



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, January 5, 2015

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member John Havrilek, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

Excused: 1 - Mayor Mark Jensen

Absent: 1 - Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2014

Attachments: [Dec. 22, 2014 Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to include discussion on farm tax exemption.

The Agenda, as amended, was approved.

5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

None.

6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

None.

7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Sunny Rice, Library Board Member, provided an update on the near completion of the Library Project. The current RFP that is out is for "hard" landscaping consisting

of rock building and drainage. In addition to completing the landscaping, there is some IT infrastructure that needs to be completed. Funding for the project is coming from a State Legislative grant and endowment funds.

8. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

9. Consent Agenda

No items.

10. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

11. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor's Written Report

Attachments: [Mayor's Written Report.pdf](#)

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis read from the Mayor's written report that informed the next regular assembly meeting will be Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; and consideration of moving forward with the 120 foot bulkhead at the drive down facility will not be placed on an agenda until the current work is nearer completion.

12. Manager's Report

No report.

13. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2014-22: An Ordinance Providing for the Cutting of Green Trees on Borough Land and Updating Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation.

Attachments: [Ord. 2014-22 Final.pdf](#)

The ordinance was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

14. New Business

A. Authorization to Contract with PND Engineers to Provide Bid Specifications and Bid Services for Repair of Damage to the Middle Harbor Dock Structure Incurred September 8, 2014 by M/V Safari

Explorer

Attachments: [Incident Report.pdf](#)

Manager Giesbrecht and Harbor Master Wollen updated the assembly on the slow progress being made with the insurance provider of the 127 foot long M/V Safari Explorer cruise ship that severely damaged the Middle Harbor dock structure on September 8. Both the Borough's engineer and the insurance company surveyor have agreed that the 60 foot pier cannot be repaired, but needs to be rebuilt. It has yet been determined if the insurance carrier will provide for full funding of the rebuild or if they will demand the rebuild be made on a depreciated value. No matter the outcome of the insurance dilemma, the infrastructure must be rebuilt and the rebuild needs to be started soon so as to limit as much disturbance as possible to Middle Harbor use in the upcoming season. If started now, it was estimated the rebuild may not be accomplished until the end of summer.

By unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Assembly authorized a professional services contract with PND Engineers to provide design, engineering, contract administration and inspection services for the Middle Harbor Float System Damage project for an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

15. Communications

A. Acknowledge Receipt of Letters in Support of the Purchase of Land at Papke's Landing Submitted by Kent Wegener and Pauline Lee.

Attachments: [Kent Wegener Letter.pdf](#)
 [Pauline Lee Letter.pdf](#)

Letters received in support of purchase of land at Papke's Landing submitted by Kent Wegener and Pauline Lee were acknowledged.

Residents were informed they may continue to submit their written opinions to the Clerk's office until the January 20 meeting when the Assembly will consider whether or not to participate in the Mental Health Land Trust winter auction.

16. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Farm Property Tax Exemption

Assembly Member Stanton-Gregor reported that he had been contacted by residents on the possibility of the Borough establishing a farm property tax exemption. The matter was briefly discussed and found to possibly have merit. Stanton-Gregor asked if he could work with staff to develop an ordinance for future consideration.

There were no objections from the Assembly for Stanton-Gregor to obtain information and develop a draft ordinance with staff.

B. Wrangell Ordinance Regarding Thomas Bay Power Advisory Committee

Attachments: [Clean Wrangell Ord. 891 w attorney changes.pdf](#)
 [Wrangell Ord. 891 with edits.pdf](#)

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis provided a synopsis of Wrangell Ordinance #89. The ordinance was a complete re-write of the Code provisions for both the Petersburg and Wrangell communities that provided for the prior Thomas Bay Power Commission & Authority. Since July, 2014 the Authority had been abolished through an Assignment and Assumption Agreement between SEAPA (Southeast Alaska Power Agency), the Wrangell and Petersburg Assemblies, and the prior Thomas Bay Power Commission. Recognizing that power, no matter in what form, will most likely be another joint effort between the communities, the re-written ordinance provided general guidelines for an appointed joint advisory committee. The ordinance called for a seven member appointed advisory committee that was only to be activated when both community Assemblies agreed.

The first reading of the Wrangell Ordinance is January 13. If the ordinance is approved in its first reading by Wrangell, the same ordinance will be considered by the Petersburg Assembly on January 20.

C.**Recognitions**

Police Chief Swihart was recognized for his successful participation in the 10 week FBI Academy course in Quantico; the Finance Department was recognized for their thorough financial work performed over the past few years (there have been no material weaknesses found within audits); and Vice Mayor Lagoudakis reminded that there are still vacancies on the Planning Commission and Historical Preservation Committee.

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.