



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, June 10, 2019

1:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter, Assembly Member Bob Lynn and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. May 20, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The May 20, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### 5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

### 6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

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

Tom Laurent, representing himself, spoke in favor of allowing consumer fireworks inside Service Area 1, adding July 3 to approved use dates and creating a mechanism for private celebrations like weddings, birthdays, etc. to obtain a permit to enjoy consumer fireworks.

Erica Klundt-Painter, Petersburg's School Superintendent, recognized the Assembly and School District are having to make difficult budget decisions with our struggling State budget situation and thanked the Borough for paying the stable \$1.8 million dollars annually to our schools.

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

Bill Tremblay, representing himself, spoke in opposition of the Kake Access Project (Kake/Petersburg Road Project) moving forward.

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

No reports.

**10. Consent Agenda**

No items.

**11. Report of Other Officers**

No reports.

**12. Mayor's Report****A. June 10, 2019 Mayor's Report**

**Attachments:**     [June 10, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)  
                                 [If I Were Mayor by Elias Ward.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his written report and added information regarding Icicle Seafoods and Ocean Beauty Seafoods discussing a potential merger, an annexation petition filed by the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) which will annex lands on Admiralty Island and the mainland between the northern boundary of the Petersburg Borough and the southern boundary of CBJ. The Assembly also discussed whether there would be a quorum for a special meeting later in the week, if needed, to address the mill rate.

**13. Manager's Report****A. June 10, 2019 Manager's Report**

**Attachments:**     [Manager Report 06102019](#)

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 #2019-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020**

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance #2019-03 for 3rd Reading.PDF](#)  
[Amendments to FY 2020 Budget to Date.PDF](#)  
[Proposed FY 2020 Motor Pool Budget showing highlighted changes.PDF](#)  
[Proposed FY 2020 Debt Service Budget showing highlighted changes.PDF](#)  
[Proposed FY 2020 General Fund Revenues Budget showing highlighted changes.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-03 was amended to adjust the property tax levy to account for the State of Alaska's portion of school bond debt reimbursement (unanimous), to transfer \$115,000 for a Public Works Wash Truck from this current year's Motor Pool budget to the FY 2020 budget (unanimous), and to keep the EMS Coordinator/Firefighter and Police Sergeant positions funded in the FY 2020 budget but not allow the positions to be filled until the Assembly gives approval to do so in the future (5-1, Mayor Jensen opposed). The ordinance, as amended, was adopted in its third and final reading by a vote of 5-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

- B. Ordinance #2019-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.28, Titled Fireworks, of the Borough Code to Update Language and Declare its Application Within Service Area 1 Only

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance #2019-04 for 3rd Reading.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-04 was amended to add the opportunity to apply for a permit any time of the year for consumer fireworks use within Service Area 1 (unanimous) and to add July 3 between the hours of noon and 1:00 a.m. the following day as a time that consumer fireworks use will be allowed (5-1, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor opposed). The ordinance, as amended, was adopted in its third and final reading by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Stanton Gregor opposed.

## 15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2019-10: A Resolution Setting the Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

**Attachments:**     [Resolution #2019-10 \(A\).PDF](#)  
[Resolution #2019-10 \(B\).PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously postponed action on Resolution #2019-10 until the meeting to be held on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

- B. SEAPA's Annual Operations Plan

SEAPA's Operations Plan was discussed, but no action was taken by the Assembly.

- C. Joint Work Session with the Hospital Board

Assembly Member Lynn, liaison to the Hospital Board, discussed the Hospital Board's Master Planning efforts and suggested the work session be held after the October 1 election to include any new Assembly Members and to be sure enough Assembly Members and Hospital Board Members will be available. Clerk Thompson will send out a Doodle Poll in early October to schedule the work session. No action was taken on this agenda item.

## 16. Communications

No communications.

## **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

### **A. Petro/Borough Land Exchange**

Mayor Jensen discussed his understanding that a shop building for the Harbor Department could be constructed inside the Public Works yard.

### **B. Services Outside Service Area 1**

Assembly Member Meucci requested a spreadsheet outlining what services are offered inside Service Area 1, outside Service Area 1, and at Frederick Point.

### **C. Summer Meetings**

The Assembly requested the subject of summer Assembly meetings as an action item on the next meeting agenda to entertain the idea of moving the Monday meetings to Thursday evenings.

### **D. Recognitions**

Mayor Jensen recognized Jim Birch, who retired from the Harbor Department on May 31, 2019, for his many years of service to the Borough.

## **18. Executive Session**

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 2:53 p.m. to discuss Manager Giesbrecht's annual performance evaluation. Member Stanton Gregor had prior commitments and did not participate in the Executive Session. The Assembly exited Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

## **19. Approval of Borough Manager's Evaluation**

The Assembly approved Manager Giesbrecht's performance evaluation unanimously. They also discussed the 17 goals and objectives provided for Manager Giesbrecht and reduced the list down to 12. The Assembly requested Manager Giesbrecht re-word the goals and objectives to show his understanding of them and have the list on the next agenda for Assembly approval.

## **20. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.