee per Treat No Transport Response for Use of Petersburg Borough's Emergency Medical Services

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-03.PDF](#)
 [Director Dixson Memo.PDF](#)

Resolution #2019-03 was unanimously approved.

- B. Resolution #2019-04: A Resolution to Vacate and Convey the Decorah Street Right-of-Way Between Wrangell Avenue and Valkyrie Street

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-04.PDF](#)
 [Planning Commission Report 2.12.2019.PDF](#)

Resolution #2019-04 was approved by a vote of 5 - 0. Member Marohl recused herself from the vote on this agenda item as it involves her personal property.

- C. Baler Replacement Request for Proposal

Attachments: [Baler Replacement Draft RFP.PDF](#)
 [Cost Proposal Description.PDF](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved public release of the Baler Replacement RFP.

- D. Power Generation Diesel Surcharge

Due to SEAPA's decision to cover the cost of diesel fuel for our power producing generators that we are forced to run due to a water shortage in our hydroelectric producing lakes, this agenda item was not taken up at the meeting.

- E. Mayor Travel to Juneau During Legislative Session

The Assembly unanimously approved two possible trips to Juneau during this legislative session for the Mayor and one other person (Manager, Assembly Member, Borough Staff, etc.) to work through the impacts of Governor Dunleavy's proposed FY 2020 budget.

- F. Impact Statement in Response to Governor Dunleavy's Proposed FY 2020 Budget

Attachments: [Impacts of Gov's Proposed FY 2020 Budget .PDF](#)

After discussion to add the most recent news of impact to the Petersburg Medical Center, the Assembly unanimously approved a Petersburg Borough Impact Statement in response to Governor Dunleavy's proposed FY 2020 budget.

G. Appointment to Library Board

Attachments: [G. Esposito Letter of Interest.PDF](#)

With approval of the Assembly, Mayor Jensen appointed Gina Esposito to a vacant seat on the Library Board. Ms. Esposito will serve until the October 1, 2019 municipal election.

16. Communications

None.

17. Assembly Discussion Items**A. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Norheim thanked everyone who vaccinated their kids.

B. Borough Performance Incentive Program

Attachments: [Borough Performance Incentive Program Proposal.PDF](#)

The Assembly supported Manager Giesbrecht's Borough Performance Incentive Program idea and requested it be brought forward as an action item at a future meeting.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.