



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg AK, 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

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Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member John Havrilek, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Nancy Strand, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

### 2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Borough Assembly Minutes for May 4, 2015

**Attachments:** [05-04-2015 Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved, as submitted.

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Member Lynn asked that items regarding the Coast Guard's use of the Harbor security boat and the 2016 Borough budget be added under Assembly Discussion Items. There were no objections. The meeting agenda was approved with that amendment.

### 5. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

*None.*

### 6. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

*No comments.*

### 7. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

*No comments.*

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

*No reports.*

**9. Consent Agenda**

*None.*

**10. Report of Other Officers**

*No reports.*

**11. Mayor's Report**

*Mayor Jensen expressed appreciation to everyone who helped make Mayfest a big success this year. He reported that the Governor and Lt. Governor really enjoyed themselves in Petersburg and are looking forward to coming back.*

**12. Manager's Report****Manager's Report for 05-18-2015 Assembly Meeting**

**Attachments:**     [Manager report 05182015](#)

*Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report.*

**13. Unfinished Business**

Ordinances for Second Reading

**A. Ordinance #2015-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.33 of the Petersburg Borough Code to Establish a Transient Room Tax Fund and Rescind Resolution #2004, Which Had Established Guidelines for Appropriation of Funds Generated by the Transient Room Tax**

**Attachments:**     [Director Tow's Memo Regarding Transient Room Tax.pdf](#)  
                              [Ordinance #2015-07.pdf](#)

*Member Lagoudakis explained the Transient Room Tax Committee agreed to dissolve itself and will no longer be awarding grants as it has in the past. The money in this fund will now go directly to the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that the Chamber Board has discussed partnering with organizations in the community to utilize this money for the benefit of visitation and tourism in Petersburg.*

**Ordinance #2015-07 passed unanimously in its second reading.**

**14. New Business**

- A. Ordinance #2015-08: An Ordinance Declaring that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding is not Required for a Public Purpose and shall be Disposed of by the Borough**

Attachments:     [Lot 5W Island Court Observations](#)  
[Ord#2015-08](#)

Ordinance #2015-08 passed unanimously by roll call vote in its first reading.

- B. Ordinance #2015-09: An Ordinance Declaring that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding is not Required for a Public Purpose and shall be Disposed of by the Borough**

Attachments:     [Lot 7W Island Court Observations](#)  
[Ord#2015-09](#)

Ordinance #2015-09 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

**Ordinance #2015-10: An Ordinance Amending City of Petersburg Ordinance #940 Relating to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority to Add Provisions for an Alternate Director**

Attachments:     [Memo from Public Works Director Hagerman](#)  
[Ord#2015-10](#)

Ordinance #2015-10 was approved by unanimous roll call vote in its first reading.

- C. Authorization to Allow New Olde Time Chautauqua Group to Camp at Sandy Beach Park for an Extended Period of Time While Performing Service Projects in Petersburg**

*Member Wohlhueter explained that he had spoken with a representative of the group that would be coming to town, and their preference was to stay at Sandy Beach Park. He informed the Assembly that this is a diverse group made up of all ages, older people to very young children, and he does not believe they will be disruptive. He also said that he had talked with a resident who lived close by the park, and he did not have any objections to the group staying there as long as they quieted down before late in the evening. Member Wohlhueter stated that Parks and Recreation Director Donn Hayes had done a good job of setting out some rules and expectations for them to follow. Member Lagoudakis stated that she would like to hear from the public on this issue, because this is a park close to homes and it is a popular area that will be heavily used during this busy time of year. She also expressed some concerns about the adequacy of the restrooms at the park for such a large group. Director Hayes said that the restrooms are adequate, but it will mean more work for the Parks and Recreation crew with cleaning. Member Lagoudakis asked what projects the group will be performing while in Petersburg. Director Hayes said that all projects were in the Sandy Beach area and are made up of installing fire rings, barbecues, brushing, and other work that is already lined out for them. Member Stanton Gregor asked for and received confirmation from Director Hayes that he believed allowing the group to stay at the park was a good idea.*

**Authorization was given by unanimous roll call vote to allow the New Olde Time Chautauqua Group to camp at Sandy Beach Park from June 28, 2015 to July 2, 2015.**

**15. Communications**

*None.*

**16. Assembly Discussion Items**

*Member Lynn stated that he had received inquiries from residents regarding the Coast Guard Auxiliary's use of the Harbor security boat, what the Borough's policy was on this matter, and who would be responsible for liability and maintenance issues with this use. Manager Giesbrecht reminded the Assembly that the Harbor security boat was purchased using Homeland Security funds, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is part of Homeland Security, and they were using the boat for its intended purpose. He also explained that the Coast Guard is capable and willing to respond to emergencies that might arise while they are using the safety boat and that it was important for more people to be familiar with the operation of the boat. Rod Herbrandson with the Coast Guard added that they were not just out joy riding with the boat but had very specific orders to engage in necessary training exercises. He informed the Assembly that the Coast Guard would handle repairs that are needed while they are using it, but it is better for the boat to be run periodically than to sit at the harbor unused for extended periods of time.*

*Member Lynn also expressed his disappointment that the Assembly voted for an increase in the mill rate in Service Area 1 for 2015 property taxes, which pushed that burden on the younger population who are trying to make a living here in Petersburg. He stated that he did not want to see large cuts of Borough employees as our way of saving money, and he wanted to see collaboration between the Borough, the school, and the hospital in making decisions for cost saving and revenue generation. Member Lagoudakis agreed with Member Lynn and informed the Assembly that she had discussed with Governor Walker Petersburg's desire for financial sustainability without always asking the State for assistance, and we are looking as a Borough for creative ways to address that, including partnering with surrounding communities. Member Havrilek stressed the need to plan for the deficit and inform the public so everyone is prepared.*

**A. Recognitions**

*Members Havrilek and Lagoudakis each expressed their appreciation for the individuals who worked so hard to make Mayfest a success this year, including Janet Holten, Jean Curry, Ambre Burrell, Glo Wollen, Ellen Rojcewicz, Matt Lenhard, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Power and Light, Harbor Department, and the Coast Guard.*

**17. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**