



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, December 2, 2019

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

Regular Assembly Meeting

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

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

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes for November 18, 2019 Meeting](#)

The November 18, 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

Trey Acteson, CEO of SEAPA, spoke in favor of an exemption from the Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest.

Brian Lynch, Malena Marvin, Suzanne Wood, Mike Stainbrook, Joan Kautzer, Martha Smith, Joe Sebastian, Eric Lee, John Havrilek and David Beebe, all representing themselves, spoke in favor of Resolution #2019-14 which supports the No Action Alternative on the Roadless Rule.

Bob Martin, representing himself, shared his belief that the Borough should not support either resolution on the Roadless Rule (Resolution #2019-14 (No Action Alternative) or Resolution #2019-17 (Full Exemption from the Roadless Rule - Option 6)) due to the divisiveness of the issue locally.

Joe Nelson, representing himself, spoke to the importance of our SEAPA Board Members having knowledge of the SEAPA system, power sales agreements, and processes.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Petersburg Development Code

Community and Economic Director Cabrera informed the Assembly that the new Development Code as recommended by the Planning Commission should be before the Assembly in March/April of 2020.

B. Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) for the South Harbor Dredge Project.

Harbormaster Wollen, Manager Giesbrecht and Harbor Board Chair Martin informed the Assembly and the public of a public meeting to be held December 3, 2019 facilitated by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed South Harbor Dredge Project. If the project moves forward, the Borough will need to fund a portion of the costs.

C. Review of PEDC and Borough Manager Economic Development and Community Marketing Plan

Manager Giesbrecht explained that PEDC needs direction from the Assembly regarding economic development and community marketing plans. It was decided to put the subject on a future agenda.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Coast Guard Auxiliary

USCG Auxiliary Members Renee Schofield and Stu Robards reported to the Assembly that Petersburg no longer has any USCG Auxiliary Members. They are holding a public meeting this evening to see if there is local interest in reviving the USCG Auxiliary in Petersburg.

B. Status of the Motor Pool Building Repairs

Public Works Director Cotta informed the Assembly that our insurance carrier has chosen rehabilitation of the burned Motor Pool building rather than full replacement. The rehabilitation project will go out to bid in the near future.

C. Status of Ernie Haugen Recreation Area Discussions with the State and PIA

Public Works Director Cotta shared the progress made with DNR to redraft agreements for the Borough to

provide restroom and refuse maintenance at Green's Camp, Wilson Creek and Banana Point in the Ernie Haugen Recreation Area. There is a possibility of PIA providing road/site maintenance at the camp sites as well if funding for the work is obtained.

12. Mayor's Report

- A. Mayor's Report for December 2, 2019 Meeting.

Attachments: [Mayor's Report - December 2, 2019](#)

Mayor Jensen read his written report and gave an oral report on the Alaska Municipal League annual conference. Assembly Member Tremblay also reported on her conference experience.

13. Manager's Report

- A. Manager's Report for December 2, 2019 Meeting.

Attachments: [Manager's Report - December 2, 2019](#)

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

- A. Ordinance #2019-14: An Ordinance to Provide for Determining the Full and True Value of a Property that Qualifies for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits Under 26 USC 42

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-14](#)

Ordinance #2019-14 was unanimously adopted in its third and final reading.

- B. Resolution #2019-14: A Resolution Expressing Support for Alternative 1 (No Action Alternative) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Management of Inventoried Roadless Areas Within the Tongass National Forest

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-14 Support of No Action Alternative Roadless Rule](#)

Resolution #2019-14 failed by a vote of 4-3, Members Meucci, Stanton Gregor and Tremblay in favor.

- C. Resolution #2019-17 A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough in Support of Preferred Alternative 6 of the Proposed Alaska Roadless Rule, Exempting the Tongass National Forest From the 2001 Roadless Rule; and Establishing an Effective Date

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-17 Alternative 6](#)

Resolution #2019-17 failed by a vote of 6-1, Mayor Jensen in favor.

- D. Town Hall Meeting Request Letters

Attachments: [Draft Letter to Representative Kreiss-Tomkins](#)
[Draft Letter to Senator Stedman](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved sending letters of request for town hall meetings in Petersburg regarding the state of the State to Senator Stedman and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins.

15. New Business

A. PILT/SRS Letter of Support

Attachments: [PILT SRS Support Letter](#)

The Assembly unanimously supported signing on to NACO's letter supporting reauthorization of PILT & SRS.

B. Rezone of 110 Scow Bay Loop Road

Attachments: [Recommendation to Rezone 110 Scow Bay Loop Road](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved the rezone of 110 Scow Bay from Industrial to Commercial-2.

C. SEAPA Board Member Selection

Attachments: [SEAPA - Seat Information](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Benson](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Hagerman](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Jensen](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Larson](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Lynn](#)
[SEAPA Candidate Letter - Meucci](#)

The appointment of Assembly Member Bob Lynn as the Borough's first voting member of the SEAPA Board and Robert Larson as his alternate failed by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Members Marohl and Norheim in favor.

The appointment of Assembly Member Bob Lynn as the Borough's first voting member of the SEAPA Board and Utility Director Karl Hagerman as his alternate was approved by a vote of 6-1, Member Meucci opposed.

The appointment of Robert Larson as the Borough's second voting member of the SEAPA Board and Tor Bensen as his alternate was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

A. Frederick Point East

Attachments: [Frederick East - Cottrell](#)
[Frederick East - Jensen](#)
[Frederick East - Zenk](#)

B. Roadless Rule

Attachments: [Roadless Rule - Brennan](#)
 [Roadless Rule - Drury](#)
 [Roadless Rule - Rogers](#)
 [Roadless Rule - Sullivan](#)

C. Seaweed Farm in Alaska - Training Opportunity

Attachments: [Seaweed Farm Alaska - Training Opportunity](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. PEDC/Assembly Joint Work Session

Attachments: [PEDC Information](#)

This discussion item was taken up under agenda item 9C.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay recognized our local arts community and thanked them for the many events they take part in and/or sponsor for our community.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor recognized all those who choose to be a part of the process by sharing their views on local issues.

Assembly Member Meucci recognized John Havrilek for his efforts on the Public Safety Advisory Board.

18. Adjourn