



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, December 22, 2014

5:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member John Havrilek, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2014

Attachments: [12-08-2014 Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved, as submitted.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved, as submitted.

5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-22: An Ordinance to Allow the Cutting of Green Trees on Borough Land (short title)

No public comments were received.

B. Public Hearing on Acquisition of Land at Papke's Landing

Attachments: [PH Notice.pdf](#)
 [Map of MHLT Lots.pdf](#)
 [Anderson Letter.pdf](#)
 [Bunge Letter.pdf](#)
 [Cole Letter.pdf](#)
 [Ken Howard Letter.pdf](#)
 [Rick Braun Letter.pdf](#)
 [Terry Miller Letter.pdf](#)

Additional letters in support of purchasing the land were received from Ken Howard and Rick Braun. A letter received from Terry Miller after the meeting agenda was prepared was acknowledged under agenda item 15, Communications.

6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

None.

7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

None.

8. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Local Acknowledgement of 2015 Gaming Permit Application for the Sons of Norway Lodge #23

Attachments: [Son's of Norway Gaming Ap.pdf](#)

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

10. Report of Other Officers

A. Recycling Update: How Are We Doing and What's Next

Attachments: [Petersburg Recycling Update 12-16-14](#)
 [Recycling Survey Data November 17, 2014](#)

Public Works Director Karl Hagerman provided a report on the commingled recycling program that included results of a community recycling survey. The written report indicated the public is generally very pleased with the program; the blue bag program received a fair amount of support, but changing to a cart based program was desired by the users; the borough needs to increase public knowledge and understanding of the program rules; users of the service prefer to retain a weekly pickup versus a

bi-weekly pickup; the recycling program achieved a 16% recycling rate (the program goal is 30% by 2017); the program is within budget for the year; recycling shipment costs are considerably lower than solid waste shipping (\$96.90 less per ton); and the residents and businesses are very happy with the pickup service provided by the contracting hauler - Ruger's Trucking.

The report contained three options for the future of the program: 1) continue the current blue bag program, 2) go to cart based recycling, alternating weeks between garbage and recyclables collections; and 3) go to a weekly cart based recycling and garbage pick-up service. Both options 2 and 3 would be performed by borough staff, eliminating the annual expense for a contracted pick-up company and purchase of blue bags. However, both options 2 and 3 would require a considerable up-front cost for carts and an additional truck. Option 3 would also require a reduction in the hours the baler is open during the week to the public that bring their trash directly to the sight. None of the options were expected to require additional staff. Hagerman and the sanitation department recommended the borough migrate to option 3.

A Q & A session followed the presentation.

By a Roll Call Vote of 4-2 (Members Havrilek and Lynn opposed) the Assembly accepted the department's recommendation and directed that for budget preparation purposes only, to prepare the upcoming budget based on moving to a weekly cart based recycling program. Havrilek preferred a bi-weekly program.

11. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor's Written Report

Attachments: [Mayor's Written Report.pdf](#)
 [Bangs' Letter of Interest.pdf](#)
 [AML Conference Agenda.pdf](#)

Mayor Jensen's report included the following: a recommendation for appointment to a vacancy on the Planning Commission; information on the upcoming winter AML legislative conference; the City and Borough of Wrangell would like to see the Thomas Bay Power Commission converted to an advisory board that is address in Code by both municipalities; and Juneau Mayor Sanford invited Mayor Jensen to meet with him to discuss Juneau's on-going appeal of Petersburg's borough boundaries. Mayor Jensen declined the meeting and informed Mayor Sanford that we will wait for a court decision.

Mayor Jensen, with no objections from the assembly, appointed Mike Bangs to a vacancy on the Planning Commission until the October, 2015 election.

12. Manager's Report

A. 12-22-2014 Report

Attachments: [Manager report 12222014](#)

Borough Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report.

Written report attached and made part of these original minutes.

13. Unfinished Business

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

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

The ordinance had been amended since its first reading to provide for borough-wide application. Two additional small changes were made to the violation and fine schedule sections of the ordinance as requested by Member Lynn.

The ordinance was unanimously approved in second reading by Roll Call Vote.

14. New Business

- A. Resolution #2014-22: A Resolution Approving the Terms and Conditions of the Sale of a 1987 Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader to the Petersburg Indian Association for the Total Price of \$100,000**

Attachments: [Assembly Resolution 2014-22 - PIA Motor Grader Purchase](#)
[PIA Motorgrader Purchase - Requested Terms and Conditions](#)

The resolution was approved by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

- B. Resolution #2014-23: A Resolution Dedicating \$950,730 of Property Development Fund Money Toward the Renovation of the Municipal Building Complex - Police Station, Jail & Administration/Finance Offices Project**

Attachments: [Res. #2014-23.pdf](#)

The resolution was amended to indicate the borough had plans on hand to perform the project.

The resolution, as amended, was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

15. Communications

- A. Letter from Elaine Busse Floyd, Director, Environmental Health**

Attachments: [DEC Letter and Info.pdf](#)

The letter informed that DEC's role in the State's Pesticide Control Program was only as a regulatory authority. Included with the letter was a flyer about pesticide use in Alaska.

No mention was made in the letter of the Department's earlier offer to make a public presentation in Petersburg.

Terry Miller submitted a letter in support of the borough purchasing property at Papke's.

Mayor Jensen acknowledged receipt of the letter.

16. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Member Havrilek expressed his appreciation to Representative Jonathan Kriess Tompkins for his several travels to Petersburg at his own expense.

B. Participating in Mental Health Land Trust Auction

Staff was seeking a consensus from the Assembly in which direction to formulate a formal resolution on whether or not the borough would participate in the land auction. The Assembly did not further discuss the matter. Formal action by the assembly will occur at the 2nd meeting in January. Residents may continue to submit written comments to the Clerk's office until January 20. Member Gregor and Mayor Jensen encouraged members of the public to submit their comments.

This was presented

C. Borough Services and/or Borough Service Areas

Attachments: [PSA on Service Areas.pdf](#)
 [Charter provisions for Service Areas.pdf](#)

No comments.

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.