



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, June 16, 2014

7:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: 5 - Assembly Member John Havrilek, Assembly Member Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Nancy Strand, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter and Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

Excused: 2 - Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Member Bob Lynn

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [June 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes were unanimously approved, as submitted.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved, as submitted.

5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

None.

6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Liz Woodyard, CEO for Petersburg Medical Center, spoke in support of agenda item 14E (request for Borough to pay \$21,900 for replacement of a boiler exhaust stack at the medical center). Karen Malcom, resident and physical fitness instructor, spoke in support of agenda item 14B (HVAC system for community guy); and John Murgas, resident, spoke in support of agenda item 14C (establishing a Road Weather Information System at Blaquerie Point).

7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Dave Nauman, Parks & Recreation Department employee, thanked the Borough for the opportunity to work on the log picnic shelter reconstruction project at Sandy

Beach park. He said it was a pleasure to work on the project. When asked why the project was taking so long, he indicated he had miscalculated the magnitude of the project from the onset as well as continued need to provide time consuming, exacting work throughout the process. He asked that he be allowed to complete the project. When asked for a completion date, he was unable to provide a date, but thought possibly within 2 more months. He also informed he preferred to continue the work without additional help to retain the craftsmanship of the project.

8. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No report.

9. Consent Agenda

No items.

10. Report of Other Officers

No report.

11. Mayor's Report

A.

Attachments: [Delegation of Authority for Crystal Lake Hatchery.pdf](#)

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis referenced a letter from ADOT/PF Deputy Commissioner Rice informing that the department was aware of the critical nature of Crystal Lake Hatchery to the Petersburg community and has issued a Delegation of Authority and a Waiver for Alternative Procurement to Fish and Game to construct the facility in an expedited manor. Fish and Game is working with Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture to get the hatchery replaced as soon as possible.

12. Manager's Report

A. 06-16-2014 Report

Attachments: [Manager report 06162014](#)

Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report. A brief discussion was held regarding solid waste recycling and adding wifi at the harbors.

(Written report attached and made part of these official minutes)

13. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2014-11: An Ordinance Placing the Question of

Exemption from Alaska Public Officials Financial Disclosure Law on the October 7, 2014 Municipal Election Ballot

Attachments: [Ord. #2014-11, Ballot Question to Exempt Petersburg from POFD Law.pdf](#)
[Info on AS 39.50.pdf](#)

Ordinance # 2014-11 was approved in final reading by a unanimous Roll Call Vote.

14. New Business

- A.** A Resolution Authorizing the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce to Promote and Provide 4th of July Activities Along North Nordic Including Temporary Vendor Booths on the 4th and 5th of July

Attachments: [Resolution #2014-08.pdf](#)

Discussion was held on the need to add the Little Norway Festival to the resolution. Consensus was the resolution would get the community through this 4th of July holiday and the ordinance regulating itinerant merchant use of the streets would be addressed prior to next year's events.

Resolution # 2014-08 was unanimously approved, by Roll Call Vote.

- B.** Authorization to Accept the Proposal from ATS Alaska to Update the Aging and Failing HVAC System for the Community Gymnasium in an amount not to exceed \$137,538.

Attachments: [P&R Staff Memo re HVAC Controls.pdf](#)
[ATS Alaska HVAC Controls Proposal.pdf](#)
[School District Support for HVAC Upgrade.pdf](#)

Assembly Member Havrilek questioned if the purchase of the system would correct the heating/cooling problems at the facility. Parks & Recreation Director Hayes believed the new system would dramatically save heating costs and would stabilize the now fluctuating temperatures within the facility.

By unanimous Roll Call Vote, authorization was given to accept the proposal from ATS Alaska in the amount of \$137,538.

- C.** Letter of Support for the Proposed RWIS site at Blaquerie Point

Attachments: [Support of Proposed RWIS site on South Mitkof Island.pdf](#)

The assembly perused a draft letter to ADOT/PF Commissioner Kemp supporting the installation of a permanent Road Weather Information System (RWIS) at Blaquerie Point. During discussion it was noted that Petersburg Indian Association should also receive the letter because in past they have been instrumental in working with the state on these types of projects with federal funds.

By unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Assembly authorized the letter be sent to both ADOT/PF Commissioner Kemp and Petersburg Indian Association.

- D.** Letter to Encourage Timely and Equitable Settlement of Contract

Negotiations between the State of Alaska Administration and Vessel Employees of the Alaska Marine Highway System

Attachments: [Letter to MM&P and ADOT&PF.pdf](#)

A draft letter co-addressed to the International Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities was reviewed. The letter encouraged both parties to take consideration of the continued reductions in Alaska Marine Highway System's services throughout southeast and encouraged both groups to conduct timely and equitable contract settlement.

By unanimous Roll Call Vote, authorization was given to send the letter to both parties.

E. Request from Petersburg Medical Center for the Borough to Finance the Replacement of the Medical Center Boiler Exhaust Stack

Attachments: [PMC Letter and ACC Proposal.pdf](#)

The Borough had received a written funding request from the Hospital Board of Directors asking the Borough to pay \$21,900 to replace an old exhaust stack at the medical center and to also schedule another joint work session. Spokesman for the Board, Medical Center CEO Liz Woodyard, contended that repairs and upgrades to the building should be an expense to the Borough as the facility structures are owned by the Borough. The Hospital Board and staff could then focus on income and expenditures that relate to the operations of the medical center and its services provided to the community.

Discussion included: Borough funding to the hospital should remain on a capital needs basis; capital improvements for the hospital were not provided in the upcoming budget; the Borough taking care of the expenses for the facility would considerably change the past practices established between the parties and possibly establish a bad precedent; other Alaska governments better support their local hospitals; the hospital board has been maintaining and making improvements to the facilities; there remains many costly improvements needed for the building.

Consensus was there remains a need for further joint meetings to better determine the relationship between the medical center and Borough in order to achieve the Charter requirement that the hospital board be allowed the greatest possible autonomy to operate and maintain Borough medical facilities in the best interests of the public's health.

The motion to approve the expenditure failed by a 1-4 Roll Call Vote, member Stanton Gregor in support.

15. Communications

None.

16. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Havrilek thanked all individuals who provide comments during the public comments segment of assembly meetings. He said the comments help provide a broader view on multiple subjects. Vice Mayor Lagoudakis thanked the

Salmon Derby Committee members for again providing an excellent community event. The event is not only participated in by locals, but numerous visitors. This year's Derby saw visitors from fourteen states and one foreign country participating.

17. Executive Session

By unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Assembly recessed the regular meeting to conduct an Executive Session to discuss the status of PMEA Union contract negotiations with the Borough's bargaining team..

Assembly to Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Regular Session was called back to order at 8:48 p.m.

18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

Kathy O'Rear, Clerk