



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

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

**By Phone:** 1 - Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2018, November 5, 2018, December 3, 2018, December 17, 2018 and January 7, 2019

**Attachments:**     [October 15, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)  
[November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)  
[December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)  
[December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)  
[January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The meeting minutes of October 15, 2018, November 5, 2018, December 3, 2018, December 17, 2018, and January 7, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove Items 15C, D, E, F, G, and H until budget discussions begin by a vote of 4-2, Members Stanton Gregor and Meucci opposed. The agenda, as amended, was approved by a vote of 5-1, Member Meucci opposed. (Member Norheim, attending by phone, was having connectivity issues and was not on the call at the time of the vote.)

### 5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

### 6. Bid Awards

No bid awards.

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

John Hoag, representing himself, spoke in favor of changing the method of electing Assembly Members to a designated seat method.

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

Kathryn Schneider, representing herself, shared her thoughts regarding the safety of the Troll Bridge on the City Creek Trail.

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

No reports were given.

**10. Consent Agenda**

No items.

**11. Report of Other Officers**

**A. 2020 Census Presentation**

U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist Barbara Miranda was unable to get to town due to weather. This agenda item may be rescheduled for a future meeting.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. January 22, 2019 Mayor's Report**

**Attachments:**     [January 22, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)  
[CEO Acteson Email.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen shared information regarding SEAPA's hydro-producing lake levels. The Assembly also decided to move the second meeting in February from the 19th to the 25th due to a lack of quorum.

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. January 22, 2019 Manager's Report**

**Attachments:**     [Manager Report 01222019](#)

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 #2018-21 - An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2019 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-21.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-01 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

**15. New Business**

- A. Resolution #2019-02: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Assembly Supporting Proposed Amendments to the Population Caps Within the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Formula

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-02.PDF](#)

Resolution #2019-02 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Designated Assembly Seats

The Assembly requested the Clerk draft an ordinance to assign designated Assembly seats for election purposes by a vote of 4 - 3, Mayor Jensen and Members Marohl and Meucci opposed.

- C. Replacement of Police Sergeant Position

Attachments: [Police Sergeant.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

- D. Addition of a Firefighter/EMT3 Full Time Employee

Attachments: [Firefighter EMT3.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

- E. Reductions in Community Services or TRT Budgets

Attachments: [Community Services or TRT Budgets.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

F. Consultant for Mountain View Manor Assisted Living

Attachments:     [Assisted Living.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

G. Department Head Merit Increases

Attachments:     [Department Head Increase.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

H. Elimination of Snow Removal Outside Service Area 1

Attachments:     [Snow Removal.PDF](#)

This agenda item was removed from the agenda under item 4.

I. Petersburg Borough Municipal Land Entitlement

Attachments:     [FY 2020 Capital Projects List.PDF](#)  
                              [Senate Bill 28 2017.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously voted to add the Borough's Municipal Land Entitlement to the list of Non-Capital Issues and Concerns that was approved on January 7, 2019 and is to be sent to the legislature.

J. Economic Development Work Session

In lieu of a work session, the Assembly decided to invite the PEDC and Chamber of Commerce to give a presentation on their economic development activities at the February 4, 2019 Assembly meeting.

K. Planning For the Future Ideas Work Session

The Assembly unanimously approved a work session to be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to choose which suggested ideas gathered from the Planning for the Future community meetings held in January of 2018 to pursue.

L. Solid Waste/Recycling/Composting Work Session

The Assembly scheduled a work session for February 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. regarding solid waste and recycling in Petersburg.

**16. Communications**

There were no communications.

**17. Assembly Discussion Items****A. Troll Bridge**

The Assembly discussed possible safety issues at the Troll Bridge on City Creek Trail. Ideas discussed were to put up signage notifying of an alternate route to get to the trail other than crossing the Troll Bridge and to contact Dieter Klose, one of the the bridge's designers, to see if he has ideas for updating the bridge, which was constructed in 2009.

**B. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Meucci recognized the Power & Light crew for restoring power so quickly last Sunday and thanked local businesses for extending credit, etc. to those residents affected by the government shut-down.

**18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.